

CERTIFICATE

To the Church of Scotland Committee on Social Service.

I hereby certify that I received from you a Memorandum headed
"Adoption of Children, Explanatory Memorandum", from which I
have detached this certificate of acknowledgement: and I further
certify that I have read the Memorandum and understand it.

Signature.....*Rose Robertson*.....
Address.....*5 East Thomas Street*.....
.....*Edinburgh 7*.....

Date.....*28/2/66*.....

Wm R. Blacklock.

● This letter is to inform you, that the names & addresses supplied to you by me, are those of people ^{who} may in the future try to interfere ~~at~~ ^{with} me and with James's life and physically and mentally just to reverse me James's method. I have by letter a other ways of which I do not know how.

But one thing you must surely remember that I am not all business enough to try to do so. I will only ask one favour of you when this you will promise me that under no conditions what so ever will you let anyone of them that does

include one he's met but with
one in any contact with her
what so ever. Shows she was
wonder what kind of person
I was, as she probably will at
one time in her life. If she
does come out let her
read this letter and maybe she
will be moving on
one again that are stupid
enough to try and fool
any woman.

Loveless love

Deborah. 11/11/88

P.S. My mother also has got ~~set~~
a relative in her hospital.

P.S. This is my own family I am
talking about they have done
me a lot of harm to me
once they have finished its possible
they will do so much

R Shaduck (Mrs)

Please dont misunderstand this letter
I have two daughters of my own and
now know how to love children
just as theirs future mother does
I still have a love within me for
kinder. So its understandable
why I cannot take her away from
a happy lovely home

Love Teyen
Rose Shaduck.

MRS PHEMIA WATT SISTER

3/3 GILES STREET UNLIKELY.

LEITH.

MRS JOHANNA FERGUSON OR MISS ROBERTSON

43 ALBERT STREET LIKELY

LEITH (JO. JOEY JANET) SISTER

MRS MARGARET ROBERTSON (AND SON)

5 EAST THOMAS STREET (WILLIAM RAB) BROTHER

EDINBURGH. MOTHER LIKELY.

MRS ISABEL (OR) ALAN FITCHIE OR RITCHIE.

18^E HAWTHORNE CRESENT BROTHER IN LAW SISTER.

MAYFIELD.

LIKELY.

DALKIETH.

MRS ANN ROBERTSON. SISTER IN LAW

2 PENNYWELL ROAD

EDINBURGH

UNLIKELY.

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Correspondence with
natural mother
+ her husband

MR. Mrs. Chalack

22 August 1972

MFS/MLR

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. P. R. Chalack,
D080469F,
1 Mess,
H.M.S., Collingwood,
FARNHAM,
Hants.

Dear Mr. Chalack,

I refer to your letter of 20 August and would advise you that I have already spoken with your wife on the telephone. The Church of Scotland Offices in Edinburgh who will be handling the case informed me about the unfortunate misuse of information by your wife's family. I have written to your wife and told her that the Church of Scotland will contact her in the next week or so to obtain her consent in writing and with this having been done she will no longer be required to communicate with us in any way at all.

I very much regret this intrusion into her life and yours and hope that you can both make a fresh start when your wife joins you in a few months time.

Yours sincerely,

M.F. SANDIFORD (MRS.),
Social Worker.

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22 August 1972

MFS/MLR

Mrs. R. Chalack,
c/o Mr. G. Ferguson,
14 Marlborough Street,
PORTOBELLO
Edinburgh 15

Dear Mrs. Chalack,

I refer to my telephone call to you today and I would like to confirm that the Church of Scotland Office will be contacting you in the very near future to obtain your signature on the necessary documents.

I can only say again how sorry I am that your family misused the information they had and unfortunately we did not realise that there was any friction between you and your mother when we originally wrote to her.

I do hope you are able to make a new life for yourself and your family when you move to the South of England and I wish you well.

Yours sincerely,

M.F. SANDIFORD (MRS.),
Social Worker.

RECORDED DELIVERY

MFS/JT/1st Class

Mrs. Rose Chalack,
c/o 2, Pennywell Road,
West Pilton,
EDINBURGH, 4.

14th August, 1972.

Dear Mrs. Chalack,

Linda ROBERTSON, born 22.2.66

I refer to your daughter Linda who was placed with foster parents in this area in 1966. The foster parents have now applied to adopt Linda and before we can proceed further with this application, I must obtain your consent to the adoption. I understand that you married in 1967 and that you are living out of the country but I am writing to you care of your mother's address in the hope that the letter will eventually reach you.

Yours sincerely,

M. F. Sandiford, (Mrs.),
Social Worker.

RECORDED DELIVERY

MFS/JT/1st class

Mrs. Robertson,
2, Pennywell Road,
West Pilton,
EDINBURGH, 4.

14th August, 1972.

Dear Mrs. Robertson,

Linda ROBERTSON, d.o.b. 22.2.66

I refer to my letter of the 8th August and to the proposed adoption of your grand-daughter. I will be calling to see you on Thursday, 17th August, at about twelve noon. If this time is not convenient, would you please let me know immediately.

Yours sincerely,

M. F. Sandiford, (Mrs.),
Social Worker.

030
Thursday 12.0

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See Grandmother

Who has the
Birth Certificate

8 August 1972

MFS/MLR

Miss Scott,
Sheriff Clerk,
Sheriff Court House,
SELKIRK

Dear Miss Scott,

Proposed Adoption of Linda Robertson known as
Katrina Robertson (d.o.b.22.2.66)
By her Foster Parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Robertson,
Churchbank, Elm Row, Galashiels

The above mentioned child was placed with her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson (no relation), in 1966 whilst awaiting adoption. After several medical reports revealed a congenital heart defect, the child was deemed unadoptable.

Katrina has been in the continuous care of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson for the past six years and they now propose to adopt her. The child was originally placed with them by Edinburgh Corporation Social Work Department and at one stage the Church of Scotland Adoption Agency was involved.

