



Sample

BACKGROUND AND MEDICAL HISTORY OF [REDACTED]

BIRTH MOTHER:

Your birth mother was 18 years old at the time of your birth. She was 5'5" tall and weighed 109 pounds. She had brown hair, brown eyes, and a fair complexion. She was of Scottish, German, and English descent. She was of the Protestant faith. She was a high school graduate and was in the top of her class. In high school, she was on the track and swimming teams. She took pride in her health and strength. She hoped to go to college and become a veterinarian or marine biologist. She had work experience as a veterinary assistant and enjoyed it. She loved animals. She enjoyed sports.

Medical: She was in good health. She had a history of being iron deficient, but not during the pregnancy. On the day of your birth, her medical record reported Grade 2 systolic ejection murmur at the aortic area.

MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER:

She was 49 years old at the time of your birth. She was 5'2" and weighed 142 pounds. She had brown hair, brown eyes, and a fair complexion. She was a high school graduate and worked as a secretary. She was of the Protestant faith.

Medical: She was in good health.

Her mother passed away when she was 76 due to complications from diabetes. Her father was 87 years old at the time of your birth.

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER:

He was 50 years old at the time of your birth. He was 5'9" tall and weighed 135 pounds. He had black hair, blue eyes, and a dark complexion. He was a high school graduate and was a carpenter. He was of the Protestant faith. He enjoyed sports.

Medical: He was in good health.

His parents passed away many years before your birth.

BIRTH MOTHERS SIBLINGS:

Brother: He was 25 years old at the time of your birth. He was 5'6" tall and weighed 130 pounds. He has brown hair, brown eyes, and a fair complexion. He was a high school graduate and worked as a carpenter. He enjoyed sport and was on the track team. He was described as outgoing. He was in good health.

Brother: He was 20 years old at the time of your birth. He was 5'8" tall and weighed 120 pounds. He had brown hair, blue eyes, and a fair complexion. He was a college student. He was described as outgoing. He was in good health.

BIRTH FATHER:

Your birth father was 20 years old at the time of your birth. He was 5'8" tall and weighed 135 pounds. He had brown hair, blue eyes, and a fair complexion. He was a high school graduate and worked as a carpenter. He was described as loving kind, and outgoing. In high school, he was on the track team. He enjoyed swimming, skin diving, music, and chess.

Medical: He was in good health.

PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER:

She was 47 years old at the time of your birth. She was 5'10" tall and weighed 120 pounds. She had brown hair, brown eyes, and a dark complexion. She was a high school graduate and was a manager of a store. She was of the Protestant faith.

Medical: She was in good health.

PATERNAL GRANDFATHER:

He was 51 years old at the time of your birth. He was 5'8" tall and weighed 140 pounds. He had brown hair, blue eyes, and a fair complexion. He was a high school graduate and worked as an accountant/book keeper.

Medical: Your birth mother believed he was in good health.

BIRTH FATHER'S SIBLINGS:

Brother: He was 29 years old at the time of your birth. He was 5'8" tall and weighed 140 pounds. He had brown hair, brown eyes and a fair complexion. He completed some college and worked as a security guard. He was described as friendly. He was in good health.

Brother: He was 20 years old at the time of your birth. (Not sure about him being the same age as his brother as twins were not mentioned) he was 5'10" tall and weighed 130 pounds. He had brown hair, blue eyes, and a fair complexion. He was a high school graduate and worked for the postal service. He was described as friendly. He was in good health.

MEDICAL AND PLACEMENT HISTORY:

Your birth mother and father dated for a time. When he learned of the pregnancy, he discontinued the relationship. Your birth mother moved away and was living with a friend at the time of your birth. In the home were two birds, a cat, and two large dogs. Your birth mother wanted more for you than she could give. She hoped for you a loving, happy, stable home in which you could grow to achieve your full potential.

- DOB: 9/28/1978 at 4:00 PM
- You were delivered at the birth mothers home with the help of a friend. You were brought to the hospital for observation and discharged on 10/1/1978. You were healthy.
- Full term gestation. Birth weight: 7 pounds, 3.5 ounces. Length: 20.5 inches.
- 10/5/1978: Your birth mother brought you to a doctor. She reported you were healthy.

- 10/9/1978: Your birth mother came to the CHS office with you to plan for adoption. You were taken to the doctor the same day. You weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and were 21 inches long. You had some thrush but were otherwise in good health. You were placed in a foster home.
- 10/30/1978: You saw the doctor. You weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and were 22.75 inches long. Head: 15 inches. You still has some thrush and diaper rash.
- 11/1/1978: Placed in Adoptive home
- 9/17/1979: Adoption finalized

Overview of Adoption Archive services

The Adoption Archive Unit offers post adoption services to those involved in the private infant adoption program through CHS for the entire state since 1902. This may mean we work with a birth parent, adoptive parent, or adoptee. This may mean we work with someone who was adopted 65 years ago, or 18 years ago, or five years ago. Last fiscal year, we received 723 inquiries about our services. We keep detailed records of each interaction for future reference.

The AAU offers several different services. We offer counseling to any adoption triad member who needs to talk at no charge. Adoption affects a birth mother, adoptive parent, or adoptee differently and they all have their own unique feelings. A person involved in adoption can be very well adjusted and have dealt with it well, but some have a harder time with it at different points in their lives. There are common issues for each group. As a counselor, I can talk with them about these issues and what they are feeling. A counseling session could be 10 minutes or it could be longer, depending on need.

The AAU can assist with passing letters back and forth known as "updates" between birth and adoptive parents before the adopted child turns 18. This service is upon request and is done at no charge. We offer this mainly for those divisions that have closed to private infant adoptions within the last 18 years. This is an invaluable service as it lets an adoptee know more about their birth parent and helps with identity issues they may have. It lets them know their birth parents are not unknown entities but are real people in the world. It lets a birth mother know her birth child is ok and can help her cope. We usually do about three of these per month.

Our primary services are preparing reports of non-identifying information and search and possible reunion services. The report of non-identifying information is a nice way for an adoptee to know more about the story at the time of the adoption, characteristics of their birth families, medical information from the time, and their placement history. Sometimes this is all an adoptee wants, or it may make them more curious and lead them to search for a birth parent. This is a paid service at \$300.

We also provide search and reunion services. This is the active search for a birth parent or adoptee to determine if they are open to a reunion. If so, then I help facilitate that by having the adoptee and birth parent exchange letters back and forth through me until they feel comfortable sharing more identifying information in those letters. If a person is not open to a reunion, then I try and share as much updated non-identifying information with the other party that is provided. Each case is so different both in the search and also in the reunion stage. I serve also as the role of counselor to all parties involved during the search and reunion process. This is a paid service at \$750 for a search for one person and \$250 for the second person.

If a person is getting the report and a search, we take \$150 off the cost. If a person has a total household income at or below the poverty level we can do a free or reduced fee search for one person. If a person is currently incarcerated, we give them a free search for one person.