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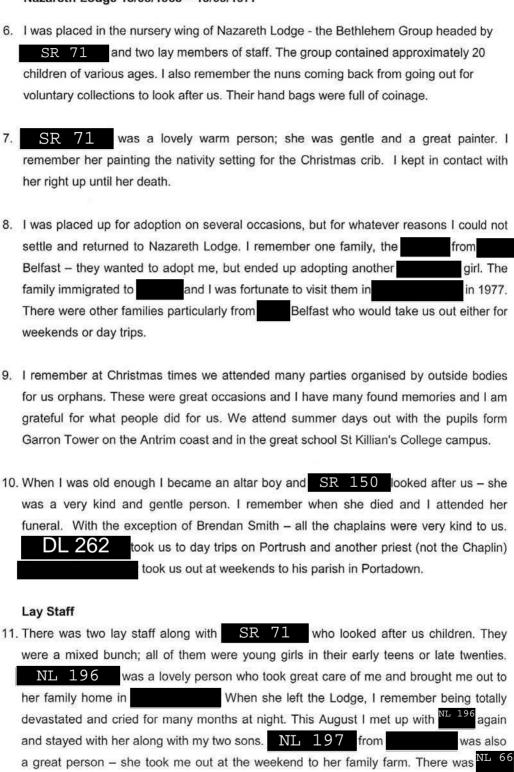
THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995 Witness Statement of DL 40 will say as follows: -**Personal Details** 1. I was born on on the Antrim Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland. I was born out of wedlock and remained in care system until the age of 16. 2. My mother married a man, the son of a doctor, and they had two daughters. I made contact with my mother in 1994 and we have had an on/off relationship since. My mother did not once visit me in care, even though she knew I was made a ward of court at the age of ten. 3. I never met my farther St Joseph's Baby Home 1964 until 1968

4. I was placed in St Joseph's Baby Home very shortly after my birth and remained there for 4 years. I do remember the layout of the home and can remember the paddling pool

in the small area at the back of the home.

5. I cannot recall any issues with my time in the babies' home.

Nazareth Lodge 15/09/1968 - 19/09/1977

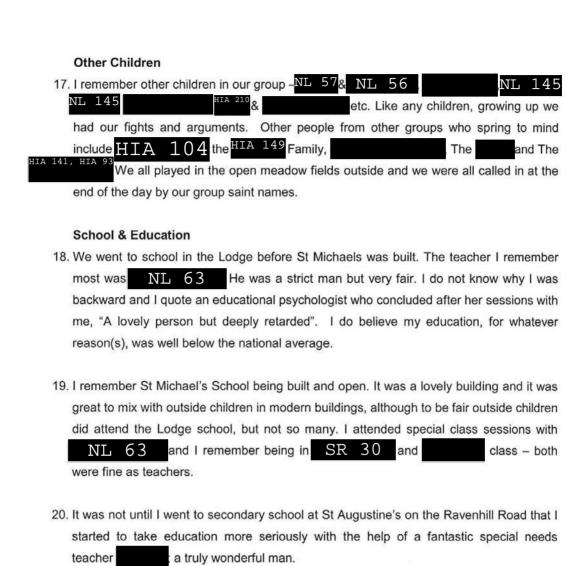


NL 66 (a fiery type of person) from was generally alright sort of person; I would have a chat and drink with her today about our times in the Lodge.

- 12. There were two members of staff that I need not get on with. There was NL 202 who always picked on me and gave other children more rewards (sweets) than me she always put me down. There was NL 203 who was extremely strict and moody; she would slap us children when we misbehaved. When this occurred, the Sisters would not be around and the sisters would have never witnessed this from the laystaff.
- 13. NL 122 one of the handy men, was a nasty person and a real bully he frightened all of us children and, if we went out of bounds on the grounds, he would hit you. He hit me several times for being up near the garages. However, his work colleague NL 11 was a great man.
- 14. Older Lodge boys also visited us on a Sunday and brought us laughter and treats; NL 14 NL 125 (who I am still in contact today), NL 125 RIP, NL 125 (emigrated to Australia), HIA 135 HIA 135 RIP, HIA 132 NL 198 NL 198 RIP, HIA 21 and NL 201 RIP. These men and their families ensured we got a presents at Christmas time.