The child's mother, Miss Rose Robertson, signed the "Consent to Vaccination" form and signed the certificate headed "Adoption of Children Explanatory Memorandum" but her consent to the Adoption Petition was never obtained. It is understood that Miss Rose Robertson married in 1968 and left the country with her husband. Several attempts have been made to contact her in recent years without success. I have now written to Miss Rose Robertson's mother in Edinburgh and I understand that Miss Robertson, now known as Mrs. Chalack, is now living in Mauritius and it seems unlikely that we will be able to contact her.

I/

Miss Scott.

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8 August 1972.

I will be grateful for your advice in this case as to whether the consent would be waived in Court.

Yours sincerely,

MITZI F. SANDIFORD (MRS),
Social Worker.

Miss Bell

VWJ/AWN

JB/LW

V.W. Jaffray & Co.,
Solicitors,
Bridge Place,
GALASHIELS, TD1 1SN.

22nd February, 1973

Dear Mr. Jaffray,

Re.: Adoption of Linda Ann Robertson

With reference to your letter of 19th February I would like to make the following observations:-

This child was originally placed by the Church of Scotland Adoption Society with the applicants on 5th April, 1966 for a short term fostering. The Robertsons were foster parents for the Church of Scotland Adoption Society and had several babies placed with them over a period of years while arrangements were being made for adoption placements and Linda was one of these babies. As things turned out her physical condition to which you referred in Paragraph 5 of your report was such that it was thought inadvisable to place this child with adopters and the Robertsons were asked to continue with their foster care. In 1968 the Society approached the Children's Department, Edinburgh Corporation (Linda being born in Edinburgh) with a view to her being taken into care and this was done and the Robertsons were accepted as foster parents by the Children's Department. The question of adoption did arise during the intervening years because by this time the applicants had become very attached to Linda but at that particular point the natural mother had married and was in Mauritius. In the last eighteen months efforts have been made to get this case straightened out but the important thing is that in spite of all the circumstances Linda has been continuously in the care of the applicants and therefore has not suffered any changes of foster or adoptive parents.

We have only the natural mother's word for the paternity of this child but at the time of birth she was a single woman and therefore her present husband cannot be judged in Law and be the father of this child particularly as the putative father has been named as Albert Tanzi. His whereabouts have been unknown since the birth of the child. He was believed to be an Italian who worked as a cafe manager in Leith, the natural mother married Mr. Chalack in 1967.

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I hope this information will clear the points raised by Sheriff Isabel Sinclair Q.C. and that the ^{wife} mother can be dealt with as soon as possible. The applicants are naturally very worried about the delay.

Yours sincerely,

J. Bell (Miss)
Social Worker

I hereby agree that the Adopters with whom the Church of Scotland
Adoption Society place my child.....
shall have authority to arrange for any vaccinations or inoculations
against Tuberculosis, Smallpox, Diphteria, Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis,
Tetanus, Measles or any other diseases. If necessary, in the interests
of the child, they may transfer him/her to hospital for medical or surgical
treatment, including the administration of a general anaesthetic for the
purposes of diagnosis or operation.

Signature.....*Rose Robertson*.....

Date...*28/2/66*.....



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Please Quote: MGC/MK

4th August, 1972.

Mrs. M. Sandiford,
Social Worker,
Social Work Department,
30 Galapark Road,
Galashiels.

Dear Mrs. Sandiford,

re - Linda Robertson.
Known as Katrina Robertson.
Born. 22nd February, 1966.

Thank you for your letter of 2nd August, 1972, which has been passed to me for attention. I note that Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have now intimated their desire to adopt Linda who has been in their care as a foster child. Perhaps the following details will be of assistance.

After her birth on 22nd February, 1966, Linda remained in the Elsie Inglis Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh, until 5th April, 1966, when she was discharged and placed in the foster care of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson. Contact with her mother, Miss Roseann Paterson Robertson was lost after 28th February, 1966, in spite of many attempts to communicate with her.

Linda remained with Mrs. Robertson and returned at intervals for further medical examinations to the Elsie Inglis Hospital. (copies of medical reports are enclosed).

On 30th November, 1967, a request to take Linda into care was made to the Edinburgh Children's Department.

Further attempts were made at this time to contact Linda's mother and it was discovered through relatives that she had married and become Mrs. Chalack. She was seen by Miss P. Wilson of Edinburgh Children's Department on 4th April, 1968, and Linda was received into care of that Department as from 9th April, 1968.

We /

We were advised by Edinburgh Children's Department that through contact with another branch of the family they had learned that Mrs. Chalack was expected to visit Edinburgh in November, 1968, prior to her departure to Mauritius with her husband.

We have had no further contact with Mrs. Chalack nor did we at any time obtain her formal consent to Linda's adoption although it was her expressed intention to offer her for adoption following Linda's birth. She received the Adoption of Children, Explanatory Memorandum and signed an acknowledgement of this on 28th February, 1966. (This is enclosed). At the same time she signed an authority for medical treatment etc., and this also is enclosed.

It may be that her mother still resides at 5 East Thomas Street, Edinburgh, 7, and she may be able to give Mrs. Chalack's present address. The Court may wish to have evidence of attempts to contact her for the purpose of obtaining her consent but if these have been unsuccessful I do not think that they will hesitate to dispense with her consent on the grounds that she has 'abandoned her child'.

With regard to the birth certificate, we hold only the abbreviated version and I see from our records that the original was sent to Mrs. Robertson the foster mother, on 30th September, 1966, for endorsement at the time of Linda's Baptism.

We have the following background details of the parents:-

Mother - Miss Roseann Paterson Robertson.
5 East Thomas Street,
Edinburgh, 7.

Date of birth - 15.6.46. Occupation - Lemonade Factory Worker.

Educated at Norton Park School, Edinburgh, leaving at 15.

