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Miss Elizabeth Munger, Superintendent  
Connecticut State Farm for Women,  
Niantic, Connecticut

My dear Miss Munger;

Will you kindly serve Mrs Alice Hazard Coates,  
committed this day to you from the Norwich Police Court, the enclosed  
petition for the commitment of her five year old child to the Division  
of Child Welfare; said hearing to take place in Norwich Juvenile Court  
on the 6th day of February 1936.

Thank you, I am

Very, truly yours.

*Mildred Bogue*  
District Agent



COMPLAINT  
1/15/36

Mrs. Geraldine McKean, Director Norwich DPW, requests an investigation in case of Mrs. Alice Hazard Coates, a 26 year old negro girl who is now in W. W. Backus Hospital, Norwich having given birth to an illegitimate child.

Mrs. Coates was born in Jewett City where she lived until 13 years of age--then with her family moved to Norwich where she has since continually resided with exception of brief intermittent periods when in Massachusetts. Some four or five years ago she married Earl Coates whose settlement is Massachusetts--he is now a patient in Worcester State Hospital. Mrs. Coates' settlement is Norwich. According to settlement laws she does not take her husband's settlement if he is a resident of another state. Apparently she did not live for any length of time in Massachusetts with him. Mrs. Coates lives with her sister, Mrs. Bertha Brown at 154 West Main St., Norwich. Mrs. Brown has a paramour living with her and conducts a questionable house.

On 12/14/34 Mrs. Coates entered the Backus Hospital for a miscarriage and the Town refused to accept financial responsibility. This was an illegitimate pregnancy. On 1/10/36 she gave birth to an illegitimate child and the Backus Hospital have just notified the Relief Dept. Mrs. Coates told Miss Portlance, a Relief Dept. Visitor, that Albert Thompson (colored) of 72 High St., Norwich, a chauffeur for Mr. Ely (President of Chelsey Bank) is responsible.

Mrs. Coates has a five year old son reputed to be her husband's--this child is being cared for by the maternal aunt, Mrs. Brown. In checking of Mrs. Coates apparent promiscuity, Mrs. McKean feels she should be committed to the Conn. State Farm for Women at Niantic and not allowed to return to Mrs. Brown and her immoral ways. Also her son should be removed from the Brown environment.

At Norwich Police Station, Chief Murphy does not know Mrs. Coates, although is acquainted with the Hazard girls, all of whom are immoral.

1/16/36 At W. W. Backus Hospital, 326 Washington St., Norwich--Mrs. Coates entered W. W. Backus Hospital 1/10/36 and was delivered on same date of a normal male child.

She gives her husband Earl Coates as father of the child.

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

Interviewed at the Hospital Alice Mabel Hazard Coates. She is a big, burly, negress of chocolate hue with black, kinky hair, large sensuous maroon colored eyes, the lower whites of which are pronounced, coarse typical negro features. Was on the defensive and apparently sensed purpose of agent's visit. Utterly void of moral sense and of limited intellect.

Alice is 26 years of age, born in Hopeville, Town of Griswold, Conn. 2/16/09. An American negress with Indian strain on the maternal and white strain on paternal side of family. Protestant, Baptist denomination. Does not attend religious services.

Health--



her children resides at 126 Thames St., Norwich and is on entire relief.

3. Miss Adeline Hazard, age 37 years, unmarried--has one illegitimate child, Pearl Green, age 17 years. Resides at 5 Thames St., Norwich, Ct. with Benjamin Dale (negro) and his nephew, Buster Dale, age 21 years. The city provides her food.

NOTE According to Vital Statistics in the Town Clerk's Office a child Helen Hazard, was born 2/14/29 to Adeline Hazard and Benjamin Dale.

4. Newell Hazard, age 40, odd years--single--keeps house on Main St., Jewett City, Town of Griswold, Conn. and has a housekeeper, Bessie Anderson, who has been with him several years. Employed in Aspinock Mill.

