CLANN: IRELAND'S UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN: GATHERING THE DATA

Statement of Witness 19

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF [redacted]

I, [redacted] of [redacted]

WILL SAY:

1. I make this statement for the purpose of providing evidence to the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation established by the Irish Government pursuant to Section 3 of the Commissions of Investigations Act 2004.

2. Attached to this statement is a bundle of documents marked [redacted] References to page numbers in this statement are to pages in [redacted]

3. I make this statement as an adopted person.

Circumstances of my birth and Early Life

4. I was born on [redacted] 1969 in the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin and [redacted] I was moved with my mother to the St Patrick's Mother and Baby Home on [redacted] 1969. I have learned that my mother stayed with me in the Mother and Baby Home until 24 December 1969 when she left. I am unsure where my mother spent Christmas that year. I can only assume it was either at her local address [redacted] or at the family home, [redacted] She returned to the Mother and Baby Home on 27 December 1969 and continued to stay with me until the end of January 1970. I was adopted from the home on 5 May 1970. I set out below my testimony of my adoption, the information I have been able to gather regarding my birth and my experiences as an adopted person in Ireland.

5. I discovered I was adopted in 1988, when I was around 18 years old. I was attempting to claim benefits at the Department of Social Welfare but was told I couldn't claim without a "long version" of my birth certificate. I'd never seen this before but I asked my adoptive father for it. He gave me what I now know to be the Adopted Children's Registered Certificate (page 1) in an envelope and when I presented the certificate at the Department of Social Welfare I discovered that I was adopted. With hindsight, I remember first hearing the word "adopted" when I was around 12 or 13. I was misbehaving and arguing with my adoptive mother, as parents and children do, and I threw my house keys into the river. In a fit of anger she said she never should have adopted me. As soon as she said it, she dismissed it and it was never discussed again. I never discussed adoption with my adoptive parents; if I ever raised the subject my adopted mother would just become emotional. It was easier not to talk about it.

Information and finding out about my Birth Parents

6. Discovering that I was adopted played on my mind for a number of years, but I didn't feel ready to commence a proper search into my past until 1997 when I approached Barnardo's for information. I chose to approach Barnardo's because I knew of their work with adopted persons. They put me in contact with the Adoption Authority of Ireland ("**AAI**") who told me that the Rotunda Girls' Aid Society ("**RGAS**") was the adoption agency that handled my adoption (page 2). Shortly after I called the RGAS but was told that all of their files were in paper format and it was impossible to search through them for an individual case. They were uncooperative and the only place I could turn to for information and this disheartened me and stopped my search for a while.

7. In 2003 or 2004 I called the RGAS again because my goal was still to contact my birth parents. The RGAS was still in existence at the time but were unable to assist me. I was told that the RGAS had or was in the process of transferring all the old adoption files to the Health Service Executive ("**HSE**"), which is now the Child and Family Agency. The HSE were carrying out an indexation and recalling all the old files.

8. In 2005 the HSE published a Contact Preference Register (pages 3-4), which people sign and if a birth parent or sibling also signs the register the connection becomes live. I provided my adopted name, date of bird, address and my adoptive mother's maiden name. After I signed the register I was told it would be several weeks before the applications would be checked and entered on the database (page 5), but in fact about a year passed and I hadn't heard anything. I was disheartened and thought that my birth family didn't want to be contacted. However, it later emerged that this system was wholly inadequate as it wasn't well publicised or freely available to everyone; it didn't take account for people who had left Ireland. After this disappointment I waited a number of years before deciding to follow up on my adoption myself.

9. After my Adoptive Mother passed away in [redacted] I felt more able to pursue my adoption files in earnest. At the beginning of 2011, in the midst of a busy personal life, I started making more calls to social workers. I also engaged in written correspondence with social workers. This was extremely stressful, though through this I managed to discover my birth mother's first name and my first name at birth, through the social workers requesting my file from the archives. I received this information over the phone and it was a very distressing time; I ended up crying down the phone to the social workers. I was extremely grateful to receive this information but with the benefit of hindsight it makes me angry to think that I was pushed as far as becoming an emotional wreck in order to obtain such simple information about myself. Everyone has the right to know their name; the right to know their mother's name.