Family - Mother alive. Four brothers and three sisters.

Appearance - 5'1½", fair hair, green eyes.

Intelligence assessed as average.

Putative Father - Mr. Albert Tanzi,
c/o Croalla,
12 Antigua Street,
Edinburgh.

Age - 26 yrs. Occupation - Counter Assistant.

Nationality /

Mrs. M. Sandiford (contd)
Galashiels.

4th August, 1972.

Nationality - Italian.

Family - Father and mother alive. Member of big family.

Appearance - 5'4", dark hair and brown eyes.

Health of both parents was said to be good.

Relationship lasted for about eight months but was broken off following pregnancy. Roseann was fond of children but her home circumstances did not permit her to keep her baby and she felt adoption would be in Linda's best interests.

Mrs. Robertson has not had this background information in writing and perhaps you would wish to pass it on to her. It is our usual practice to give as much information as possible to adoptive parents for the information of the adopted child as it grows. I am sorry that we cannot give a fuller picture in this case.

If there is anything further you wish to ask you will no doubt be in touch with me again.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret G. Combe

Miss Margaret G. Combe.

Adoption Supervisor.

FOREL R. CHARACK,
D080469F,
HMS PEMBROKE,
CHATHAM,
KENT
30-8-72

Dear Mrs. Sandford,

I am writing to
you with a personal request
It is for my own peace of mind
really.

As it is possible for you to
write to me to tell me the

colour of Linda Robertson's hair

I'll be very soon change to

you, I'm afraid I find it hard

to explain to myself why I

want to know. It's just

that my mind is in such a
state of turmoil that I have
to know something for certain
if it is possible, could you
please send the reply to the
address on the letter, if not,
well, thank you anyway.

Yours sincerely
P. H. L. S.

MFS/JT

Mrs. Robertson,
2, Pennywell Road,
West Pilton,
EDINBURGH, 4.

8th August, 1972.

Dear Mrs. Robertson,

Mrs. Rose CHALACK (nee Robertson)

I refer to your daughter mentioned above and to her child Linda Robertson, born 22nd February, 1966.

Linda Robertson was placed with foster parents in this area several years ago. Both the child and the foster parents are very happy and I have recently been notified of their intention to adopt Linda.

In order to proceed with the adoption, I must contact your daughter now known as Mrs. Chalack and obtain her consent to the adoption. I would be grateful for any help you can give in tracing her.

Yours sincerely,

M. F. Sandiford, (Mrs.),
Social Worker.

POREL R. CHANCK

DO80469F,

1, MESS,

HMS COLLINGWOOD,

FAREHAM,

HANTS.

20/8/72.

Dear Madam,

I am writing on behalf of my wife who was before our marriage Rose Robertson.

My wife is in agreement that the adoption should go ahead of the child Linda Robertson for the sake of the child and herself.

If you have to contact her in person she is residing

at,

14, MARLBOUGH ST.

PORTOBELLO,

EDINBURGH.

I would add one word of warning, my wife's family have tried to cause trouble between my wife and myself over the child, so I think it would be best that if there is any further correspondence to send it to me using my rate, name and service number I will receive it.

Yours Sincerely

R. C. M. M.

REPORT

Linda Robertson, known as Katrina D.O.B. 22.2.66

Foster Parent, Mrs. Robertson, (no relation) Church Bank, Elm Row, Galashiels

Father: Albert Tanzi (31) worked as Cafe Manager in Leith but his whereabouts have been unknown since before birth of child. He was believed to be an Italian.

Mother: Rose Robertson born 15.6.46, married in 1967 and her name is now Chalack. She no longer is resident in Edinburgh and left for Mauritius in 1968 with her husband. Her mother lives at 2-Pennywell Road but the family has shown no interest in the child.

Referral: Baby intended for adoption - failed medical.

Social History: Linda was received in to the care of this Department in March of 1968 following a referral from the Church of Scotland.

Linda was her mother's first baby born to her when she was 19. Within the first week Linda Developed Physiological Jaundice but this faded fairly quickly. In the fifth week a Cardiac murmur was noticed - an organic murmur and the Lesion was thought to be a Ventricular Septal defect.

This meant that the original plan to have Linda adopted was put in doubt. She was discharged to her present foster parents on the 5th of April 1966. Linda began to thrive at this home and she was seen regularly at the Edale Inglis Memorial Maternity Hospital.

In November of 1967 the Church of Scotland Department of Social and Moral Welfare contacted the then Children's Department. Linda's mother had wanted to place her for adoption but whilst with her foster parents Linda failed the necessary medical. Her foster mother expressed a wish to keep Linda on a long-term basis with a possible view to adoption when Linda is older. They had at that time no contact from her mother since February 1966 and they were therefore requesting that this Department accept financial responsibility but they would continue supervision.

Some difficulty was encountered in contacting Miss Robertson, by then Mrs. Chalack, so that the necessary forms could be signed. She was eventually seen in March of 1968 and was apparently in the dark about Linda's medical condition and why adoption was halted. She was then about to leave for Sheffield with her husband, prior to going to Mauritius where he had been stationed by Royal Navy. Her mother-in-law stays at 1 Miles Road, Shirecliffe, Sheffield, Yorks, but she knows nothing about Linda.

Linda: known as Katrina to her foster family, now appears to be developing very well. She attends a play group four mornings a week, and this has improved her speech and her development in general. Her heart condition appears much improved, although she is seen annually at the Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children. She had her Tonsils and Adenoids removed in February 1970, and has now recovered from this.

She is a lively "happy-go-lucky" child who has a shock of red hair and apparently the temper to go with it according to her foster mother.

This is a happy foster family, including 15 year-old, 13 year-old and 10 year-old children of the Robertsons. There is a great deal of affection in this family, but I feel that Mrs. Robertson will need help to tell Linda that she is fostered and they do not appear ready to make any decision about adoption.