**CHILDREN** Six pregnancies--two living children.

1. Helena Rose Hazard, born in Norwich, Ct. 4/3/29 (verified). A congenital cripple who died within three weeks. Illegitimate--reputed father is Henry Carmos, a Portuguese from New Bedford, Mass.

2. Norman Francis Coates, born in Norwich Conn. 3/19/30 (verified) five months after parents marriage. Said to be the illegitimate child of Earl Coates. Is now with the maternal aunt, Bertha Brown, at 154 West Main St., Norwich.

3. Female child--stillborn, 7/11/31.

4. A 5½ month miscarriage, in 1932.

5. A 7 month miscarriage in December 1934--Earl Johnson (colored), married--porter in the railroad station, Boston, Mass. was responsible.

6. Everett Lloyd Coates, born in Norwich, Conn. 1/11/36. Illegitimate--reputed father is Alfred Thompson, alias Arthur Thomas--married--chauffeur--when last heard from by the mother was living at 72 High St., Norwich. According to Alice the reputed father does not know of the child, nor does she wish him to as she would not accept his financial assistance. Alice would like the Norwich Relief Dept. to pay her hospital bill and she will reimburse when able. Expects to return to her sister Mrs. Brown on West Main St. Mrs. Brown will take care of her children and when able she will look for day work. Alice claims she discriminates between her friends and is not promiscuous. For sometime kept steady company with Joe Louis of High St., Norwich and was intimate with him. (See attached statement).

#### HOME SITUATION

At 154 West Main St., Norwich. This is a most unsavory, cosmopolitan tenement and commercial neighborhood where all sorts of vice and lawlessness flourish. Mrs. Brown (maternal aunt), her illegitimate daughter, and her four illegitimate children and papamour, Mr. Gurly, occupy five rooms on the first floor rear of a four story, frame tenement block--underneath in the basement is a grocery store and the Hill Tavern. Rental is \$14 a month. Rooms consist of kitchen and four bedrooms. Furnishings are meager and dilapidated. At time of agent's visit there were three negro men slouched in chairs in the kitchen apparently napping. Mrs. Brown and Mr. Gurly in stocking feet came from a bedroom. Mrs. Brown states she is willing to take care of her sister Alice and children providing Alice pays her some board. Mr. Gurly assumes financial responsibility of the home. Did not see Norman who was sleeping.



PLAN

1. Obtain warrant for mother and reputed father's arrest with request mother be committed to the Conn. State Farm for Women.
2. File petition for Norman as a neglected, uncared for and dependent child.

At office of Albert J. Bailey, Pros. Atty., 65 Broadway, discussed case and asked for warrant for Alice Coates and Albert Thompson, alias, Arthur Thomas, Mr. Bailey issued warrant for Alice charged with prostitution in accordance with statute 6226. He did not feel the man should be arrested in that Alice's word could not be relied upon.

Later

Plumes  
~~Call~~ Miss Sherer, Asst. Supt., CSFFW, Niantic--for permission to bring Alice's baby with her in the event she is committed. Permission granted if no other plan could be made and court insisted upon baby going with the mother.

1/20/36

Mrs. Raymond, Supervisor, in the maternity department W.W. Backus Hospital phoned --Mrs. Coates may be discharged this afternoon. Asked that she be held until tomorrow and someone would call for her about 8:30--.

Notified Police Dept. case to be in court tomorrow morning.

1/21/36

Alice Coates was arrested upon warrant by Officer Quinn, arraigned in Norwich City Police Court on above date (1/21/36) charged with prostitution to which she pleaded not guilty. Committed by Judge Anthony Wayne O'Connell to Conn. State Farm for Women. Baby was taken with her.

At Selectman's Office, Norwich, Mr. John D. McWilliams, First Selectman, subscribed to petition for Norman as a neglected, uncared for, dependent child.

Later

At office of Judge Anthony Wayne O'Connell. Judge O'Connell signed summons and gave date of hearing for 2/6/36.

See attached copy of letter to Miss Elizabeth Munger, CSFW, Niantic, enclosing copy of petition on Norman with request Mrs. Coates be served same.

Later

At Selectman's Office--left copy of petitions.

