

Barbara Gabbles

Dear Mr. Humphreys,

I am hoping to find a sister I have never met. About 1932 mother gave birth to a baby girl. Mother, Mervene May Hunt, & her sister Dyes Karynner Dorothy Rose were in Parramatta girls home together. The reason mother & aunt were placed there was because grand father Herbert William Hunt died of a heart attack. They had lost a baby boy approx. birth earlier & ^{grand mother} she couldn't cope with the loss & was sent to a mental hosp. The two older boys heard they were going into care so they took off leaving the 3 younger children who went into foster care & mother & aunt going to Parramatta. Mother was sent to Bickley Granville from there into care. I have enclosed all the information I was able to collect.

As a young child I could not understand why she was as she was towards me. All I remember was

He gave her put her arms around me & tell me
she loved me but that was never it happen.
It didn't matter how hard I tried to gain her
love & affection. What made it harder was the other
siblings didn't seem to have any trouble. I just
couldn't hear for my dad who took me under
his wing. Heaven only knew where I would have
ended up. Mother never spoke of her childhood
& I didn't find out about my sister very late in
life. When I was told I could understand now
why mother was as she was. I was born in 1934
Believe me it wasn't easy. As what must have
she & her sister gone through when was the support
& protection that she needed at the time. Why
is there no record in N.S.W. of the birth, death
or adoption of my sister. Could the boy (baby's
father) & his parents take the baby with care
and to adopt & baby given his sister's name
Could the following names mean anything
Puckridge, my grandmother's maiden name.
or Wardworth a name heard in passing.

Could mother have used one of these instead
of Mary. Thank you for reading my letter.

Barbara G.

Please help me before its too late.

Name of Child Shunt

Shunt Born 16.5.15 School Religion Ag

Father

Mother Elizabeth Shunt, Mental Asylum

10246

No. of Papers

NAMES

ADDRESSES

PARTICULARS OF FOSTER PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

Whence Received. BD

Entry Date

When Received

How Placed

Mrs Lawson

William de Bidura
Granville
de Melton

20.4.26 28.4.26

12.5.26 11.5.26 B

14.6.26 14.6.26



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Dear Barbara,

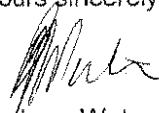
I am writing in response to your letter for adoption information.

Extensive searches of our records have failed to locate a record of adoption or wardship for any children born to your mother within New South Wales. A search was conducted using the surname and other details you supplied. If you are able to supply us with any additional information, such as any other names that may have been used, further searches will be conducted.

As discussed, please find enclosed a Departmental folio card providing information about your mother.

If you wish to discuss this letter please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number. I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely


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30/7/04

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