The Doctors are pleased with Linda's progress in all spheres and she seems to be developing well. The foster home is quite satisfactory both materially and emotionally. The house is detached and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and inside is comfortably furnished. Linda is very fond of her foster parents and she believes they are her natural parents. There are always children in and out of this home and Linda has no difficulty making relationships.

Miss M. Watt

Social Worker

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

TELEPHONE 031-667-6811

SCIENNES ROAD

EDINBURGH 9

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12 AUG 1968

Wards 1, 2 and 7

Outpatients by
appointment

Professor J. O. Forfar
Dr J. W. Farquhar
Dr T. T. S. Ingram
Dr R. A. Miller
Dr W. M. McCrae

COPY

29th April 1968

Dr A.Y. Adam,
12 Sime Place,
GALASHIELS.

Dear Dr Adam,

Katrina Robertson (22.2.66),
Church Bank, Galashiels.

I saw this child again at the Out-patient Department on 22nd April 1968. There have apparently been no problems since she was last seen in October 1967. Mother is now somewhat happier with the child's development. It would seem that, although speech is rather slow and psychomotor development generally is perhaps slower than average, this is not a situation which could be clearly described as abnormal. I have discussed this matter fully with the foster mother.

On examination on this occasion I found the child's tonsils considerably enlarged and there seemed to be some evidence of upper respiratory obstruction. I have therefore taken the liberty of seeking the advice of our E.N.T. Department.

Yours sincerely,

(W. Morrice McCrae)
Consultant Physician

29th April 1968

Dr J.F. Birrell,
E.N.T. Department,
Royal Hospital for Sick Children,
EDINBURGH, 9.

Dear Dr Birrell,

Katrina Robertson (22.2.66),
Church Bank, Galashiels.

I would be grateful if you would see this child. She is at present being fostered and is likely to be adopted in the near future.

I saw her originally because of the suspicion of a cardiological abnormality. In fact, no lesion has been shown. While she has been seen from time to time, it has become apparent that there is some slight indication of poor psychomotor development. The more immediate problem, however, is that the child has evidence of upper respiratory obstruction in that she snores and has rather frequent upper respiratory infections.

On examination her tonsils seemed unduly large and I should be grateful if you would see her.

Yours sincerely,

(W. Morris McCrae)
Consultant Physician

WJM/AMW

about this baby but I thought in fact that I had already written to you. The baby is the first baby of a mother aged 19 years. The mother was well during her pregnancy and the baby was born on 22.2.66 at 36 weeks gestation by dates by normal delivery with a birth weight of 4 lbs. 2 ozs. Her condition at birth was satisfactory and no abnormalities were discovered on routine examination.

In the first week she developed a moderate physiological jaundice but this faded fairly rapidly over the next few days. Her general progress was slow for the first two weeks of life but she then began to gain weight quite rapidly. It was not until during the fifth week of life that a cardiac murmur was first noticed and this was a systolic murmur grade II/VI heard maximally at the lower left sternal edge and at the apex. There was no cardiomegaly, no palpable thrills and the peripheral pulses were present. A chest x-ray and E.C.G. were within normal limits but there is no doubt that this is an organic murmur and the lesion is almost certainly a ventricular septal defect. The baby was, however, discharged to foster parents on 5.4.66, her weight at that stage being 6 lbs. 2 ozs.

In view of her probably prematurity she had been started at the age of three weeks on extra vitamins, Abidec drops 0.3 ml. daily and an oral iron preparation.

I have seen the baby twice since discharge at the follow-up clinic and she continues to thrive. She has had no signs or symptoms referable to her cardio-vascular system and on clinical examination, she is obviously a thriving baby though the cardiac signs remain unchanged.

I should like to see the baby at intervals at least during the first year of her life and at that stage I will probably refer her to Dr Macrae at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children for further follow up. Dr. Macrae is, in fact, the Consultant Paediatrician to this hospital and he already knows the details about this baby. I do not anticipate the baby running into any trouble from the congenital heart lesions at this stage and no specific treatment is necessary. However, if you ever thought it necessary for the baby to be admitted to hospital as an emergency, Dr Macrae's ward at the Sick Children's Hospital is Ward I.

I have arranged to see the baby again in 6 weeks time. (sgd)

