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HIA REF: 308

Witness Name: HIA 308

## THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 308

I, HIA 308 will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born on [REDACTED] in Belfast.

St Joseph's Babies Home, Ravenhill Road, Belfast (September 1947 – September 1952)

2. I was placed [REDACTED] in 1947 in St Joseph's Babies Home, Ravenhill Road, Belfast by my mother, AU 105. Her married name was AU 105. She was described on my birth certificate as "a domestic". She died on [REDACTED] aged fifty five.

3. I was baptised into the Roman Catholic faith. My baptism certificate notes my registered date of baptism as 6 September 1947.

Nazareth Lodge, Belfast (1 September 1952 – 21 December 1956)

4. I was transferred to Nazareth Lodge on 1 September 1952.



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5. I remember four nuns from the home, [SR 34] [SR 47] [SR 71] and [SR 157] I think [SR 157] might have been the sister in charge.
6. I do not remember the daily routine or anything like that but I remember lots of little things about Nazareth Lodge. I remember when the circus came to town and the children were so excited the night before and were jumping up and down and could not get to sleep. When I woke up the next morning I had lost my voice and [SR 71] told me I could stay at home but everyone else was allowed to go to the circus and I cried myself to sleep. It was so cruel.
7. I remember taking part in concerts at the home with my friend, [HIA 310] We did a sketch called "jammie face" where he dressed up as a girl and I was a boy busy eating a jam sandwich as [HIA 310] was singing to me. We had to have a kiss at the end before the curtain came down which made everyone laugh. After the concert we were given lollies as a treat. I took my lolly to bed, crept over to the window, took the paper off my lolly and instead of throwing the paper out the window I threw the lolly out and came back with only the paper in my hand. I cried my eyes out that night because I did not get to eat my lolly. I remember trying to look for it in the snow the next day.
8. When I was a young boy in the Lodge one of the other boys told me that I had a sister, [HIA 224] I was introduced to her and I do remember pushing her on a swing. She was staying in Nazareth House. She was placed in care by my mother's sister, [REDACTED] After my mother had me and put me in care her sister [REDACTED] then conceived a child. My mother [AU 105] and her sister [REDACTED] were chalk and cheese. My mother was streetwise with her head screwed on and [REDACTED] was not fully aware of things and more easily influenced. I think my mother might have talked her in to placing [HIA 224] into care in Nazareth House. [HIA 224] was born on [REDACTED] She was placed in Nazareth House on 6 July 1951 and discharged on 1 March 1966. She is my cousin, not my sister.
9. I do not remember anyone visiting me when I was in the Lodge in Belfast.



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10. I remember I made my First Communion before I left Nazareth Lodge. They dressed us up in a little suit and it was a nice day.
11. I recall when I was about eight or nine the nuns asked "Who wants to go to Australia?". There were fifteen children in front of them and thirty hands went up. I recall looking at the globe of the world to see where Australia was located. I said to myself "if it is under there why don't people fall off?". I reasoned to myself at the time that if people live there then they must not fall off so it should be fine. My complaint with the Northern Ireland authorities and institutions is that they just uprooted me one day and landed me in Australia without regard to the effect of my displacement.
12. I was medically examined on 26 March 1956. My medical form stated that neither of my parents were still in contact with me or the home. The form concluded that I was a suitable child who would benefit by migration to Australia. It was issued by the Department of Immigration, Australia House, London and was signed by Sister Superior, **SR 104**
13. Intelligence tests were carried out on me and another eight children from Nazareth Lodge, Belfast on 27 and 29 August 1956. They used the Turman-Merrill Binet Scale and assessed my IQ at 90. I remember doing well at school in Belfast. I was methodical but slow. I could read and comprehend things but I took a backward step when I went to Australia.
14. My child migration form notes a home address for my mother and she has signed her consent for me to be deported to Australia. She dated the form on 22 November 1955. I doubt if that is in fact my mother's signature. I asked her in later life whether she knew if I was being sent to Australia. She said she had received a letter from the nuns but she told me that she did not respond to them. That is the reason why I doubt that that was in fact her signature.
15. I have a copy of the passenger list showing the names of all the boys who were deported with me to Australia. There were fourteen boys sent from the home to Australia. I remember going with **HIA 279** **HIA 296** and **HIA 309** who were all brothers. Each boy was given a suit and a little suitcase. We were decked to



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the nines, all handsome little lads but when we got to Australia the suits were taken from us and we never saw them again.