[redacted]

10. Once I had this information I knew enough to start looking at publicly available information to try to ascertain the circumstances of my adoption. Later that year I also learned of the availability of a trace to be used as a tool to locate my birth family. This is where the social workers investigate your case based on information you give them and try to locate your birth family for you. When the HSE initiated this process they were much more professional than the RGAS had been, so I requested that a trace to be put on my record and was allocated a caseworker (pages 6-14).

11. I spent a number of years on a waiting list for a trace from 2011. I had just started [redacted] at this point, so was very busy. I was around 200 on the list and I was told that this meant that it would be a number of years before my case was fully investigated.

12. In early 2014, when all of the stories of Mother and Baby homes appeared in the media I became very upset. People always knew that there were communal graves where poor children were buried but to have it confirmed and the media attention was very distressing. I was going through the [redacted] and I had a [redacted] daughter; I was very busy but determined to find some information.

13. Since I was so far down the waiting list I started contacting politicians and other influential people I thought may be able to help myself. I made a freedom of information request to the AAI and received a response on 11 June 2014 containing inspection reports from social workers visiting my adoptive parents when I was two (pages 15-16). I have also made freedom of information requests to the Child and Family Agency, the successor of HSE.

14. I asked my social worker if I could be made a priority and moved up the waiting list for a trace because I had a new child but no family medical history. My wife has a [redacted] and we were concerned for our daughter and needed to know whether there were any other hereditary health conditions from my natural family. My social worker at the time suggested I request a letter from my doctor to get me moved up the waiting list and I was in the process of doing this but became caught up with [redacted]

15. I was getting nowhere with the trace process; the delays kept mounting. To combat this, at the same time I continued my personal search of public records based on my first name and my birth mother's name. I told my social worker that I was looking myself and she became very distressed, telling me not to just turn up on someone's doorstep. I was assured that the HSE would deal with it and I shouldn't do anything to contact my birth family myself. I agreed only when my social worker pleaded with me not to make contact.

[redacted]

16. However, shortly after this in 2014 the government published a list of all the births, deaths and marriages up to 1982. It was published online and allowed people to carry out searches using basic information. Having spent so long wondering I couldn't resist entering my details. They brought up three matches. I called my social worker and told her. She again pleaded with me to stop my personal search and from sending a letter myself and said that she would contact the people listed on the records. She contacted them in August 2014 and received a reply from my birth uncle, [redacted] in September 2014. He was [redacted] years old when I was adopted. His reply said that he wished to make contact.

17. Shortly after receiving this news my social worker asked me to visit her office. She told me that my birth mother had passed away on [redacted] 2014. I had only managed to make contact on [redacted] 2014; just a month late (page 17). This news is and has been very difficult; the grief I feel for the woman I never met somehow seems stronger than the grief I felt for my adoptive mother who I have known all my life.

18. Contact with my uncle has allowed me to discover a lot about my past that was kept from me during my search. I have recently found out that I was born to [redacted] although she also went by [redacted] (and that her date of birth was [redacted] 1945) and that my birth name was [redacted] When my birth mother fell pregnant she was 23 years old and working [redacted] in Dublin. In making contact with my uncle I have found out that my birth mother was forced into giving me up. He believes her [redacted] siblings along with her mother forced her into the Mother and Baby Home and to have me adopted.

19. What I understand happened is that my mother wanted to remove me from the home when she left in January 1970 but was told that I had already been adopted. I have received my redacted file from the Child and Family Agency, and this shows contact between my mother and me until the end of January 1970 but no further contact afterwards.