Later

At DCW, Norwich Office--left copy of petition.

1/24/36

Miss DeRoma, DCW, in office to read record.

Mildred A. Bogue, Agent.

2/ 6/36

Court Hearing--In Norwich Juvenile Court with Judge Anthony Wayne O'Connell presiding. Hearing on petition for commitment of Norman as neglected dependent and uncared for. The maternal aunt, Mrs. Bertha Brown was present represented by ex Judge Thomas Kelly--Mrs. Brown was anxious to retain care and custody of Norman. Mrs. McKean, DPW, Miss DeRoma, DCW, and a gent present. After a lengthy controversy Judge O'Connell committed Norman to the DCW--he is to be boarded in the home of Rev. Ross, colored minister, High St., Norwich.

Mildred A. Bogue, Agent.

2/22/36

See attached letter from Miss Elizabeth Munger, CSFW, <sup>requesting</sup> for a copy of Society's record.

Mildred A. Bogue, Agent.



Name Coates, Alice

Date

March 4, 1936.

CONNECTICUT STATE FARM FOR WOMEN  
NANTIC CONNECTICUT  
ADMISSION CLASSIFICATION RECORD

Age - 27.

Date Received - Jan. 21, 1936.

Home Address - Norwich.

Birth Date - Feb. 16, 1909.

Expiration of 9 mos. - Oct. 21, 1936.

Marital Status - Married - Separated.

Birth Place - Hopeville Conn.

*Town of Griswold*

City Com. from - Norwich.

No. of Children - 2 - 1 aged 5 yrs. 1 born 1/10/36, admitted with mother.

Nationality - American Negro.

Offense - Sexually Promiscuous. Religion - Protestant.

Previous Commitment - None.

Medical Report -

Recommendations -

Preliminary Psychiatric Report -

Recommendations - Routine. School.

Psychological Report -

Recommendations - Higher types of training. Possibly school later.

Industrial and School History - Began school at 7 yrs. of age; left in 6th grade, at 15 yrs. of age. Began work at 16 yrs. of age, at housework; earned \$7.00 per week. Later, earned as much as \$12.00 per week. Can cook a little, wait table, iron, and sew a little. Would like to learn more about cooking.

Recommendations - Higher types of training; cooking later.



Alice is one of five children born to Henry and Ellen Hazard, American negroes. Both parents are dead. Mrs. Hazard had been married earlier to a Mr. Nicholas, and there is also a child from that marriage.

*Love of Gris wold*

Alice was born in Hopeville, Conn., where she went to school. The family moved to Norwich when Alice was 13, and she had two more years in school in Norwich, after which she went out at housework positions. Alice's oldest sister, Bertha (Mrs. Brown), looked after her, after their mother's death, and Alice lived with her, both in Jewett City and in Norwich. Mrs. Brown has illegitimate children, so it is not surprising to learn that Alice had an illegitimate child in 1929. The father was Henry Cormos, who departed when he learned of her pregnancy. This child, however, died when three weeks old. Very soon after this experience, Alice became pregnant by Earl Coates, and succeeded in marrying him about five months before their child Norman was born, 8/19/30.

Alice and her husband went to Worcester, and lived with his people for a time. They later tried living by themselves, but their life together was a history of quarrels and separations. Coates had been very dissipated before marriage, and had

[REDACTED] She had a still-birth 7/11/31. [REDACTED]

Alice claims that her husband went to Mass. State Hospital, at Worcester, in January, 1934, and is still there. She returned to Norwich late in 1934, and a few months later became pregnant by Alfred Thomas. Her child, Everett Lloyd, was born in Backus Hospital, 1/10/36, and when the baby was 11 days old, he was admitted with his mother to the State Farm, where Alice had been committed 1/21/36. A hearing for the placement of her child, Norman, was held 2/6/36.

W.A.C.

Tentative  
Prognosis:

[REDACTED]

Committee's Recommendations:

Treatment: Cf. medical.

Training: Routine. Cooking.

Special:

Program for the present: Cottage: Hospital. Nursery all day.