16. We went by ship from Southampton. I remember going to London and seeing escalators for the first time in my life, it was all brand new to us.

**Sailing dates (24 December 1956 – 22 January 1957)**

17. I was transported to Australia on the SS Strathnaver with thirteen other boys from Nazareth Lodge under the Child Migration Scheme which was supported by the British and Australian Governments. The respective governments of the time promoted the "populate or perish" philosophy which ensured continued immigration to Australia from the early 1930's to the late 1960's.

18. I recall two ladies looking after us during the journey. I recall crossing the equator and there was a party. The child ran all over the ship. I think we sailed at Tenerife or the Canary Islands, down the coast of Africa to Capetown, up to Durban then across to Fremantle. I arrived in Fremantle on 22 January 1957.

**Castledare Boys' Home (22 January 1957 – 8 February 1959)**

19. We were taken by bus to Castledare in Cannington which was an institution run by the Christian Brothers.
20. Shortly after our arrival in 1957 we "Irish boys" were thrust into shorts, tee shirts and thongs. Our good suits were taken away from us and we never saw them again. After a short time some of our group were sent to Bindoon or Tardun. The youngest boy was sent to St Joseph's orphanage in Subiaco. I remained at Castledare with a couple of other boys. One boy called **AU 36** just disappeared and no-one has ever seen or heard of him since.
21. I was not subjected to sexual abuse at Castledare but there was a lot of physical abuse there and also emotional abuse. I recall **BAU 33** in class telling



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the Irish boys to stand up and writing on the board "the only good Irishman is a dead one". That remained on the board for several months and I found it really hurtful. The irony was that **BAU 33** also helped the boys to sing and act in school concerts and he helped me participate in an award winning choir so there was a good side to some of the Brothers as well as a cruel side.

22. Every third Sunday of the month at Castledare (and Clontarf) many of the boys were taken out for a weekend to spend time with families in the Perth area. We were also taken in by families for school holidays either in Perth or in the country. When I was at Castledare I went on occasion to stay with a family who lived in [REDACTED]. It was my first ever contact with family life or having a social life as I had been institutionalised all my life up until that time. I was ten years old at the time. There was a boy in [REDACTED] called [REDACTED]. When I returned to the home a Brother caught me crying because I was feeling sorry for myself that I had no parents like [REDACTED] and he crudely replied "You're not the only one who is an orphan, get used to it lad!". I was hurt at being branded as an orphan.
23. I did not even know my correct date of birth when I was at Castledare. I had a birthday party one year and was given a birthday cake which I brought back to share with the other boys when one of the Brothers said **HIA 308** you are not ten, you are eleven and you were born on 6 September 1947". I was having birthday cake in November and my birthday was in September. I did not even know the most basic information about my birth date. Also, I never knew that [REDACTED] was my second name. I called myself [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was the name I took at my Confirmation. I found out later that my second name was in fact [REDACTED]

#### Clontarf Boys' Town (8 February 1959 – February 1964)

24. I was transferred to Clontarf Boys' Town in 1959.
25. On Wednesday afternoons after school we had "charges" time when the boys were allocated working tasks around the school. I reported to **BAU 31** in the piggery. I do not recall the date exactly but on one occasion between 1961



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and 1963 **BAU 31** asked me to approach him and he manipulated my genital area. I recall I was wearing shorts at the time. He spoke softly and told me to enjoy it. I did not know what to do so I said I had to go and when I ran into the school Principal, **BAU 7** in the main building I told him I did not want to work in the piggery again. I did not tell him what had just happened to me because I feared I would not be believed. **BAU 7** did not ask me why I no longer wanted to work in the piggery. I felt humiliated and embarrassed and unclean following this incident. I felt that **BAU 31** had taken advantage of me and the whole incident left me feeling totally bewildered.