20. I have also learned that my adoption caused my birth mother to have an emotional mental breakdown. She was institutionalised and became schizophrenic. She passed away in a community home called the [redacted] I visited the facility in 2015 and spoke to the caregivers and some of the other occupants. I was told that my birth mother often referred to her child and her wish to make contact, and the people expressed shock and sadness that my birth mother's wish was not pursued. She made numerous attempts through her social worker, with her last attempt being around

2011. Her [redacted] sister apparently instructed the social worker not to proceed with the search. The knowledge of my birth mother's struggles and our mutual inability to find each other has had a severe emotional effect on me. I have followed up with the care home and have learned that the facility manager who would have been responsible for my birth mother has since been relocated.

21. I have received some counselling but I am looking into the prospect of receiving more counselling for this difficult experience. My birth mother's [redacted] older siblings told my uncle that I had passed away; that I didn't exist. Whenever a child was mentioned they told my uncle that my birth mother had become pregnant in care in 1973 and that it was this child, who died, to whom she was referring. He wasn't fully aware of when she gave birth or that it was this that triggered her mental breakdown until I made contact in 2014.

Access to Information

22. I have since been trying to discover why I was taken away from my mother, who was left alone for the rest of her life. My uncle and I requested a meeting to discuss this with the Child and Family Agency. We asked to see my adoption certificate in order to determine whether my mother signed it or whether it was her siblings. The certificate was redacted and the Child and Family Agency refused to confirm or deny which names were on any files. We were allowed to see the adoption consent form, which my birth mother had not signed (page 18), but which has been signed by someone else. She did sign a smaller form, indicating that she understood the nature of an adoption order (page 19). This was a detached sheet from a statement which purports to explain the effects of an adoption order, but it does not at any point indicate her consent to the adoption. The signature on the form was witnessed by a nun who worked at St Patrick's Mother and Baby Home.

23. I still do not know the identity of my father. My social worker has told me that it was a 22-year old [redacted] but I have also heard that it may have been a [redacted] in the area. I did not see a full copy of my birth certificate until 2014; there is no name recorded for my father there (page 20). My social worker has said that she cannot give me any names, nor can she confirm or deny if there were any names recorded in the files originally held by the RGAS.

24. Since my birth mother has died I have requested any files held in relation to me, but my requests have been denied in order to 'protect the family.' All I want to do is find my own origins and the denials make this extremely difficult.

25. I believe that the authorities should have dealt with my case more compassionately and more effectively than they did. I still feel that there is a degree of protectionism within the Child and Family Agency for the religious orders and that people are not being told the true circumstances surrounding their adoptions. Since I mentioned I may make a submission to the Commission it seems that they have been more concerned with this than actually helping me, to the point where it was raised three times in a recent meeting. It has taken numerous meetings with the Child and Family Agency for a review of my file to be ordered, but on 23 November 2015 a requested was made for my file to be reviewed in its entirety (page 21).

26. The inadequacies of the system delayed my search for years, causing me anguish and distress as well as removing any opportunity I may have had to meet my mother before she passed away.

I believe that the contents of this statement are true.

Signed [redacted]

Date 13/4/2016

[redacted]



Cóip deimhnithe de thaifid ins an gClár d'Uchtleanaí.

Certified copy of entry in the Adopted Children Register.

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Uimh. an taifid. No. of entry.	An dáta a rugadh agus an tir ina rugadh Date and Country of birth	An ainm baiste nó an chéad ainm Christian name or first name	An Gnéas Sex	Ainm, Seoladh agus slí bheatha an uchtóra nó na n-uchtórí Name, address and occupation of adopter or adopters	Dáta an Orduithe Uchtála Date of Adoption Order	Dáta an taifid agus síniú an Ard-Chláraitheora Date of entry and signature of An tArd-Chláraitheoir.
278	[redacted] 1969 (Sixty nine) Ireland	[redacted]	Male	[redacted]	Third February 1971	Ninth February 1971 [redacted] Ard Chláraitheoir Cúnta

Deimhnítear gur tógadh é seo ó chlár leabhar atá a choimead ag an Ard-Chláraitheoir.
Certified to be taken from a register in the custody of an tArd-Chláraitheoir.
Arna thabhairt faoi Sheala Oifig an Ard-Chláraitheora.
Given under the Seal of Oifig and Ard-Chláraitheora.

