

I have just become aware of this inquiry into adoptions between 1939 -1980. I was adopted by older first-time parents who really had no business adopting. But here we are, all my life I have not been good enough because I wasn't blood. They, fortunately, didn't impose their archaic views on any more children, however, enough damage was done to me. Naturally unaware of how my life would have been different had I not been forcibly removed from my unwed mother, I'm sure there would at least be a sense of belonging. My birth parents did ultimately marry and have more kids but don't want anything to do with me. This has had a major effect on my mental health, struggling since I was very young with old parents that had little compassion or care and told me I was ungrateful and they would send me to a reform school. Mind you I did nothing wrong, never been in trouble at all. No drugs, alcohol or crime, or smoking. The only thing I did was start having children myself at 16 as I needed to make a family.

I really don't know what is required for this submission but this is all I have time for at this, the eleventh hour.