

Form 5 (copy attached)

This form was signed by Matron [REDACTED] in October 1963. I cannot believe she could have remembered me from the previous July due to the huge number of girls passing through the Haven. The form states that I informed her that my baby was illegitimate and no order had been made for the maintenance of the child. I did not inform her of that at all. In fact, I was aware that my mother had been paying maintenance for [REDACTED]. A verbal agreement between her and Matron [REDACTED] had been entered into until she was told to cease payment by Matron [REDACTED]. If maintenance had been an issue of whether I could have kept [REDACTED] and I had understood it properly, her father would have willingly paid it. Nobody ever explained to me about fathers paying maintenance. I never saw a form 5 until around 1997. [REDACTED] father was in a full time, permanent government position (GPO) and was in a position to pay maintenance and would have willingly paid it. He was never asked. We were engaged to be married in early November 1963. This was prior to [REDACTED] adoption on 21st November 1963.

Guardian ad Litem Form (copy attached)

Matron [REDACTED] states she knows the applicants and had investigated their home. This implies that they were her clients. I was her client as well, she was being paid board for my keep. This to me is a conflict of interest. When I was in contact with AIS in 1997 to gather information I was informed by a staff member [REDACTED] that I need not have gone through the Salvation Army with [REDACTED] adoption. There was a choice between them and Community Services. Matron [REDACTED] never offered this choice either to myself or my mother, either at the time I was admitted to the Haven or after [REDACTED] birth.