Date to classify



Alice Coates 106 Thames Street  
Norwich Conn.  
Oct. 11, 1936

Dear Miss Manger,

I am writing asking you if  
I may have my sister's Baby  
I am very much able of taking good  
care of it. And Alice knows that  
the baby will have the best of care.  
And if you are willing please  
write and let me know if I can  
have it (Please)

Very truly Yours  
Bertha Brown



Name: Coates, Alice

Date: Oct. 28, 1938.

CONNECTICUT STATE FARM FOR WOMEN  
Niantic, Connecticut  
PAROLE CLASSIFICATION RECORD

Date of Commitment January 21, 1938.  
Place Norwich  
Offense Sexually Promiscuous  
Age 27 - born Feb. 16, 1909.  
Nationality American Negro  
Religion Protestant  
Marital Status Married, separated - 2 children - 1 aged 6 yrs., 1 born 1-10-36 admitted with mother

Physical Condition

Psychiatric Report

Psychological Report

Institutional  
Conduct Record

Institutional  
Training

Social History

Girl's conduct has been very good. She is adaptable, obliging, and good tempered. She gets along well with other people. A Class - 2500 credits.

Girl has had training in the nursery and staff kitchen. She is fond of children and did good work in the nursery. In staff kitchen she has worked up from pots and pans to second cook. She has learned to get a simple meal but can only do one thing at a time. She is thorough, energetic, and interested but is slow and forgetful. She is neat and clean.

Alice is one of five children born to Henry and Ellen Hazard, American Negroes. Both parents are dead. Mrs. Hazard had been married earlier to a Mr. Nicholas and there is also a child from that marriage.

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*John of Griswold*

Alice was born in Hopeville Conn., where she went to school. The family moved to Norwich when Alice was thirteen and she had two more years in school in Norwich, after which she went out at housework positions. Alice's oldest sister, Bertha (Mrs. Brown), looked after her after their mother's death and Alice lived with her, both in Jewett City and in Norwich.

Mrs. Brown has illegitimate children, so it is not surprising to learn that Alice had an illegitimate child in 1929. The father was Henry Cornos, who departed when he learned of her pregnancy. This child, however, died when 3 weeks old. Very soon after this experience, Alice became pregnant by Earl Coates and succeeded in marrying him about five months before their child, Norman, was born on 8-19-30.

Alice and her husband went to Worcester and lived with his people for a time. They later tried living by themselves but their life together was a history of quarrels and separations. Coates had been very dissipated before marriage and had

Alice had a stillbirth on 7-11-31.

Alice claims that her husband went to the Mass. State Hospital, at Worcester, in January, 1934, and is still there. She returned to Norwich late in 1934 and a few months later became pregnant by Alfred Thomas. Her child, Everett Lloyd, was born in Backus Hospital 1-10-36 and when the baby was 11 days old he was admitted with his mother to the State Farm, where Alice had been committed on 1-21-36.

A hearing for the placement of her child, Norman, was held 2-6-36, when he was committed to the Dept. of Child Welfare and placed in the home of Rev. Ross, High St., Norwich.

W. A. C.

Parole Officer's Recommendation: Housework, with close supervision, after discharge from Medical Department. S.E.C.

Committee's Recommendation: Housework, with close supervision, after discharge from Medical Department.

Date and Place Paroled:

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## GIRL'S STATEMENT

Alice was born of colored parents, in Hopeville, Conn. She lived there, and went to school there, until 13, and then the family moved to Norwich. Alice went to school two years in Norwich, and then went out to housework. She claims to have earned from \$8.00 to \$9.00 weekly.

Alice says that her oldest sister, Bertha, really brought her up, as her mother died when she was very young. This sister, Mrs. Bertha Brown, has three children, which are "not her husband's children", so it is not surprising that Alice had a baby 4/3/29. The father, Henry Cormos, disappeared at the time. This child died when three weeks old; and a very short time after this experience, Alice became pregnant by Earl Coates, a rather dissipated young colored man. After she "conquered him", they were married, 3/3/30, and went to live with his father in Worcester, after the baby Norman was born, 8/19/30.