An This First lá seo de day of October 2002

Scrúdaithe Examined RE

P. 64974 250 10/01 Brunswick Press Ltd. (4912)

[redacted]

(4)

[redacted]
Sent by: [redacted]

08/09/2011 16:20

To [redacted]
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Identity confirmation

[redacted] thank you very much for the I.D. attached. Nice clear copy! The agency involved in your adoption was the Rotunda Girls Aid Society, Marlborough St., D.1. This agency is now closed and the records are held by the Health Service Executive Dublin North East, Child Care Services, Park House, North Circular Road, Dublin,7 ;Tel; [redacted] Please contact the H.S.E. and they will be able to offer you advice and professional assistance with regard to any tracing enquiries you may have. Good luck with everything. Regards [redacted] doption Authority.

[redacted]

No I D.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY [redacted]

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

National Adoption Contact Preference Register

[redacted] Application for Entry on Register

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED LEAFLET CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

SECTION 1 Your Details

Title Mr/Mrs/Ms MR Forename(s) [redacted]

Surname [redacted]

Maiden Name *(if applicable)*

Date of Birth [redacted] 69

Contact Details

The address and telephone number you provide does not have to be your own, you may nominate a friends address/telephone number if you are more comfortable with this address

Address [redacted]

(where you can be contacted)

[redacted]

Telephone Number [redacted] Mobile Number [redacted]

Email Address [redacted]

AN BORD UCHÁLA RECEIVED

Are You

An Adopted Person ☑ A Natural Mother ☐ A Natural Father ☐

Other Natural Family Member* ☐

*Please specify relationship (e.g. brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent)

Please inform us in writing of any future change in your details

SECTION 2 Information on the person you wish to contact

Please supply any information you may have on the person you wish to contact.

Name Age Date of Birth / /

If you are unsure please enter an approximate age or Date of Birth. Please let us know that the information is approximate

If you have any other information that might be helpful in linking you with this person please add it here -

I have no information on my natural mother or father. My adoptive parents' Address at placement - [redacted]

SECTION 3

If you are an adopted person
Are you open to contact with -

Your Natural Mother? ☑ Your Natural Father? ☑ Other Members of Your Natural Family? ☑

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SECTION 4 **What level of contact do you wish to have?**
✔ **Please tick the appropriate boxes**

- ☐ Willing to Meet
- ☑ Contact via telephone
- ☑ Contact via e-mail
- ☑ Exchange of letters/information
- ☑ No Contact but willing to share medical information**
- ☑ No Contact but willing to share background information**
- ☐ No Contact at the moment

Sharing Information
Please provide medical and/or background information that you wish to share here
If you require more space please attach additional pages

I have had ~~waters~~ waters from a young age. Does this run in the family. Is there anything else as I am getting married soon.

Do you wish to receive an acknowledgement of your application? Yes ☑ No ☐

If you have registered a No Contact Option
Do you wish to be discreetly notified if another party registers? Yes ☑ No ☐

Signed/ [redacted] Date 12/4/05

NOTE *This is an extremely serious and sensitive matter for those involved. It will be the policy of The Adoption Board to report any person who misuses this form to the appropriate legal authorities*

Please send this form by registered post to
Po Box 9957, Dublin 4.

An Bord Uchtála
Teach Shelbourne,
Bóthar Shelbourne,
Droichead na Dothra,
Baile Átha Cliath 4

Adoption Board
Shelbourne House,
Shelbourne Road,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4

Tel [redacted]
Fax
Web www.adoptionboard.ie

Reference No

Your Reference

Private & Confidential

[redacted]

11 May 2005

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your application to join the National Adoption Contact Preference Register

Due to the large amount of applications we have received it will be several weeks before we have checked all the applications and entered them on the NACPR database

The Adoption Board will contact you should a match occur

Yours Sincerely

[redacted]

For Registrar

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

I had registered with the Adoption Board in 2005 but heard nothing; [redacted] mentioned that the roll out of the National Contact Preference Register was appallingly managed. And that many people may never make contact unless they contact the agencies directly. I'll include a photocopy of my driving licence and contact details, if you need anything else please give us a bell at once. I'd also be more than happy to meet with you and elaborate on any info you require.

Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted]
Mobile: [redacted]
Work: [redacted]
House: [redacted]
Work: [redacted]
Emails: [redacted]

Kindest Regards

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Principle Social Worker

I wish to start a trace and obtain my adoption records, here are my details;

Name: [redacted]
PPS:
DOB:
Parents Names: Mother: [redacted]
Father:
Adoption Agency: Rotunda Girls Aid Society

Health Service Executive
Northern Area
19 SEP 2011

Dear [redacted]

Having obtained the Agency name from [redacted] I now wish to obtain my files. I'm not the best at writing letters so if there is anything you need, info or clarifications, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Firstly let me explain why I've waited so long to start the trace. My Mam passed away two years ago, and over the years it was always a difficult subject for her to talk about. So difficult in fact that I come into this process with the barest of information, no baptismal cert just an adopted children's cert. The feeling I got from my Mam was that if I looked or asked questions, I mustn't be happy with her, and would seek to make contact with my birth mam. I know that's an irrational fear but unfortunately true. Mam suffered greatly with her nerves and had confidence and self-esteem issues. I won't go into too much here as I'm sure you have a busy schedule. So swiftly on..

I contacted your office from the number [redacted] gave me and had a wonderful conversation with [redacted] who gave me a little history about The Rotunda Girls Aid Society; it was like talking to a very old and close friend. I then spoke to [redacted] and again lovely conversation and informative. To use an analogy "Both conversations have switched a light on in a dark warehouse, now I want to turn all the lights on". [redacted] informed me that there is a long waiting list, and to include any and all details which may help the process. I have a number of medical issues, which I'd be happy to discuss in detail; I'm also planning to have a family before I get to "old". [redacted] also mentioned to me if my birth mum contacted your office it should by on my file, and that the process may be quickened once I make contact.

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Feidhmeannas Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Information and Tracing Service
1st Floor, Park House
North Circular Road
Dublin 7
Tel: [redacted]
Fax:

Seirbhís Fhaisnéise agus Rianaithe
1ú Urlár, Teach na Páirce
An Cuarbhóthar Thuaidh,
BÁC 7
Fón: [redacted]
Facs:

[redacted]

3rd November 2011

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your recent letter (and attached copy photo ID) addressed to [redacted] Principal Social Worker and also her subsequent telephone call to you, in relation to receiving your adoption records.

Your request will be allocated to a member of the Social Work team headed up by [redacted] If you wish to make contact with her at any time at the above address and telephone number, she is in the office Mondays to Thursdays between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm.

A Social Worker from [redacted]eam will then contact you to offer you an advisory/support service

- To clarify the nature of your request
- To provide non-identifying information
- To initiate a search for your birth Mother
- To offer support and counselling at the various stages of the search both pre and post reunion
- To recognise the needs and rights of all involved

I note that you have registered with the Adoption Authority (Board) on their National Contact Preference Register so unless your contact details have changed it is not necessary for you to complete another application form. Your registration will remain on their system and they (Adoption Authority) will contact you if any member of your birth family make contact with them.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

Assistant to Principal Social Worker

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[redacted] to [redacted]

Born: [redacted]

[redacted]

Adp. Order: [redacted]

[redacted]

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CONTACT SHEET

DATE	ENQUIRY	S.W.
9.9.11	Tel Call from [redacted]	
19.9.11	Reg to Grace by [redacted]	
12.9.11	Req for Copy Docs from AA1	
12/9/11	[redacted] - He didn't give out his Keys as was advised. He had various letters to serve however at present. Josh sim s/m [redacted] and give him his terms sight. He was designated.	JT.
21.9.11	Copy Docs Rec'd from AA1	
3.11.11	Ack Ltr to [redacted]	

