

Evidence Extraction Sheet

Katrina / Linda Robertson - Adoption, Care and Register Records

Scope note: This schedule records only information supported by the supplied documents. No direct evidence of physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect, contemporaneous abuse disclosure, institutional knowledge of abuse, substance misuse linked to trauma, or abuse-related psychiatric injury was identified in these papers.

Key identity and eligibility findings

Field	Finding
Full name / former name	Born Linda Ann Robertson; repeatedly described as known as Katrina Robertson; adoption record gives adopted first name Katrina. DOB 22 February 1966.
Primary care setting	Foster placement with Frank and Jean Robertson, Churchbank, Elm Row, Galashiels, from 5 April 1966 until adoption order on 27 March 1973.
Arranging / responsible bodies	Church of Scotland Adoption Society / Church of Scotland Committee on Social Service; Edinburgh Children's Department; Selkirk County Council Social Work Department.
Legal basis	Foster care pending adoption, followed by Sheriff Court adoption order dated 27 March 1973.
Possible later admission	EDIR register appears to show admission on 3 August 1980 and disposal on 24 August 1980 under Borders authority, but the institution and reason are partly obscured.

Page-reference schedule

No.	Document	PDF page	Internal page	Date	Author / role	Category	Short factual extract	Relevance / evidential value	Format
1	Adoption and Care Papers	9	None shown	14 Aug 1972	M. F. Sandiford, Social Worker	Proof of placement / identity	Letter identifies Linda Robertson, born 22.2.66, and states she was placed with foster parents in the area in 1966 and that adoption was proposed.	Direct placement evidence; confirms name, DOB and foster placement before 1 Dec 2004.	Typed
2	Adoption and Care Papers	11-12	None shown	8 Aug 1972	M. F. Sandiford, Social Worker	Placement / continuity / adoption	States proposed adoption of Linda Robertson, known as Katrina Robertson, DOB 22.2.66, by foster parents Mr and Mrs F. Robertson of Churchbank, Elm Row, Galashiels. Records that she was placed with them in 1966 while awaiting adoption and had remained in their continuous care for about six years.	Strong direct evidence of continuous foster residence and former/known name.	Typed
3	Adoption and Care Papers	13-14	None shown	22 Feb 1973	J. Bell, Social Worker	Responsible bodies / placement authority	Records that the Church of Scotland Adoption Society placed the child with the applicants on 5 April 1966 for foster care pending adoption; Edinburgh Children's Department had approved the foster home and was involved in placement arrangements.	Direct evidence of placement date, responsible voluntary organisation and local-authority involvement.	Typed
4	Adoption and Care Papers	17-19	None shown	4 Aug 1972	Margaret G. Combe, Adoption Supervisor	Placement history / medical corroboration	Records birth on 22 Feb 1966; hospital stay until 5 April 1966; discharge and placement with Mr and Mrs Robertson; continuing foster care; correspondence with Edinburgh Children's Department and Church of Scotland Committee on Social Service.	Direct and corroborative evidence of transfer from hospital into foster care and organisational responsibility.	Typed
5	Adoption and Care Papers	22	None shown	8 Aug 1972	M. F. Sandiford, Social Worker	Placement / duration	States Linda Robertson was placed with foster parents in the area several years earlier, that the child and foster parents were very happy, and that adoption was proposed.	Corroborates long-term foster placement.	Typed
6	Adoption and Care Papers	25-26	None shown	Undated report, c. 1972	Miss S. Watt, Social Worker	Placement review / child welfare	Formal report states Linda/Katrina was placed with foster parents Mr and Mrs Robertson at Churchbank, Elm Row, Galashiels, and describes her progress, schooling, health and relationship with the foster family.	Direct placement and review evidence; also contains neutral/positive observations.	Typed

