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Hello

My name is [REDACTED] My mother is one of the victims of forced adoptions but like most things she will not talk about it or come forward. She has shared some of what she encountered, as her secret was exposed 10 years ago. I will tell you what i know, but i am sure there is a lot more to this story. The adoptee was my older half sister (she named us both [REDACTED]).

My mum:

[REDACTED]

Born in Victoria

Child:

[REDACTED]

Born Royal Womens Hospital Melbourne

Mum was sent to St Josephs in Broadmedows for her pregnancy, where she said the nuns were cruel.

My mum was put in a taxi to hospital when in labor. She told me during her time in hospital she was drugged. She was not allowed to hold her baby. She was told it was not her baby.

My grandmother had a heartattack while my mother was in hospital and because my mum had been training as a nurse previously she went straight home to Tynong to care for my grandmother.

Mum has never recieved counselling, she was brought up not to "air her dirty laundry". My mum has significant emotional trauma and yet has never allowed herself permission to get help.

12 years ago after I found out about my sister i began search for her. My mother was very upset but I think out of shame my mother came with me to catholic finding service appointment. That they had located [REDACTED] and had received a reply.

We had contact with her for about a year, she even moved down closer to my area with her family. But things were strained and she moved away and didnt want to meet again. I dont think at the time i really understood how to react to her complex feelings she must have had. She was very hot and cold and i wasnt patient or mature enough. My mum and [REDACTED] were always polite but it was never warm.

This topic is has been off limits with my mother ever since.

I hope that this brief account with names removed can be added.

Sincerely

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