26. I have a copy of a photograph of the boys using the showers at Clontarf. They were known as rose showers because of the type of shower heads that were placed periodically along the shower rails. We were all naked and one of the Brothers would control the temperature of the water from a central tap.
27. Some of the Brothers were physically abusive to the boys at both Castledare and Clontarf frequently inflicting punishment by using a cane, a strap or lashing out with their fists and using brutal strength to beat the boys. I recall seeing another boy in the home, **AU 57** receive a terrible beating from a Brother and it made me feel ill to watch such violence. I received the cane or strap for minor offences such as being late for class, being found out of bounds or swearing. We called it being "donged". During 1962 **BAU 35** had a habit of lightly donging his students when they would mis-spell words assigned to them for homework the previous day. I made my peace however with **BAU 35** **BAU 35** in later life. I discussed my personal experience with him and he personally apologised for the way he had treated me. I do not think he donged me out of malice. It was more to discipline than to punish me. He was horrified to hear about the instances of sexual abuse. He never participated in any form of sexual abuse. He left the Christian Brothers and later married and had a family of his own.
28. I received a severe punishment from **BAU 7** in 1963. I had answered a call from someone who made a serious accusation about one of the Clontarf boys so I told the boy concerned that he was in trouble and should report to



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**BAU 7** **BAU 7** gave me "six of the best", three dongs on one hand and three on the other which he used for serious offences. He gave me no reason why I was being punished but I cried in the classroom in front of my classmates for almost ten minutes following the incident. I felt really sorry for myself and thought the world was a really cruel place. These punishments only fuelled my feelings of unworthiness and my inferiority complex.

29. **BAU 7** asked me once if I knew about the birds and the bees. He said a man puts his thing into a woman and nine months later she has a baby. He told me to remember to be pure, be a good man and be faithful to the church and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was responsible for me having such a low opinion of myself when I left school.
30. I am aware that corporal punishment was meted out in schools throughout the state and that it did not only occur at Castledare and Clontarf. Nevertheless, I am angry about the number of strappings we received for very minor offences. Some of the Brothers even had special straps tailor made for the purpose of inflicting pain.
31. At times the whole class would be punished if a student committed "an offence" and did not own up to it. We would have to write sentences that the Brothers gave us to write two hundred times, this was a regular form of punishment. I also remember not being allowed to watch some movies for minor misdemeanours on my part and I had to sit with my back to the screen whilst all the other boys were laughing at the movie and I could not see it.
32. In 1960 in Clontarf I recall an incident when a boy answered a question correctly and I think it was **BAU 40** who called him a "smart ass!". This put down made me careful not to get ahead of myself in my studies as I did not want to be the subject of rebuke. I stilted my education for fear of being labelled a smart ass. I expected to be taught rather than to learn.
33. I wanted to study for my Leaving Certificate following my Junior Certificate. Clontarf held classes up to Junior Certificate level. For any student to continue their studies they had to attend Aquinas College. I asked **BAU 7** if I



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could continue with my education. I was sent in October or November 1963 to sit a test at Perth Technical College. I think this test was organised by the Brothers to get me a job with the Post Office despite my expressed desire to continue in education. I have a letter from the Postmaster General's Department noting that the examination I had been sent to take by the Brothers at Perth Technical College was for employment with the Post Office and it was held on 16 November 1963. It was the government employee's entrance exam. I had passed my Junior Certificate and expected to go on to Aquinas College but [REDACTED] BAU 7 told me I was to leave Clontarf and get a job at Subiaco Post Office commencing on 10 February 1964. I left Clontarf about five days before starting work with the Post Office. I was sixteen years old. I still feel hurt and upset about not getting the opportunity to pursue an education. The fact that I did not have my Leaving Certificate meant that I was held back from promotion throughout my service with the Post Office.

34. I cannot recall ever being able to speak personally to any Brother or to have a "heart to heart" chat. I never had the confidence to speak to them. I was always afraid of offending them and getting the strap so I held back a lot and it took me many years to get over that.
35. I cannot recall any occasion where I was approached by any inspector or government representative to enquire after my welfare.
36. I was released from Clontarf in February 1964. I was sixteen years old when I left.