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7	Adoption and Care Papers	27-29	None shown	1966-1968	Hospital clinicians	Medical records confirming foster residence	Hospital correspondence identifies Katrina Robertson at Churchbank, Galashiels, and refers to her as fostered and likely to be adopted. Records medical follow-up for jaundice, heart murmur and respiratory symptoms.	Medical corroboration of residence with foster carers; health matters are not evidence of abuse.	Typed
8	Adoption and Care Papers	31	None shown	27 Mar 1973	Sheriff Clerk Depute	Legal basis / adoption order	Confirms that the Sheriff granted the adoption order for Linda Ann Robertson.	Direct legal evidence of adoption and end-point of foster placement.	Typed
9	Adoption and Care Papers	32	None shown	6 Apr 1973	General Register Office for Scotland	Identity / former name	States the Adopted Children Register entry relates to Katrina Robertson and records the adopted name in accordance with the direction in the certified adoption order.	Direct identity evidence linking Linda Ann Robertson and Katrina Robertson.	Typed
10	Adoption and Care Papers	33-38	None shown	Nov 1972-Feb 1973	Curator ad litem / solicitors / social work	Court petition / placement review	Petition and curator report identify the child, foster/adoptive applicants, Churchbank address, placement from 5 April 1966, continuous residence, welfare observations and recommendation that adoption be granted.	Strong direct evidence of placement, duration, address, legal process and review.	Typed
11	Adoption and Care Papers	38	None shown	c. 1972	Selkirk County Council Social Work Department	Placement form	Child-placement form records Linda Robertson, DOB 22.2.66, prospective adoption, placement date April 1966, foster parents Frank and Jean Robertson, Churchbank, Elm Row, Galashiels, and Church of Scotland as arranging body.	Strong direct administrative evidence of foster placement.	Handwritten/typed form
12	Adoption and Care Papers	42-43	None shown	c. 1972	Selkirk County Council	Prospective adopters / household	Assessment form identifies Frank and Jean Robertson at Churchbank and lists Katrina Robertson as a foster child in the household.	Corroborative evidence of residence and household composition.	Handwritten/typed form
13	Adoption and Care Papers	46-47	None shown	c. 1972	Social Work Department	Background / household	Background form records Katrina Robertson, DOB 22.2.66, at Churchbank, Elm Row, Galashiels; household schedule lists Katrina aged six with the Robertson family.	Corroborative placement evidence.	Typed/handwritten
14	Adoption and Care Papers	48	None shown	Record created after adoption	Adoption index record	Records birth surname Robertson, first names Linda Ann, DOB 22/02/66, adoption surname Robertson, first name Katrina, and adoption date 27/03/73.	Direct identity and legal-status evidence.	Typed	
15	EDIR 61657 - 1 and 2	1 (split image)	Register entry	3 Aug 1980; disposal 24 Aug 1980 appears recorded	Register clerk (not named)	Possible later placement / assessment admission	Register row appears to identify Robertson, Katrina, address 16 Dingleton Cottages, Melrose, DOB 22.2.66, admission 3.8.80, age 14, authority Borders, with disposal to an address/place in Selkirk and date 24.8.80. Some wording is obscured or unclear.	Potential direct evidence of a short admission/assessment placement. The institution name and reason for admission are not fully legible in the supplied image and should be verified against the original register.	Handwritten; partly obscured
16	Adoption and Care Papers	25-26, 35	None shown	c. 1972	Social worker / curator ad litem	Neutral or potentially contradictory evidence	Reports describe the child as happy, thriving, well cared for, affectionate and settled with the foster family.	Positive observations do not disprove abuse but should be disclosed and addressed if inconsistent with the application.	Typed

Category review - findings and absences

Proof of placement and eligibility

Positive evidence identified. The strongest pages are 11-14, 17-19, 25-26, 31-38, 42-43, 46-48, plus the EDIR register split across the two one-page files.

Physical abuse

No direct allegation, injury attributed to staff/residents, restraint report, punishment log or complaint identified.

Sexual abuse

No direct or indirect allegation, disclosure, sexualised incident or institutional response identified.

Emotional or psychological abuse

No record of abusive treatment by carers or staff identified. Several records instead describe the child as happy, settled and thriving.

Neglect

No documented neglect identified. Medical correspondence shows active follow-up for health concerns.

Contemporaneous disclosures and complaints

No disclosure or complaint of abuse identified.

Institutional knowledge and failure to act

No complaint history, disciplinary action, police investigation, inspection criticism or safeguarding failure identified.

Frequency, duration and pattern

The records support continuous foster placement from 5 April 1966 to 27 March 1973. They do not document a pattern of abuse.

Mental-health and psychological impact

No abuse-linked mental-health symptoms or treatment identified in these records.

Physical and medical consequences

Medical issues include neonatal jaundice, a cardiac murmur/possible congenital concern and recurrent respiratory symptoms. The records do not attribute these to assault or neglect.

Substance use and coping

No relevant evidence identified.

Education, relationships and life impact

Schooling and adjustment are mentioned positively. No abuse-linked educational or social impact is documented.

Contradictory or neutral material

Pages 25-26 and 35 describe the child as happy, thriving, affectionate, settled and well cared for. These entries should be retained and contextualised rather than omitted.