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Feidhmeannas Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Information and Tracing Service
1st Floor, Park House
North Circular Road
Dublin 7

Tel: [redacted]
Fax:

ENQUIRY SHEET

DATE OF ENQUIRY:	9th September 2011 (Tel Call) 19th September 2011 – Ltr Recd
NAME OF APPLICANTS:	[redacted] (*Adoptee*) **DOB:** [redacted]69 [redacted]
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:	[redacted]
CONTACT DETAILS:	[redacted] & [redacted] (home) (work) & [redacted] (work) [redacted]
BIRTH MOTHER:	
B/M's DOB:	
NATURE OF ENQUIRY:	TRACE BIRTH MOTHER

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(A'EE)
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AN BORD UCHTÁLA

(6)

Questionaire to be completed on behalf of An Bord Uchtála in connection with an application by [redacted]

of [redacted]

for an Adoption Order in respect of the child. [redacted]

born [redacted] 69.

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1 (a) Situation of applicant's home (town or country) and distance from church and school — City - convenient to church and school.

(b) State type of accommodation (house, flat, etc.) giving the number of living rooms, number of bedrooms and indicating where the child concerned in the application sleeps. — 2 roomed flat with kitchens (first floor) - large livingroom bedroom, share toilet on landing with another tenant. [redacted] sleeps in cot in applicants bedroom.

(c) Condition of home with regard to cleanliness and general comfort. — Very clean, nicely furnished (own all their furniture) and well kept.

2 (a) Does the child concerned in the application appear to be happy and well cared for? — Yes.

(b) Does the child appear to be of normal physical and mental development for his/her age? — Yes. [redacted] is a big child for his age and is almost walking on his own now. He is bright and friendly and is very healthy. He has had all his injections. he is a happy contented child.

(c) Does the child wish to be legally adopted by the applicants? (The Board will be obliged to consider the wishes of this child with regard to the application if the child is of normal intelligence. You should, therefore, with the consent of the applicants, ascertain the child's wishes directly provided that the child already understands its position).

(d) If the child is boarded-out state the name and address of the Health Authority concerned.

3 (a) Are the applicants industrious and law-abiding? Yes.

(b) If they have any children of their own or any other children in their care, state— No family of their own so far though there is no medical reason for this.

(i) whether such children are normal and well cared for;

(ii) whether they are dependent on applicants for their maintenance. —

(c) Applicant's motive in applying for adoption order They are very fond of children and would like to have a family of their own. They had adoption in mind and took [redacted] whom they love very dearly.

(d) Income and mode of living of applicants. [redacted] is a labourer in [redacted] earns up to [redacted] weekly Basic rate [redacted] approx. + C.A. [redacted] monthly Rent of flat [redacted] per week to Louise [redacted] owned by [redacted]

(e) Have you interviewed both applicants in connection with the application?

Yes

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(f) Are you satisfied that the applicants understand the nature of an adoption order and that they wish to assume full parental responsibility for the child concerned in the application? Yes.

(g) Do you consider the applicants suitable persons to be granted an adoption order in respect of this child? Yes. They are a devoted couple and are really delighted with [redacted] who is the centre of their life. Applicants are industrious and thrifty and own everything in their flat. They would have adopted sooner but were Caretakers and female applicant Receptionist for two doctors in the North Strand. They have a nice flat now and accommodation for [redacted] They hope to take another little boy as companion for him. [redacted] is a credit to them and is responding well to their love and care [redacted] is a [redacted] They have chosen godparents for [redacted] and will tell him that he is adopted [redacted]

Visited by [redacted] Rotunda Girls' Aid Society.