#### Life after care

37. I began work at Subiaco Post Office as a Junior Postal Officer doing telegram delivery. I stayed at a [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] for boys who had left institutional care and started to work. I remember a boy in those lodgings showing me how to masturbate and I managed to block out the sinfulness of this act. There was no homosexuality involved simply one boy trying to help another



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in an innocent way. The effect on me in my social life post care is that I remained naive, confused and inept. I felt unworthy and had a very low opinion of myself.

38. At 35 years of age I remained unmarried and thought that I might have had a vocation to the priesthood. **BAU 7** had constantly prayed at Clontarf for vocations to the priesthood and some of his enthusiastic exhortations must have rubbed off on me. I resigned from my position in the Post Office in 1983 to commence seminary studies in Adelaide to train to be a priest. I completed four years of this study but could not continue any further with this vocation. The powers that be deigned me unsuitable for the position and I had to leave. I had a period of unemployment and temporary employment between 1986 and 1988. I then obtained a permanent position with Landgate (then known as the Department of Land Administration) in July 1988 and I retired from Landgate in 2011 in receipt of a full pension.
39. **BAU 7** was one of the biggest influences in my life. I was indoctrinated by him and although his religious teachings may have bounced off other boys I took everything he was saying in and was very holy when I was in institutional care. I do not attend church very often now.
40. The sex abuse I suffered whilst in care had an adverse affect on my life for almost thirty years post care leaving me with an inferiority complex when I was dealing with people in general and I was especially insecure in the presence of women. I knew how important marriage was in life but I personally felt unworthy of it. I was not good with women. I was afraid of them and felt I was not good enough for them. Institutional care left me with feelings of sexual confusion, low self esteem, curtailed education and always feeling a failure in social situations. As I have gotten older I no longer feel like that. I am my own man now and feel much more confident.
41. I corresponded with the Sisters of Nazareth, Belfast on occasion after leaving care. I have kept some of their letters. **SR 34** wrote back to me on 27 September 1964 as I had asked about my parents in my earlier



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correspondence. She noted **HIA 308** *your mother brought you to Nazareth Lodge when you were only [REDACTED] You were born in the Jubilee Hospital here on [REDACTED], baptised in St Brigid's Church and brought here on [REDACTED] Your mother was **AU 105** (Sligo address provided). Your mother never came back to visit you. She did not even write. All your certificates went to Australia with you. Do well for yourself, be faithful to your Irish Catholic faith and prayers and all will be well for you. Make your own life in Australia and one day you will come back and see all of us ....*" I did not like the tone she used against my mother in this letter. When she noted "she did not even write" I thought it was very judgmental, harsh and vindictive against my mother. I was upset by this response.

42. My cousin **HIA 224** had corresponded with one of the sisters at Nazareth Lodge to find out if she could locate me and I was really gobsmacked to receive a letter from her when I was about thirty years old. After all my inquiries I had found something concrete at last. I was working in the Post Office so I got a loan from work and booked my long service leave and in 1977 I travelled to London to meet up with **HIA 224**. Her friends came to meet me but **HIA 224** was not with them. To my shock I was told that she was in hospital as she had tried to commit suicide the night before my arrival and had been admitted to a psychiatric hospital. I went to see her in hospital and gave her the biggest hug and we talked for a while. **HIA 224** turned out to be really timid but mentally sound. The suicide attempt was just a cry for help as she was simply afraid that she would not live up to my expectations. **HIA 224** was not very worldly wise as she had not been given a good standard of education. She received worse treatment in care than I had received. After a couple of weeks we helped each other to try to locate our families and we found them together.

43. We checked the telephone directory and the electoral role and found another **HIA 308**. We met him and his wife **[REDACTED]** at an hotel and were quickly able to establish that he was our uncle. **AU 105** and **[REDACTED]** were his sisters. **HIA 224** met her mother soon after that in Dublin and I met my mother in **[REDACTED]**. She had married and her name was **AU 105** and she had quite a few children so I think I had eight half brothers and sisters. I stayed with



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her for a few days. We got to know each other and I met my half brothers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and my half sister [REDACTED]. The others had grown up and left home. We got on well and went for a drive. We had ice cream and AU 105 paid for it so I said "Thanks mum" and she said "Don't call me mum". This was not said as a rebuke, I think she was slightly embarrassed by the situation. I did not react to her response and we left on good terms.