Holidays in Ballyhornan, Co Down

- 15. Each summer we would holiday in Ballyhornan, staying in old RAF converted huts. We had a great time. The cook was wonderful and we ate well smashed potatoes and sausages ice cream and jelly etc. We would have visited Guns Island, played on the rocks, swam on the second beach and slid down the steep grass banks on cardboard. The RAF personnel and their open topped land rovers would drive from the various camps. Cows would go up the lane and the children would the sewer pipe into the sea etc. These are just a few memories I have of my time in Ballyhornan.
- 16. We also got friendly with the long term holiday makers from Belfast and attended the children's disco in the fish factory, come temporary church hall. When I return to Ireland, I always try to get to Ballyhornan. As I have already stated I visited the place in August with my two sons.



Redevelopment of the Lodge

- 21. SR 62 took charge of the Bethlehem Group from SR 71 Like any other child growing up I did have my fair share of run-ins with her. She was a "one off" nun, but I say this from the bottom of my heart, she cared for each and every child in her group. I maintained contact with her right up until her death.
- 22. I visited her in several Nazareth Houses in Blackburn, Middlesbrough and/or Newcastle and Kilmarnock. I unfortunately did not attend her funeral as I did not know she had passed. However, I did visit her grave to pay my last respects in Kilmarnock. The Mother

in Charge gave me her purse and rosary beads which I have still today in my possession.

- 23. I remember the vast redevelopment of Nazareth Lodge; dormitories being split up into single and smaller rooms. Sitting rooms and kitchen being re-developed into smaller family size units. The work men were also a good bunch; the Brothers and their contractors and etc. They brought music and it was just great seeing the work being undertaken and men about the place.
- 24. We all mucked in with helping to keep the accommodation clean. I use to love waxing and buffering the wooden floors. We used the buffer as a ride for sitting on.
- 25. Food was also better with the new kitchens and we were allowed supper before going to bed (including coffee).
- 26. SR 62 let me stay in her group for an additional year and as already stated I attended St Augustine's Secondary. It was my decision to go the Rubane House in 1977, as I wanted to be around the other older boys that I had grown up with.

Father Brendan Smyth

- 27. I was sexually abused in Nazareth Lodge by Brendan Smyth, not sure of the exact dates. I think he did some sort of special religious retreat for the nuns – but I am not entirely sure. He stayed in the Parlour in the front of the main house.
- 28. Smyth went on to sexually abuse me in Rubane House, Kircubbin. At Nazareth Lodge, I did not tell any of the nuns as I could not quite work out what was going on; although I knew it was totally wrong. When I was older I did tell BR 1 what was going on and I told him I did not want to meet with him again. My meetings with him stopped.
- 29. I made a statement to the RUC in the 1990s and he was subsequently charged and imprisoned along with many other sexual crimes. I will not go any further detail here, as there should be full police records available.

Conclusions

30. I lived the hand I was dealt with. Compared to my sons generation, mine and their lives, are poles apart and I accept that life then was very hard with no state help.

- 31. I firmly believe the Congregation of the Poor Sisters of Nazareth tried their best in looking after us orphans. One nun and 2 young girls looking after a group of around twenty vulnerable children was a big ask compared to today's society.
- 32. My two only regrets while I was in Nazareth Lodge was meeting Brendan Smyth and my under development of education.
- 33. I am truly grateful for the works of the sisters and, right up to day, maintain direct contact.

 I invited SR 52 and SR 121 to my sons' baptism and was delighted they attended. I got an invite to the 150 year old celebration of the Order and gladly attended in Hammersmith.
- 34. I am a practising Catholic and my three boys attend Catholic primary and secondary schools in London.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed DL 40Dated 19 $\frac{1}{1}$ $\frac{2c_1}{4}$.