Alice and her husband later kept house by themselves, at 1 Lodge Street Court, but their life together was marked by quarrels and separations. In 1933, her husband went to the Mass. State Hospital for [REDACTED] and in November, 1934, Alice and her child returned to Norwich, and lived with her sister, Mrs. Bertha Brown. She had had assistance in Worcester, and she had help in Norwich. She also had [REDACTED].

Alice became pregnant by Alfred Thomas about five months later, and her child, Everett Lloyd, was born in Backus Hospital, 1/10/36. When her baby was 11 days old, she was committed directly from the hospital to the State Farm, and her baby was admitted with her, 1/21/36. Her child Norman has been committed to the Bureau of Child Welfare.

W.A.C.



Feb 24, 1937

Dear Miss Rich

I'm writing to you, concerning my baby boy Everett I was to your office a couple months ago, about my baby going home to my sister Bertha Brown, or about Mrs Ross taking him so he can be with my other son Norman, I would like very much to have both of them together. Please let me know soon, I have been wishing and hoping all along for my children to be together and I hope the time will come, so my heart can be at ease, I thank you

Yours truly

Alice Coates



Re: Alice Coates

Mar. 6, 1937

Mrs. McKean, Supervisor  
Department of Public Welfare  
City Hall  
Norwich, Connecticut

My dear Mrs. McKean:

Enclosed you will find our classification report on Alice Coates. Alice is anxious for us to place her son, Everett Lloyd, in the home of her sister, Mrs. Bertha Brown, 106 Thames St., Norwich, Connecticut. We assume, since the authorities have placed Alice's son, Norman through the Bureau of Child Welfare, that the authorities would not favor placing the younger child, Everett, in the home of Mrs. Brown. However, since both Mrs. Brown and Alice have made the request for placement of Everett in the Brown home, we wish to know how you feel in the matter.

We believe there is no question that Everett is a Norwich charge. We have not made any investigation ourselves in the home of Mrs. Brown because we believe this home has already been investigated and we would like to know how you would feel about such a placement before approaching Mrs. Brown.

We have told Alice we feared there may be opposition on the part of the authorities to a home placement for Everett in order to prepare her for what we felt sure would be the commitment of the child to the Commissioner of Child Welfare.

If you do favor commitment, do you wish to make out your own petitions or do you wish us to prepare them and send them to you for filing in your Juvenile Court?

If Everett is committed, Alice is hoping that he may be placed with Norman.

We know we may count upon your cooperation in this case.

Yours very truly,

Elizabeth Munger  
Superintendent



SELECTMEN :

JOHN D. McWILLIAMS  
P. O. Norwich, Conn.

EDWARD ADAMS  
Taftville, Conn.

JOHN F. CARROLL  
Norwich, Conn.

# Town of Norwich

## SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Norwich, Conn.

March 22, 1937

Miss Elizabeth Munger, Supt.  
Connecticut State Farm for Women  
Niantic, Connecticut

My dear Miss Munger:-

RE: Alice Coates' son, *Everett*

In reply to your letter of March 6, we would like to state that Mrs. Brown's home is not a suitable place for Everett.

Everett is a Norwich charge and we feel the proper procedure in this matter to be commitment to the Bureau of Child Welfare. Would you kindly file petition for this and we will gladly cooperate in any way we can.

Very truly yours

*Wm. N. MacKay*

Wm. N. MacKay  
Supervisor of Relief

P/P



# TRUST FUND AGREEMENT

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I give to Elizabeth Munger, Superintendent of The Connecticut State Farm for Women, and to her successor, all the moneys that may be due and payable to me while I am under the control and supervision of The Connecticut State Farm for Women, in trust, however, for the following uses and purposes:

To hold the same in trust with power to deposit and withdraw in any savings bank or savings department of any commercial bank organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut for such purpose as my said Trustee may deem for my best interests until such time as I am discharged from said Connecticut State Farm for Women. Interest on any funds held by my said Trustee shall accumulate and be added to principal, and upon my discharge said Trustee shall, upon demand from me, pay said amounts to me.

