

I'm turning 56 and an adopted adult still residing in Connecticut where I was born. My adopted mom worked for children services by caring for infants who were put up for adoption. She also adopted a boy who is 6 yrs older than me. He had a emotional issues as he had no info of his birth mom or father. For medical reasons I'd want to know and not spend medical dollars on diagnosing my health concerns. I don't want to be tested like a lab animal due to my lack of history. Adoptees have the ethical and humane rights to know their bloodline. If clots or some medical condition is within my bloodline.. I need to know-.So I can have a health lifestyle and not hear a doctor say that there was no history for him/her to know the best course of action. I'm also a mother of 2 boys now I'm their 20's

A few years ago a friend gave me a DNA kit.. She can be so curious with my background because of how I present myself. Ancestry site posts a line of ify 4th and 5th cousins.. Which does me no good-as they can't begin to connect the dots and since I have nothing to offer they hold back. Adoptees are the children here.. They need to feel secure and supported due to their lack of information. My adopted parents were from Cuba so I love the food , their family and music but that family of aunts and cousins don't think of me as family and made comments about Dora children not being from them. Although I've cared for them, they no longer reach out based on that fact since my "parents" have passed.

I'm not having expectations here.. When it comes to building a relationship ..if a birth parent is curious I want them to understand it's good to know and live our lives with a few pieces in place.

Thank you for considering opening all sealed birth records without having the child (adoptee) take on the burden of receiving information that is rightfully theirs to begin with. Each child born needs to be kept out of the dark so they don't develop feeling pieces missing to their indentity.

Catherine Walters
Felicia Eileen Grant (birth name)