John Higgins.
Paediatric Registrar

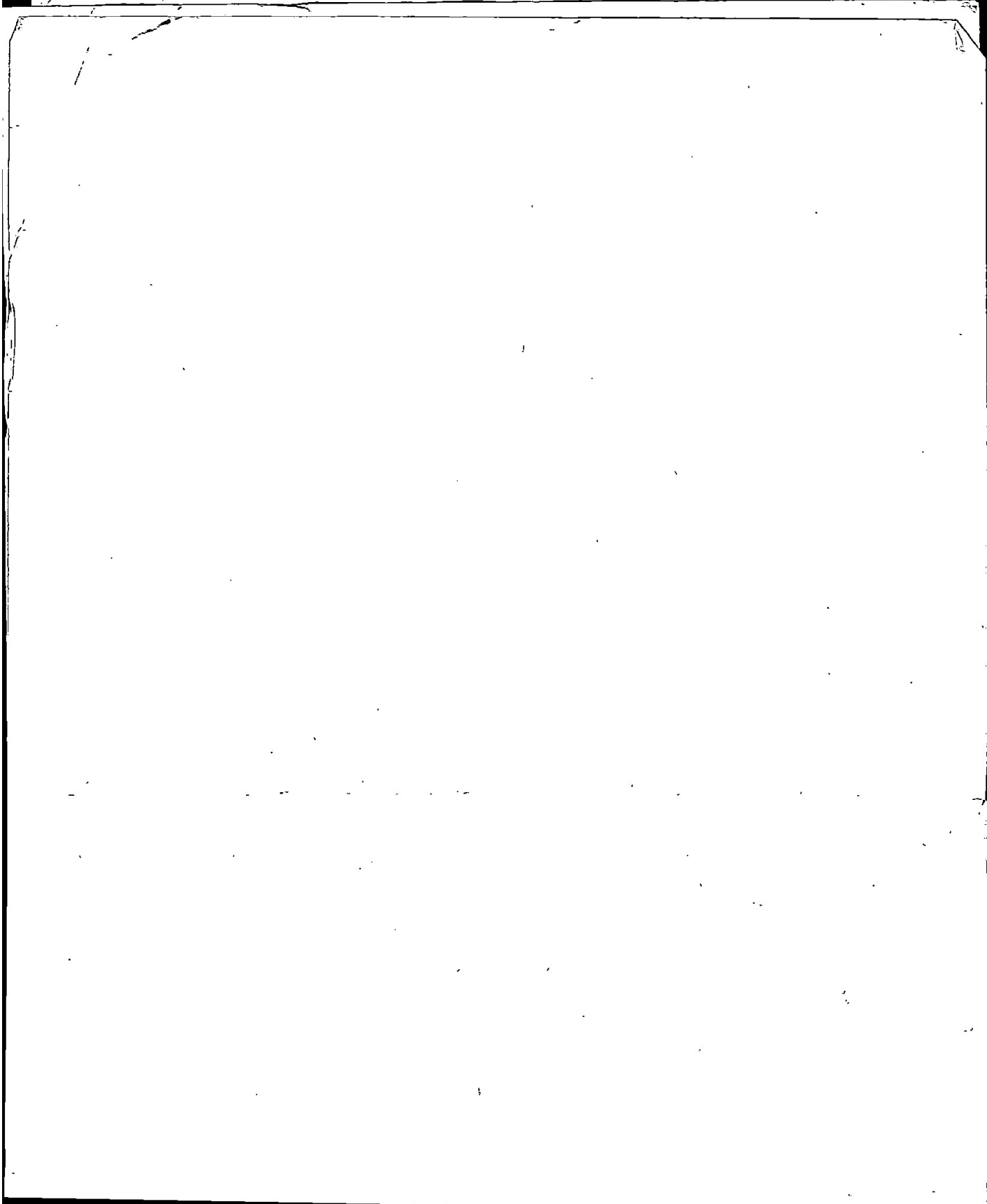
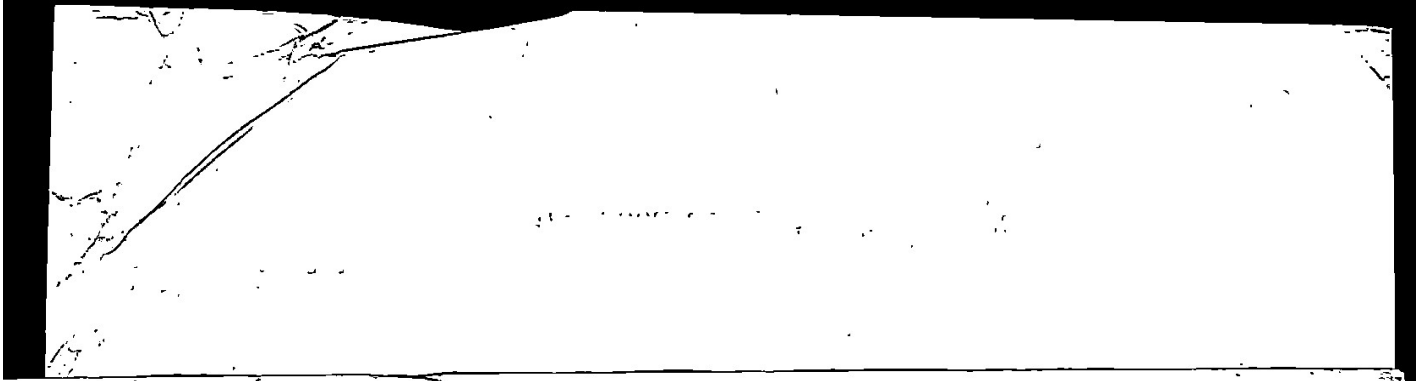
Letter from E.I.M.M. Hospital - 29th September, 1966.

Dear Dr Adam, I am sorry for the delay in sending you this letter. I saw the baby earlier this month and she continues to thrive. There are two minor problems about which Mrs Robertson was somewhat worried. The first is that the baby has developed sore buttocks but these, I gather, are improving with simple treatment. The second problem is that the baby has developed what appears to be a sweat rash in the fold of the neck but there is an eczematous reaction behind both ears and at the outer edge of the left eye. Probably these lesions would clear up quickly with an ointment or cream containing both a steroid and an antibiotic. I have asked Mrs Robertson to consult you first about treatment.

The signs in the cardio-vascular system remain unchanged but there is no evidence of cardiac failure. There is obviously no need for any specific treatment at present. I have arranged to see the baby again in two months time. (sgd) John Higgins, Paediatric Registrar.

Letter from E.I.M.M. Hospital - 14th December, 1966.

Dear Dr Adam, This baby's general progress continues to be good, but on examination the sounds in the cardiovascular system remain unchanged. I have had a further chest X-ray taken and this shows that both the cardiac shadow and the lung fields are within normal limits, although there appears to be a little prominence of the hilar regions. I have arranged to see the baby again in three months time and I will then be referring her to Dr. Macrae at the Sick Children's Hospital for his opinion and advice as to whether more detailed investigations would be necessary, (sgd) John Higgins, Paediatric Registrar.





SHERIFF CLERK'S OFFICE
Sheriff Court House Selkirk TD7 4LE

Telephone Selkirk 3269

Your reference

Our reference

Date 27th March, 1973.

The Director,
Social Work Department,
Selkirk County Council,
30 Galapark Road,
GALASHIELS.

Dear Sir,

Adoption - Linda Ann Robertson

I have to inform you that the Sheriff to-day granted the above Adoption Order.