In case I shall, before such discharge, disappear without sanction or authority and fail within a period of two (2) years to make claim for such funds, the same shall be expended by my said Trustee for the benefit of the Connecticut State Farm for Women, or any of its inmates, without further claim or right thereto on my part. My said Trustee is empowered to add the same in such event without using or expending it for the purpose above directed to any fund or funds which may be in existence and the purpose of which shall be for the benefit of said institution or its inmates, and when so added to such fund same shall be administered in accordance with the purposes thereof.

In case I am discharged from said institution and make no claim on the moneys in the hands of my said Trustee for a period of two (2) years from the date of my discharge, then my said Trustee is authorized and empowered to make such disposition of such fund as is above provided.

I reserve the right to extend the time for the termination of the trust, as herein provided, for such further period as I shall in writing, prior to the termination, designate.

Dated at Niantic, Connecticut, this ..... 29th ..... day of ..... March ..... , 1937....

..... *Alice Coates* ..... (L. S.)

In the presence of:

..... *Alice M. McArdy* .....



Re: Everett Lloyd Coates  
child of Alice Coates

Apr. 13, 1937

Clerk of the Juvenile Court  
Norwich, Conn.

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you that the petition for the commitment of Everett Lloyd Coates to the Commissioner of Welfare has been served upon his mother, Alice Coates. The hearing on this case will be heard in your court on April 15th at 10 a.m.

Yours very truly,

Elizabeth Munger  
Superintendent

MR:GWM



CASE WORK - BABY EVERETT LLOYD COATES, child of  
Alice Coates, born Jan. 10, 1936.

(Baby Everett Lloyd Coates born at the W. W. Backus Hospital, Norwich, on  
January 10, 1936; admitted with mother to State Farm on January 21, 1936.)

Dec. 29, 1936

Alice Coates interviewed visitor at the office regarding the placement of her  
child, Everett Lloyd, now at the State Farm. Alice would like to have her  
child placed with her sister, Mrs. Bertha Brown, 106 Thames St., Norwich, or  
with Alice's other child. Visitor said she would discuss this matter with the  
Norwich authorities. The records on the Brown home are most unsatisfactory  
and visitor feels that commitment for this child is indicated and inevitable. MR

Apr. 13, 1937

Miss De Roma, of the Norwich B.C.W., phoned to say that Baby Coates would not be  
brought to the hearing, that he would be placed later, probably early in May.  
Miss De Roma stated that the committing judge should have a letter from the Farm  
stating the mother's wishes relative to commitment of the child. Visitor agreed.  
See correspondence to Judge. MR

Apr. 15, 1937

Visitor attended the hearing at the Norwich Juvenile Court hearing for the commit-  
ment of Everett Lloyd Coates, child of Alice Coates, who was today committed to  
the Commissioner of Welfare. The committing Judge, (Judge O'Connell) put Alice  
under a court order of eight dollars a month with the understanding that if Alice  
is returned to the Farm, the Farm is to notify the Judge, who will rescind the  
court order. The Farm will be billed quarterly for this from Hartford. MR

June 9, 1937.

Baby discharged to Miss Lundine, Norwich Bureau of Child Welfare.

MR



## PAROLE REPORTS - ALICE COATES

June 3, 1938, cont'd:

was in no way responsible for the accident, resulting in the death of Mrs. McCarthy's little boy. She had given the child his bath and put him to bed at 7:30. At quarter to eight Mrs. McCarthy went upstairs and the boy was not in his bed. She believes that he must have been sitting in the window, and when he heard her coming, leaned too heavily against the screen. They will never know exactly what did happen. Alice was the one who saw him on the concrete below. The child was rushed to the hospital where an operation was performed on his head but he died that night. Alice was prostrated and still cannot bear to leave Mrs. McCarthy although she understands the reason why she must go. EHP

June 3, 1938

Visitor interviewed Mrs. R. B. Morse, of New Canaan, regarding Alice. She will be very glad to take her providing she cannot get Genevieve Shaffer. HMS