HIA F	REF:	
Witness Name	NL	122

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF NL 122

I, NI	L 122 will say as follows:-
1.	I was born on in the area with the family name of NL 122 I changed the spelling of my name slightly in later life. I believe I was placed as a baby in the nursery at St Joseph's Baby Home before moving to Nazareth Lodge Home aged five years where I remained until eleven years. I then moved to Kircubbin until I was sometime around the age of sixteen years. I have no wish to discuss my own experiences in any of these homes.
2.	I returned on occasion to Nazareth Lodge on Saturday mornings where I sometimes helped out a man named NL 198 who worked as a handyman. NL 198 retired and I secured his job. My duties were to maintain and repair the properties and facilities on site. There was also some general gardening and labouring. My immediate supervisor was NL 11 There were other employees there as well as me who did the same work such as NL 200 and NL 201 I have no knowledge of a I never had any dealings or supervisory roles in respect of the children at the home. I have never chastised or punished any child at the home. I have read the allegations apparently naming me and I deny them absolutely.
3.	I was asked to appear at a police station and had the allegations put to me. I did not bring a solicitor as I had nothing to fear from the investigation and denied the allegations to the police completely. The only explanation I can make is that the complainants are making a mistake over identification. I also believe that I never worked into nights and that the children at the home would have been at school when I was at work as I finished normally between 4.30 and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday. I had no connections to any of the children and would not even have known any of them during my employment.
4.	I deny sexually or physically abusing any child at any time in any way. I deny the allegations and suggestions made by NL 8 DL 40 and HIA 48 There is simply no truth in this and the incidents as described never occurred.
Dated	this /O day of February 2015
Signed	NTT 1 2 2

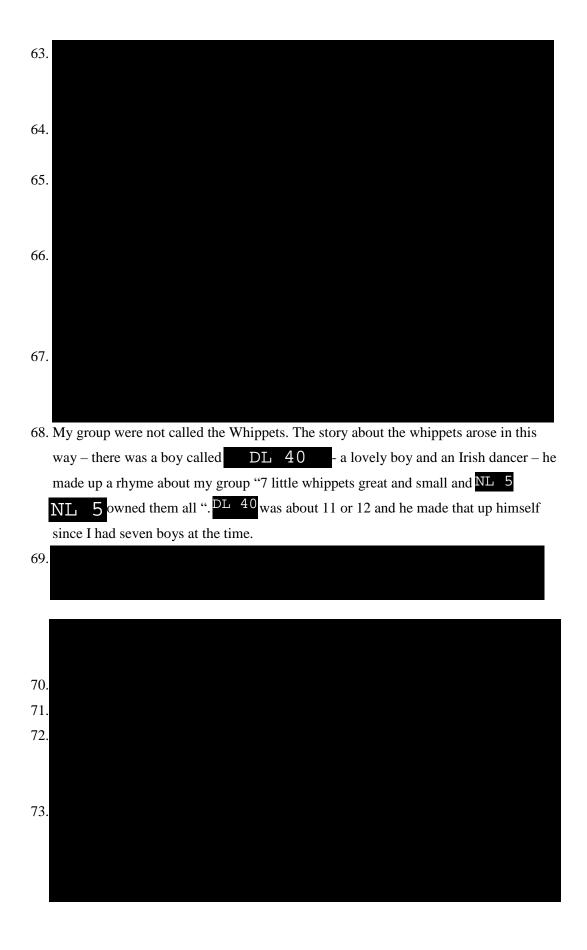
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19.I remember as a child walking up to the chapel in Nazareth Lodge, I don't
know why I was there or why I was on my own but I remember hearing
voices in the chapel. It was dark and along the corridor the chapel was on
the left hand side. I remember looking in and Smyth was there with a
young guy, the young guy was crying I could see the tears
tripping down his face. I looked at him and I remember thinking to myself I
know why you are crying because he was alone with Smyth. I didn't do
anything I just walked on and to this day it is one of the foremost
memories of my mind.

