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TRUTH SEEKERS IN ADOPTION NEWSLETTER

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It was the feeling of our Board of Directors that something was needed to communicate with others in the adoption reform community. Here's a vehicle with which we can all identify, in newsletter form. It is the desire of the editors to inform the membership as well as the general public of the need for adoption reform in the area of open records. Your comments and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

It is the intention of Truth Seekers in Adoption to exist to help meet the needs of those most deeply affected by adoption: the adult adoptee, the birth parents, and adoptive parents as well.

Since 1973, Truth Seekers in Adoption has tried to help in any way possible to reunite those separated by adoption.

Our early days in 1973 brought a limited amount of requests for information or assistance, whether it be from Birth parents, or Adoptees, and - believe it or not - this year has brought a number of inquiries from Adoptive parents as well, who responding to the needs of their children.

All those connected with adoption are beginning to recognize the overwhelming need for change within the current structure of the adoption law and practice.

Because this year has brought so many requests for aid and assistance, we have been able to expand to the point of having meetings and discussion groups on a regular basis. General open meetings are now being held bi-monthly, with discussion groups in private homes being held each month for members.

Our founder and Chairman of the Board, LaVerne McCurdy, has been instrumental in making all of this happen, and our thanks as well as yours go out to him.

We are equally proud to announce the addition of several new staff members in the capacity of search assistants. Our group is growing, and with your support will continue to be available to those who wish to effect a reunion.

Truth Seekers in Adoption is active in adoption reform and will continue to support and recommend change in the present legal system, in regard to adoption.

A review committee, which will be explained in a later newsletter, will be organized and supported by Truth Seekers in Adoption.

We welcome your views and will accept material for publication for our next newsletter. Please continue to support the efforts of those who are attempting to effect change. We are most certainly available to you. Feel free to call us at (312)-888-0651.

































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Seeking info on Marie Grace Thomas (Alias Mary Thomaszewski) about 60 yr old. Born near McKeesport, Pa Moved to Manhattan around 1950.

Seeking Robert Ferguson from Denver Colo. About 52 years old. His Mother married an Englishman with a four letter name. He worked in a prominent book store as a young man. Last saw him in 1959. He was musically incline and had protegee's at one time in piano. (12 listed in Denver PB but none are him)

Where is or was Empire Mine, Il.

Seeking family members of Leo French, Henry R Akin or RB Kitchen.

Seeking descendants of Hezikiah Ward. He had 3 brothers. Came from Germany One brother was James, Hezikiah married Sarah Eubanks and lived in Edgef St.

Need info on Elizabeth Milliken-Mother Evelyn White. Father ? Milliken. She had two brothers; Joe & Ben. Also want to hear from anyone named Ethel.

Doing family research on the following names; Fuller, Mitchell, Hale Rhoades, Sproul, Holmes, Brodt, Bradt, Gooch, Shumats, McCord, Ward, Moneyham, Mills, & Miller.

Would like to hear from any relatives of George or Milo Parsons.

Seeking info on Sophie Siejka born in Poland March, 11, 1913. She left home in Brooklyn in 1928 and missing since. Mother; Helen, Father; Walter, Brothe Stanley and sisters; Jenny and Stella. It is thought she eloped with a m of Italian descent and had two sons.

Wish to hear from anyone named Whetstam, or variations of this spelling. Or anyone doing research on this name.

Searching for info on Duvall's. Came to Ky from Surry Co Nc around mid 1800's. My great grandfather was Samuel Owen Duvall. He had brothers Monroe, Jerome & Emmett.

Seeking info in the Buckley (Sullivan & McAndrews-Cosgrove) branches.

Would like to hear from anyone who knew Dr & Mrs Sutton. Originally fr Bartlettville, Okla. They had a daughter Mary Jane. She had polio as a child. In 1920 they lived ~~xxxxxx~~ Okla. Later they moved to Calif. Dr Sutton died and is buried in Bartelsville, Okla.







































## ADOPTION WEEK

This article was handed to me at a meeting and I read it on the air because it said so much so well...I thought you might like a copy of your own..... I don't know who wrote it originally so I can't give anyone credit for it but thank you for your thoughts who ever you are...

ADOPTION WEEK has classically been seen as a focus on those children who needed to be adopted. For those of us who are adoptees but no longer children, for those of us who surrendered our kids, and for those of us who adopted to be parents, this week should hold a special and different significance.

Adoption is never ending. Those persons touched by it forever hold its reality within their souls. Reflect for a moment what Adoption means to you. Is there a soft place, a sentimental place in your heart? Is there hurt or fear or tears involved? Does it bring to mind someone close to you or someone far away? Is it personal or only wide-eyed foreign children staring up from magazine ad? Can you laugh and feel clean and good and free inside when adoption is the conversation?

Adoption week is Thanksgiving week. Give thanks for your participation.. Say a prayer for those less fortunate and those working for tomorrow.... and from this day forward let the word Adoption bring a smile to your face.....The future holds each of us in the balance.

Adoption is not just a week, for many it is a lifetime.....

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## SOUNDEX

For any of our members who have not taken advantage of the International Soundex Registry please feel free to do so.....

The International Soundex is an excellent source of searching...All members of T.S.I.A. are entitled to this service.

Emma May Valardi started and runs this excellent and free matching service for those in search to make a match through birthdays and other matching information given from both searching parties.

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