June 6, 1938

Visitor called Mrs. McCarthy to make arrangements for taking Alice away June 7th and found that the employer had written the Farm to ask if the girl might be placed with a friend of hers in West Hartford. Visitor interviewed this woman in her home and decided to place Alice there the following day. She will be with Mrs. Cortland Schroder, 19 Bishop Road, West Hartford, Conn. EHP

June 7, 1938

Transferred to Mrs. Cortland Schroder, 19 Bishop St., West Hartford. Mrs. McCarthy really hated to have Alice go and promised to call at the Schroders to see her. Alice cried quite a bit when she left but seemed to like her new place. Mrs. Schroder had ordered new furniture for the maid's room. EHP

June 9, 1938,

Visitor took the parole papers for Alice to sign. She indicated that she was afraid she was not going to like the place as Mrs. Schroder is very much more particular than Mrs. McCarthy. Visitor told her that she had not given the place a fair trial as she had been there only two days and was not acquainted with the employer or the routine of the work. Alice agreed that this was true. EHP

June 24, 1938

Alice said she was going to try and stay at Mrs. Schroders until she was free in October although she did not like it very well there. She doesn't want to make another change. Her room on the third floor is very hot and the employer expects a great deal of work done so Alice has no time to herself in the afternoon as she did at Mrs. McCarthy. However, the girl said she was just beginning to like Mrs. Schroder. Visitor met girl at 4:30, returning from town on her afternoon off. The employer said that she liked Alice but that she had been very poorly trained and was sensitive about suggestions or corrections. EHP



## PAROLE REPORTS - ALICE COATES

Dec. 9, 1937.

Visitor received a letter from Alice asking for a couple more hours on her afternnon off. Visitor talked with Alice and with Mrs. McCarthy and decided that Alice was having enough privileges. Her afternoon off lasts from one o'clock until six, and quite often she is allowed to go to the movies on Sunday. It seems that Alice has met two colored girls at the shore who work in Hartford. She sees them occasionally on her day off and they ask her to stay in town for supper. Alice is embarrassed by always having to refuse without giving any reason. One woman has invited Alice to her own home where she goes after being downtown and Visitor did not think it wise for Alice to be in such an environment. Girl was disappointed but accepted the decision very well. EHP

Jan. 25, 1938

There is nothing special to report about Alice. She said that she had changed her mind about not wanting to visit the children and would like to go to see them. She seemed perfectly satisfied when visitor said that a special trip could not be made but that Alice could go to Norwich some time when visitor was planning to go there. EHP

Feb. 28, 1938

Report on parole is satisfactory. Mrs. McCarthy said Alice was a splendid maid and that she did not know what she would do when the time comes for Alice to leave. Alice has now decided that she does not want to go to see her children until she is free. EHP

April 12, 1938

Nothing to report on Alice. Visitor had a visit with Alice but did not her employer. Everything seems satisfactory. EHP

May 16, 1938

Visitor served on Alice the papers transferring the care of her son, Earl, from the B.C.W. to the care of the State. Alice was not upset by this notice after it was explained to her. Report on parole is satisfactory. EHP

May 28, 1938

Visitor called Mrs. McCarthy, at her request, to explain that Alice could be free, with time off, about the 3d of October. The employer stated that she did not feel she could keep Alice any longer as it was imperative for her to do her own work. Her small son had fallen out of the window and been killed. The girl was all broken up over the child's death and about leaving Mrs. McCarthy. A close friend living across the street has a child sick with rheumatic fever and Mrs. McCarthy has allowed Alice to work there days, returning to her about seven o'clock for the night. The girl has gone once to the movies and came back about five o'clock as usual. Visitor gave permission for this arrangement to continue until the woman did not need Alice any more or until another place could be found for her. EHP

June 3, 1938

Alice has returned to Mrs. McCarthy after working across the street for a week. The employer hates to let the girl go but feels that it would be better for her to do her own work for just herself and husband. Besides that, she does not feel that they can afford to keep a girl longer. Visitor was relieved to find that Alice