I return herewith Marriage Certificate.

Yours faithfully,

Janette A. Scott

Sheriff Clerk Depute.



General Register Office for Scotland
New Register House Edinburgh EH1 3YT

Telephone 031-556 3952

Miss J Bell
Department of Social Work
30 Galapark Road
Galashiels
TD1 1EU

Your reference
- - - JB/LW
Our reference
ACR 105/464
Date
6 April 1973

Dear Miss Bell

I refer to your recent letter enclosing remittance of 70p.

The entry in the Adopted Children Register relating to Katrina Robertson was made in accordance with the direction in the Certified Copy Adoption Order received from the Sheriff Clerk, Selkirk on 27 March 1973 and any extract from the Adopted Children Register could only be issued in this name.

If you wish to have the entry altered then you should contact the Sheriff Clerk, Selkirk as to the procedure.

I will retain your remittance of 70p meantime pending your reply in which please quote the reference number ACR 105/464.

Yours sincerely

J Nisbet

ENC: Nil

Copy/-

SHERIFF COURT, SELKIRK

R E P O R T

by

Curator ad litem

in the

PETITION

of

FRANK ROBERTSON and JEAN ISA-
:BELLA CONNOCHIE or ROBERTSON

FOR AUTHORITY TO ADOPT

LINDA ANN ROBERTSON.

1972.

V.W. Jaffray & Co., Galashiels.

REPORT

by

Curator ad litem

in the

PETITION

of

FRANK ROBERTSON, Foreman Tuner, and
JEAN ISABELLA CONNOCHIE or ROBERTSON,
his wife, both residing at Churchbank,
Elm Row, Galashiels

FOR AUTHORITY TO ADOPT

LINDA ANN ROBERTSON, also residing at
Churchbank, Elm Row, Galashiels.

The Curator has investigated as far as possible all the circumstances of the said Linda Ann Robertson (hereinafter called "the said child") along with other matters relative to the proposed adoption with a view to safeguarding the interests of the said child and reports to the Court as follows :-

1. The Curator visited both Petitioners at their home on Wednesday, 22nd November, 1972. The Petitioners clearly understand the meaning of the Petition and their responsibilities if it be granted. The statements in the Petition, so far as can be ascertained, are correct.

2. The said child is the illegitimate daughter of Rose Ann Paterson Robertson (now Chalack) care of 2, Pennywell Road, Edinburgh, but paternity of the said child was not admitted at the time of birth by the putative father nor established by Decree of Court.

3. The said child is a British subject having been born at the Elsie Inglis Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh on the 22nd day of February, 1966. The said child was received into the care and possession of the Petitioners on 5th April, 1966 and has been continuously in their care and possession since that date.

4. The male Petitioner is a Foreman Tuner with West of Scotland/

Scotland Home Industries of Langhaugh, Galashiels and his weekly wage is in excess of £35. The female Petitioner is a part-time Nursing Assistant at Dingleton Hospital, Melrose and earns on average £11.27 per week for 2 nights duty. The means and status of the Petitioners are such as to enable them to maintain and educate the said child as a member of their own family.

5. The said child is now thriving and is obviously well cared for by the Petitioners. The Curator was informed that at birth the said child had a malfunction of the heart valve which rendered her somewhat vulnerable to colds and chills. She has been examined at regular intervals over the years by specialists and by the family Doctor, Dr. A. Y. Adam of Galashiels. The said child wears glasses apparently for a weakness in her left eye but she has been in very good health in the past 18 months. The said child now attends St. Peter's Episcopal School in Galashiels and the teachers are impressed with her ability. The said child is plainly very happy and is treated with great affection by the Petitioners.

6. The dwellinghouse at Churchbank, Elm Row, is owned by the Petitioners and is situated in a quiet residential area of the Town. The accommodation now consists of a sitting-room, large kitchen and bathroom on the ground floor, with two bedrooms on the first floor and two further attic bedrooms. The dwellinghouse is neat and tidy, very well maintained and the said child has her own bedroom on the first floor adjoining the bedroom of the Petitioners.

7. The said child has no interest or rights in any property and no insurances have been effected on her life.

8. The natural mother of the said child has granted formal consent to this Petition.

It is the opinion of the Curator that from every point of view it would be in the best interests of the said child that this/

this Petition be granted and there would appear to be no need for any Interim Order or for any special conditions to be attached to the making of an Order.

Reported by

solicitor, Galashiels.
Curator ad litem.

GALASHIELS.
23rd November, 1972.

V. W. JAFFRAY & CO.
SOLICITORS.

V.W. JAFFRAY, M.A., LL.B.
TELEPHONE 3117.

ENCLS. 1.
OUR REF. VWJ/AWN.
YOUR REF.

Bridge Place,
Galashiels TD1 1SN

19th February, 1973.

Miss Janet Bell,
Social Worker,
Social Welfare Department,
Galapark Road,
Galashiels.

Dear Miss Bell,

Adoption position:
Linda Ann Robertson.

The writer was appointed Curator ad litem in the Petition of Frank Robertson and Jean Isabella Connachie or Robertson residing at "Churchbank", Elm Row, Galashiels for Authority to adopt Linda Ann Robertson who was received into the care of the Petitioners on 5th April, 1966.

We enclose for perusal copy of the Report which we lodged in Selkirk Sheriff Court on 23rd November last.

In a note from Sheriff Isabel Sinclair, Q.C., the Sheriff observes "There are certain unusual features in this Petition and I should like the following points cleared before I give consent :- (1) An explanation for the very long time which has elapsed between the Petitioners taking the child into care and the present Petition; and (2) Some assurance that the husband of the natural mother has no legal rights in the matter - or if he has such rights, his consent to the adoption.

Perhaps Mr. Jaffray could do a short supplementary Report on these matter."

For ourselves we do not consider that the husband of the natural mother has any legal rights in the matter and indeed he only became aware of the Petition in the most unfortunate circumstances.