Signature of Investigator

Address

Date 20-1-71

P3559

Arna eisiúint de bhun an Achta um Chlárú Sibhialta 2004

Issued in pursuance of the Civil Registration Act 2004

Éire Ireland

Ainm/Name	[redacted]
Sloinne/Surname	
Sloinne Breithe/Birth Surname	
Dáta Báis/Date of Death	[redacted] 2014
Aois/Age	68
Dáta Breithe/Date of Birth	[redacted] 1945
Gnéas/Sex	Female
Stádas Sibhialta/Civil Status	Single
Iar-áit Chónaithe/Former Residence	[redacted]
Sli Bheatha an Éagaigh/Occupation of Deceased	
Céadainm an Athar/Father's Forename	[redacted]
Sloinne an Athar/Father's Surname	
Céadainm na Máthar/Mother's Forename	
Sloinne Breithe na Máthar/Mother's Birth Surname	
onad Báis/Place of Death	[redacted]
Ionad Breithe/Place of Birth	[redacted]
Cúis Dheimhnithe an Bháis agus Fad Tinnis/ Certified Cause of Death and Duration of Illness	High Grade Glioma (Brain Tumour) 6 Month(s) Schizophrenia Certified

Faisnéiseoir / Informant

Ainm/Name
Sloinne/Surname
Cáilíocht/Qualification
Seoladh/Address

[redacted]

[redacted]

Sínithe ag /Signed by

Sonraí an Liachleachtóra / Medical Practitioner Details

[redacted]

Teileafón/Telephone [redacted]

Cáilíocht/Qualification

Cláraitheoir/Registrar [redacted]
Cláraíodh in Oifig an Chláraitheora/Registered in the Registrar's Office
Limistéar Clárúcháin an Phríomh-Chláraitheora / Superintendent Registrar's Registration Area
Contae/County
Dáta an Chlárúcháin/Date of Registration 16 September 2014
Cláruimhir/Registration Number [redacted]

Deimhnithe mar chóip dhílis den taifead faoi alt 13 den Acht um Chlárú Sibhialta 2004/Certified to be a true copy of the register maintained under section 13 of the Civil Registration Act 200

Eisithe ag/Issued by [redacted] Registrar Dáta /Date 16 September 2014

Is cion tromchúiseach é an deimhniú seo a athrú nó é a úsáid agus é athraithe / To alter this certificate or to use it as altered is a serious offer

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Form 4A

CONSENT TO ADOPTION

(For use by mother where the identity of the a[illegible] not known to her)

In the matter of an application for the adoption of [redacted]

I, ...

of .....

aged twenty-one ~~years~~ and upwards (or, if under age, aged 20 years), make oath and say as follows:—

1 I am informed and believe that an application has been made under serial number [redacted]

(a) for an adoption order in respect of the child

2 I am the mother of the child

3 The child is not less than six months old, having been born on the [redacted] day of [redacted] 19 69

4 I am of the Catholic religion, and this has been my religion since Childhood

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5 I understand that the effect of an adoption order is to deprive me of all rights which I have in respect of the upbringing of the child, and to give these rights and all parental rights and duties to the adopter.

6 I hereby give my consent to the making of an adoption order in pursuance of the application referred to above

7 I understand that this affidavit may be used as evidence that I consent to the adoption order being made.

Sworn at [redacted] in the county of [redacted] on this [redacted] day of [redacted] 19 70 before me, [redacted] who certifies (~~name~~) ~~and I know the deponent~~ (or and I know [redacted] to me that he knows the deponent)

Signature [redacted]

Description (b) [redacted]

(a) Where the identity of the applicant is not known to the consenting party the applicant should request the Board to assign a serial number to the application and this number should be inserted here

(b) If the affidavit is being sworn in the State, it should be sworn before a Commissioner for Oaths; if it is being sworn elsewhere, it should be sworn before a Notary Public or other person duly authorised to administer oaths

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The deponent is known to me.
[illegible] O'Neill QC

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(iv) religious denomination at death .....

(v) whether she had changed her religion at any time and, if so, particulars and date of change .....

9 Name of person or persons, if any, who has or have been appointed by will or deed or by Court Order to be the guardian(s) of the child .....

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10 Address(es) of guardian(s) named in answer to question 9 .....

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11 If the child is or has been under the control of a Health Authority or Registered Adoption Society state name and address of Health Authority or Registered Adoption Society and date on which such body acquired control over the child.