- 20. Time in the home was always governed by routine you had a set breakfast, set tea, school time and everything else in between. The staff were often the victims of attacks by the children and I remember NL5 being assaulted and thumped on the back of the head.
- 21. NL 5 wasn't cruel unlike some of the other staff she as strict. When I reflect on my treatment in the home it wasn't as bad as some of the stories I have heard.
- 22 NL 5 asked me one day would I like to be adopted. I did not know the meaning of the word but I skipped about outside with saying I'm going to be adopted. We weren't allowed on the grass at the home in case we got cold and if we did venture onto it we had to explain ourselves to NL 5

Adoption 1979/80

23.I was adopted by in and around 1979/80. It was strange a young Belfast boy going into a rural community. Inside the home I was well protected but outside I was bullied beyond belief. At every opportunity I was beaten by the other children but I was afraid to



STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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DL 40

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I declare that this statement consisting of 4 pages, each signed by me is tru to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything whic I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 10 day of August 1995

WILLIAM NIBLOCK
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

DL 40 SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received

in Belfast with a student from who was studying at Queen's University, Belfast, and as a result of this I was born on On my birth I was placed in the St Joseph's Baby Home which is contained within the Nazareth Lodge Complex in Belfast. I stayed at St Joseph's until I was three years old and then I was placed in Nazareth Lodge. When I was about seven or eight years old I was made an alter boy and assisted the visiting Priests during Mass. when I was around nine years old, a Priest called Father Brendan Smyth started to take Mass on a regular basis. Father Smyth on his arrival started to become quite friendly with each of the alter boys. He would give us all sweets. I remember one day in particular, Father Smyth was with me in the Nazareth Lodge Building. He was holding my hand and walking along a dark corridor. He stopped and started to kiss me right on the lips. He got down and pulled me towards him and he felt my backside on the outside of my trousers. He would have done this for approximately ten minutes. I was young with no mother or father and I thought he was just being kind to me. He did this to me

I am the above named person and I reside at an address known to the

Police. Some thirty years ago my mother entered into a relationship

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF SR 62

AGE OF WITNESS[If over 21 enter 'over 21'] : OVER 21

I declare that this statement consisting of 2 pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 22 day of January 1996

WILLIAM NIBLOCK DCONST SIGNATURE OF MEMBER SR 62 SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received.

I am the above named person and I reside at an address known to the police. On or around March 1971 I was placed in Nazareth Lodge Childrens Home in Belfast along with my brother Martin. My other two brothers HIA 41 and NL 127 were moved from Nazareth Lodge to the De La Salle Boys Home in Kircubbin, when they were eleven or twelve years old. As I got older I began to wonder why I had been taken away from SR 62 my mother and I asked why. She told me that I wasn't wanted by my mother and that she was nothing but a drunken whore. This obviously distressed me. My first few years at the home I don't really remember as I was very young, but when I was eleven years SR 62 old took over charge of me from another nun. SR 62 was assaulted by a number of times for very minor things such as smoking and not doing my duties within the home.

I was the oldest girl in my group of 13 children and the oldest boy was

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a boy called

both take a bath together and that was something I didn't like. I remember one day I was in the staff bathroom having a smoke. I turned the hot water on so no one could smell the smoke and I was smoking at the half opened window when she walked in. I was alone and had

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used to make us

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- is that right.

SR 62

Yes

Because

SR 62

Yes.

Right, that's we're, we're talking about the same person.

SR 62

Yes.

Ahm, what ah, this girl says in relation to DL 40 and herself is that ah, she was made to bath together with DL 40 so obviously -

SR 62

That's ridiculous.

- she was concerned that she was made to bath with a child and she was saying around this time she would have been 13 years of age, that kind of age group.

SR 62

Oh no she never, they had separate ladies toilets and separate boys -