We should however like to have your observations on the first query raised by the Sheriff so that we may frame the supplementary Report as stipulated by her.

We are,

Yours faithfully,



Selkirk County Council,
Social Work Department,
30, Galapark Road,
Galashiels,
TD1 1EU,
Selkirkshire.
Telephone No. Galashiels 2178.

Social Worker:

Mrs. M. Sandiford

CHILD: LINDA ROBERTSON - 6yrs. Date of Placement: 1966. APRIL.

Prospective adopters with
whom child was placed by
agency

Name MR. FRANK + MRS JEAN ISABELLA ROBERTSON
Address CHURCH BANK, ELN RAY,
Telephone No. GALASHIELS.

Child's On Birth Certificate
Name LINDA ROBERTSON

Date of Birth 22.2.66.

As chosen by
prospective adopters KATRINA

Place of Birth
EDINBURGH (SIMPSON'S)

Physical description of child:

RED HAIR, PALE SKIN, FRECKLED COMPLEXION.

POOR EYESIGHT.

HISTORY OF CARDIO-VASCULAR DISEASE (MEDICAL REPORTS ATTACHED)

Has the mother specified a religion for the
child?

Has the child been baptised?

If so what religion? PROTESTANT.

If so date: 1966.

place: GALASHIELS

Status of child: ~~Legitimate, Legitimised, Illegitimate, Adopted (Delete inapplicable)~~

Is the child entitled to property or insurance?

If yes, give details:

NONE.

Medical History of child from birth, showing birth weight, immunisations and any
special tests:

See reports attached.

Baby born. prem at 36 weeks,
weight 4lbs. 2033.

Has the child any history of serious illness or of mental or physical disorder?

If yes, give details:

Developed Jaundice during first week of life
- see reports attached.

Blood test and Urine test: See attached.

Result: Negative.

Any special comment on child's development or adjustment:

Continues to thrive physically
- Academically slow -

Has the child's mother or father or any member of their families any history of serious
illness or of physical or mental disorders as far as is known?

If yes, give details:

Mother - no.

Father - unknown.

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Name ROSE ROBERTSONDate of birth: 15.6.46.(NOW: Mrs CHALACK)Occupation: Factory worker.Address 10 Ferguson,
14 Marlborough Street,
Portobello
Edinburgh.Nationality: Scottish

Race:

~~Married~~ Single ~~Separated~~ ~~Divorced~~
(delete inapplicable)

Name and Address of mother's social worker:

Mrs. Combe.Church of Scotland Adoptive
Society
Edinburgh

Give brief background history of mother including relationship between her and baby's father and reasons mother gives for wishing baby to be adopted:

Linda was Min Robertson's 1st child, born to her
when she was 19.As far as is known, the mother had a very unhappy
childhood & adolescence. History of marital strife
in her parents' home - siblings - divorce, multiple
social problems - she left home following the birth of
the baby & tried to make a "clean break" from her
family. She had considered keeping the child but
felt she could cope alone.Physical Description of mother:Min Robertson married a naval officer in 1967 & he
was not aware of the birth of Linda. She now has 2
children (girls) of the marriage both born in Mauritius.
Her own mother has caused several domestic upsets
between ~~her mother~~ & ~~her~~ Rose & her husband &
when the question of adoption of Katrina was raised
recently, Rose's mother informed her husband. ThisMOTHER'S HUSBANDnews came as a great shock to the husband
but Rose now feels "better" about him knowing.If child has been born as a result of an extra-marital relationship: she feels she

Has consent of the mother's husband been obtained?

Yes. in no longer deceiving
him.

Husband Name:

Is he aware of child's birth? Yes.

Address:

Is he aware of adoption placing? Yes.What are his views on the adoption? agreement.If mother is separated from husband
give dates as appropriateDecree absolute
Legal separation
Unofficial separation

Any other details of marital situation?

Mr Chalack contacted the writer by letter & later by
telephone. He was relieved to know about the birth of
this child because he had always felt that
his wife was "holding back" in him. He said
there had been a strain in the marriage since their
return to Edinburgh but this had been due to the
interference of his wife's family. He & his wife
had made a final break with the family & they
would soon be moving to Hants. leaving no forwarding address.

PUTATIVE FATHER

If known and mother is willing for details to be given:

Age: 31 years

Occupation: Cafe owner.

Nationality: Italian

Race:

Name Albert Tanzi

Address Unknown

Is he aware of child's birth?

NO

Does he acknowledge paternity?

NO

What are his views on the adoption?

Has he made any payment whatsoever for the maintenance of the child?

If yes, What payments?

Brief Background History of Putative Father:

Unknown

Physical Description of Putative Father:

Unknown

PROSPECTIVE ADOPTERS

HUSBAND Surname ROBERTSON

Forenames: FRANK

Place and date of birth: 31.5.27

Domicile: GALASHIELLS

Nationality: SCOTTISH

Religion: PROTESTANT

Occupation and income:

FOREMAN TUNER Europa.

WIFE Surname ROBERTSON

Forenames: JEAN KATELA.

Place and date of birth: 19.34

Domicile: GALASHIELLS

Nationality: DO.

Religion: DO.

Occupation and income:

Nurse. -

Date and place of marriage: Newton SA Bowells. 25.7.53

Has either partner had a previous marriage? If so give details and how terminated:

No.

Children by birth:

Names:

Peter.

Ages: 18 - married

Jean.

16 -

Kathleen.

12

Other adopted children:

Names:

Ages:

Date of adoption:

Any foster or ~~protected~~ children in household? Katrina Robertson

Other members of household:

None.

Please use this space to give a picture, in terms of personal relationships, of all the adoptive family, including reasons for adoption and, if known, why the applicants are unable to have children by birth.

