

Background Report

Jane Jones

The following information has been compiled from a review of existing Cradle records. The information contained herein is based on what was reported to us by our clients at the time of adoption.

Infant	
Birth Date: January 26, 1974	Time of Birth: 1:25pm
Birth Weight: 7 lbs 8 oz	Birth Length: 21 inches
Place of birth: Evanston Hospital, Evanston, IL	
Date Entered Cradle: 1/29/1974	Date Placed with Adoptive Parents: 2/27/1974
Date of Adoption: 8/28/1974	Cradle Name: Clara
Additional Information: Your birth mother began pre-natal care in September, 1973 and took prescribed vitamins and calcium pills. This was her first pregnancy. There were no illnesses or complications during her pregnancy. She reported no alcohol, drug use or smoking during her pregnancy. Your birth mother's pregnancy was full term; 40 weeks. Labor was described as easy and lasted 8 hours 45 minutes. The drug Demerol was administered during labor. No forceps were used during delivery.	

Birth Mother	
Age: 20	Race: Caucasian
Height: 5' 6"	Descent: German, Irish
Weight: 145	Religion: Protestant
Hair: Brown	Marital Status: Single
Eyes: Brown	Employment: Part-time Secretary
Complexion: Fair	Residence: Middle Western United States
Education: High school graduate, some college	
Interests: Painting and drawing, music	
Additional Information: Your birth mother took piano lessons growing up.	

Birth Father	
Age: 23	Race: Caucasian
Height: 5' 10"	Descent: Italian
Weight: 167 lbs	Religion: Catholic
Hair: Black	Marital Status: Single
Eyes: Brown	Employment: Construction
Complexion: Medium	Residence: Middle Western United States
Education: High school graduate	
Interests: Sports	
Additional Information: Your birth father was not involved in the plans being made for your adoption. Your birth mother provided information about him, including his name. It is not known if he knew about your birth mother's pregnancy or your adoption.	

Family Information

Birth Mother:

Your birth mother's mother was 45 years old. She had brown hair, blue eyes, and fair skin. She was of Irish descent. She was a high school graduate and was a homemaker. She had previously been employed as a nurse in a hospital.

Your birth mother's father was 47 years old. He stood 5' 8" tall, with blonde hair, brown eyes, and fair skin. He was of German descent. He was a college graduate. He was employed as a manager of a manufacturing company.

Your birth mother's parents were married and lived in the Middle Western United States.

Your birth mother had two siblings. Her younger brother was 18 years old and her younger sister was 15 years old. Both were high school students.

Birth Father:

Your birth father's mother was 52 years old with brown hair and brown eyes. She was of Italian descent. She was a high school graduate and completed two years of college. She was a homemaker.

Your birth father's father was 53 years old with a stocky build, black hair, and brown eyes. He was of Italian descent. He was a high school graduate. He was employed in construction.

Your birth father's parents were married and lived in the Middle Western United States.

Your birth father had three siblings. His two sisters were 25 and 17 years old. His brother was 20 years old.

Additional Information

Your birth parents met through a mutual friend. They dated casually for six months but had ended their relationship before your birth mother discovered her pregnancy. She reported she had not seen him since and had been unable to contact him.

Your birth mother first contacted the Cradle in August, 1973. She was living at home with her parents. Your birth mother explored her options and believed adoption was the best plan for you. She did not feel she could provide you everything you needed and she also wanted you to grow up in a two parent home. Your birth mother's parents were supportive of her decision to make a plan of adoption for you.

Your birth mother's parents accompanied her to the hospital when she went into labor. Your birth mother and her mother saw you in the hospital and brought you to the Cradle together. Your birth mother came to the Cradle on February 7th, 1974 and signed the legal documents necessary for your adoption. She was described as tearful but remained firm in her belief that adoption was the best plan for you.

Your birth mother hoped to return to college.

Medical Information

Birth Mother:

Your birth mother was in good health. Your birth mother suffered from hay fever and had chicken pox as a child.

Your birth mother's mother had hay fever and was allergic to cats. Your birth mother's father was nearsighted and wore glasses. Your birth mother's brother was in good health. Her maternal grandmother was an adult diabetic dependant on insulin and at the time of your birth was in her late 60's. Her maternal grandfather was healthy and in his early 70's. Her paternal grandmother was 91 years old and in a nursing home – she was senile. She also had glaucoma. Her paternal grandfather was deceased in his late 60's due to a heart attack.

Birth Father:

Your birth mother reported she believed your birth father was in good health. The complete health and health history of your birth father is unknown.