The Rotunda Girls' Aid Society
83 Marlborough St. Dn.1.
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12 Religion in which the child is being brought up ... R.C.

Signature [redacted]

Address [redacted]

Date [redacted] '70

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To THE REGISTERED ADOPTION SOCIETY CALLED

I have received from you a statement explaining the effects of an adoption order. That statement was attached to this receipt and I have myself torn it off I understand that statement.

Name (in block letters) [redacted]

Signature. [redacted]

Address [redacted]

Signature of Witness [redacted]

Address [redacted]

Occupation or Description Sister of Charity

DATE: 30th January 1970

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Deimhniú Breithe / Birth Certificate

Arna eisiúint de bhun an Achta um Chlárú Sibhialta 2004 / Issued in pursuance of the Civil Registration Act 2004

Éire / **Ireland**

Cláruimhir / Registration Number: **3051707**

Breith a Chláraíodh i gCeantar / Birth Registered in the district of: **Dublin North City No. 2**

i limistéar an Phriomh-Chláraitheora / in the Superintendent Registrar's District of: **Dublin**

i gContae / in the County of: **Co. Dublin**

Uimh. / No.	Dáta Breithe / Place of Birth	Ainm / Name	Gnéas / Sex	Ainm, Sloinne agus Ionad Chónaithe an Athar / Name and Surname and Dwelling-Place of Father	Ainm agus Sloinne na Máthar agus a sloinne roimh phósadh di / Name and Surname and Maiden name of Mother	Céim nó Gairm Bheatha an Athar / Rank or Profession of Father	Sinú, Cáiliocht agus Ionad Chónaithe an Fhaisnéiseora / Signature, Qualification and Residence of Informant	An Dáta a Chláraíodh / When Registered	Siniú an Chláraitheora / Signature of Registrar	Ainm Baiste má tugadh é tar-éis chlárú na Breithe agus an Dáta / Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth and Date
109	19 69 Sixty nine [redacted] Rotunda	[redacted]	Male	—	[redacted]	—	[redacted] December Rotunda	November Seventh 19 69	[redacted] Registrar	

Deimhnítear gur thiomsíodh na sonraí seo ó clárleabhar coinnithe faoi alt 13 den Acht um Chlárú Sibhialta 2004/Certified to be compiled from a register maintained under section 13 of the Civil Registration Act 2004

Eisithe ag / Issued by [redacted] GRO Dáta / Date Of Issue **23 October 2014**

Is cion tromchúiseach é an deimhniú seo a athrú nó é a úsáid agus é athraithe / To alter this certificate or to use it as altered is a serious offence

TUSLA
An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

Information and Tracing Service
2nd Floor, Units 4/5 Nexus Building
Blanchardstown Corporate Park
Ballycoolin
Dublin 15

Tel: [redacted]
MOB [redacted]
Fax: [redacted]

[redacted]

Seirbhís Eolais agus Lorgtha
2ú Urlár, Aonad 4/5 Aras Nexus
Páirc Chorparáideach Baile Bhlainséir
Baile Chulainn
Baile Átha Cliath 15

Fón: [redacted]

24.11.2015

Dear [redacted]

I hope all is well with you.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with [redacted] and myself yesterday. As agreed [redacted] has requested the original file from Iron Mountain and we will review it on receipt. We will then arrange a meeting with you to discuss this further.

[redacted] mentioned yesterday that [redacted] Mental Health Social Worker, Wexford had informed him that I had disclosed the names of extended family members to her in a conversation we had in August 2014. I explained this was not so as [redacted] had rung me to discuss a legal issues on the nature of the Adoption Order and the effects of this on an inheritance. I contacted [redacted] after our meeting yesterday and she confirmed that any names were disclosed in a conversation with another agency and did not come from me.

I understand that family dynamics can be difficult and that information is circulated in a way that may be confusing about the origins. I want to reassure you that [redacted] and I are not deliberately withholding or inappropriately sharing information about you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or phone numbers should you wish to discuss anything. You can also email me at [redacted]

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

Social Worker.