Katrina was placed in the foster care of Robertsons ^{at a few months old} & at that time she was only given a short time to live (2 years). Following treatment she responded well & medical opinion was that with care she could lead a fairly normal life. About 2 years ago the Robertsons discussed adoption but felt they could not go through

the process of "testing" Katrina she was not their natural child.

Physical description of adoptive Husband: She has now been well & there seems to be no adverse reaction. Mr. Robertson found the "testing" more painful than his wife & it is he who has expressed anxieties about Katrina's personality - will she be like her natural mother?

Physical description of adoptive Wife: The family seem to be a happy close knit group but Mr. Robertson is a rather narrow minded man who readily passes moral judgement on others. He talked about Katrina's natural mother as a "loose woman" and then

CERTIFICATE a week or so later his life was shattered with the news that his son's fiancée was 4 months pregnant. This caused him to say that "it can happen to anyone".

I certify that arrangements for the placement of this child were made by this Authority and that the information given above is correct.

Signature of person

responsible for placement:

M. J. and

Selkirk County Council

Date:

NOTE: It is suggested that two copies of this report be prepared, so that one copy may be available to the guardian-ad-litem if required.

PTO.

Mrs. Robertson seems to ~~derive~~ find comfort from
the support of the writer. She too, has anxieties
about the future of Katrina - will Katrina ask
about her own mother etc.

The writer is of the opinion that a follow-up
after the petition has been granted, will
be necessary for quite some time.

Name ROBERTSON, Katrina (Linda)

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Date

PROGRESS NOTES

SOCIAL HISTORY

Name ...ROBERTSON, Katrina (Linda).....

Continuation

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Date

PROGRESS NOTES

SOCIAL HISTORY

PART A—Background Information

Case No.

25/72

Surname ROBERTSON, Address
First Names Katrina 1. Churchbank, Elm Row, Galashiels
Date of Birth 22.2.66
Sex ~~Male~~ / Female 2.
Nationality British
Religion Prot. Active/Nominal 3.
Marital Status
With whom Residing 4.

Date of referral:

By whom referred:

Type of referral: Adoption

Previous contact with this Department
or other Social Work Departments:

Other Agencies in contact with the family:

Reports by other Agencies:

(i) Type of dwelling 4-bedroom privately owned house

(iv) Neighbourhood: Urban/Rural Rural

(ii) Overcrowded Yes No

(v) Other information

(iii) Rent per week

Family and other members of household. Enter person under supervision first and give relationship of others to him.

Name	Relationship	Age	Religion	Health	Occupation	Weekly Earnings
Katrina Robertson		6	Prot.		At school	
Frank Robertson		44			Foreman Turner	£30
Jean Robertson		37			part-time Nurse	
Jean		16				
Kathleen		12				

Family members not at home:

Name	Relationship	Age	Address
Peter			Married

Financial circumstances on weekly basis.

Income

Commitments

BIRTH DETAILS	ADOPTION DETAILS
SURNAME: ROBERTSON	SURNAME: ROBERTSON
FIRST NAME: LINDA MIDDLE NAME: ANN	FIRST NAME: KATRINA MIDDLE NAME:
DATE OF BIRTH: 22/02/66	DATE ADOPTION: 27/03/73

NATURAL FATHER	NATURAL MOTHER
SURNAME: NOT KNOWN	SURNAME: CHALACK
FORENAME(1) FORENAME(2) ALIAS	FORENAME(1) ROSE FORENAME(2) ANN ALIAS ROBERTSON
DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
TOWN OF DOMICILE	TOWN OF DOMICILE EDINBURGH
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ADOPTED	NUMBER OF CHILDREN ADOPTED 1

ADOPTIVE FATHER	ADOPTIVE MOTHER
SURNAME: ROBERTSON	SURNAME: ROBERTSON
FORENAME(1) FRANK FORENAME(2) ALIAS	FORENAME(1) JEAN FORENAME(2) ISABELLA ALIAS
DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
TOWN OF DOMICILE GALASHIELS	TOWN OF DOMICILE GALASHIELS
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ADOPTED 1	NUMBER OF CHILDREN ADOPTED 1

OTHER PAPERS	LOCATION
PHOTOGRAPHS	
TRINKETS	
LETTERS	

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All communications to be addressed to the Director of Social Service

Please Quote: MGC/AY

1st September, 1972.

RECORDED DELIVERY.

Mrs. M. Sandiford,
Social Worker,
Social Work Department,
30 Galapark Road,
GALASHIELS.

Dear Mrs. Sandiford,

re - Linda Robertson,
Known as Katrina Robertson.
Born. 22nd February, 1966.

I am now returning to you the signed Consent Form in this case, the birth certificate and marriage certificate which you sent to me.

I had quite a lengthy session with Mrs. Chalack this morning and she talked very readily and I feel satisfied so far as one can be that there is no doubt about the paternity of Linda. She asked about Linda and this gave me the opportunity to discuss her appearance and colouring. She told me that the father, Mr. Tanzi, was from Northern Italy and had brown hair but that there were reddish lights in it. The only other red hair in her family appears to be her grandfather.

She met her husband through her sister about a year before her marriage and there seems to be no question of him being in the picture at all at the time of Linda's birth. He seems to have been very distressed when he learned about Linda and Mrs. Chalack realises that she will have to be patient until he can get over his present feelings. She will continue to stay with her brother-in-law in Portobello until married quarters are available in the South of England. Mr. Chalack is a Petty Officer in the Navy and has been posted South and I have impressed upon her the importance of keeping in touch and letting us have her new address as soon as she moves.

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The letter which I am enclosing is one which she has written because of her fear of interference from her family. She is very anxious that they should not at any time be able to harm Linda or the adoption, and as you will see from the letter she intended this letter to be kept by the adoptive parents for Linda to read later. It is rather confused but her intention comes through. Her family do seem to be a difficult lot and from what she told me they like to make trouble.

Yours sincerely,

M. G. Combe

Miss Margaret G. Combe
Adoption Supervisor.