44. AU 41 had come out on that trip with me and we went travelling all around Ireland. I went to Sligo but I only met one relative and had a cup of tea with them as my mother did not want me meeting too many people or asking too many questions as Catholic Ireland still adversely judged illegitimate children and their families. I respected her wishes but I would have liked to have met more of my relatives on that occasion. I visited an old graveyard in Sligo and saw the name HIA 308 on a very old grave. That was the first moment in my life when I felt as if I was somewhere where I belonged. It was a poignant moment for me, that moment seeing my name gave me an identity. Up until then, even after meeting my mother, I was nobody.
45. HIA 224 stayed with her relatives for a while in Dublin. HIA 224 and her mother met only once more and HIA 224 did not find out that her mother had died until a couple of years after the funeral which was very upsetting for her. My mother died in 1983 when I was doing my seminary studies in Adelaide.
46. HIA 224 and her friends, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were all in care in Nazareth House in Northern Ireland and were ill treated by the nuns. They were poorly educated and suffered worse abuse in care than I suffered. They were sent to work in the kitchen or the laundry or made to polish floors rather than receiving an education. I stayed with them in London. I sent them \$15,000 AUD to enable them to visit me in Australia and we had a great time together. They did not want to venture too far from my home. They were timid girls, not adventurers and I suppose they had been like that all their lives. I would like to see them compensated for their pain and suffering as a result of this Inquiry.



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47. I received \$25,000 AUD from the Christian Brothers in Australia under their "Towards Healing" scheme.
48. I also received \$45,000 AUD from the government of Western Australia under their redress scheme.
49. I feel that primary responsibility for the fate of the child migrants rests with the governments of the United Kingdom and Australia. Secondary responsibility lies with how we were treated by the respective institutions that were supposed to care for us in Australia. The third area where responsibility lies is with the methods used in selecting the child migrants for transportation in their countries of origin.
50. I feel that child migrants should be assisted to return to their country of birth with the necessary financial assistance to find their family, pursue their personal history or simply enjoy being in the country of their birth. Counselling should be provided free and confidentially to any former child migrant who desires to use this service. Financial compensation should be given to help "make up for what might have been" and the amount may well differ in each case depending on their personal circumstances.

**Statement of Truth**

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**HIA 308**

Dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014



## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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Department of Immigration, Australia House, London, W.C. 2.

## MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Declaration by Applicant.

NAME **HIA 308** .....

ADDRESS .Nazareth Lodge Raynephill Rd. Belfast .....

1. Have you ever had any serious accident/illness or surgical operation? If so, furnish details .  
NO
2. Have you or has any member of your family ever suffered from or been suspected of Tuberculosis?  
NO
3. Have you ever had Enuresis or any sign of disease of the Genito Urinary Organs?  
NO
4. Have you or has any member of your family ever suffered from mental disease or epilepsy or been treated in an institution of any kind for these Diseases?  
NO
5. What medical attention have you required during last 12 months?  
NON

I hereby certify that the information supplied by me to the Medical Examiner is correct in every particular:-

Signature of applicant which must be )  
made in presence of Medical Referee. ) ... **SR 34** .....

## RESULTS OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Age...8.yrs..... Height ..3ft.9"..... Weight .....52.lbs.....

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| A. Heart ... <b>Normal</b> .....      | F. Genito Urinary Organs .. <b>Normal</b> ... |
| Blood Pressure .. <b>Normal</b> ..... | Urine ..... (without glasses RE RE LE         |
| B. Lungs .. <b>Normal</b> .....       | G. Sight {with glasses                        |
| (Particularly Tuberculosis)           | (if worn)                                     |
| X-Ray Report                          | Cause of defect in sight.                     |
| C. a. Nervous System <b>Normal</b>    | H. Hearing. <b>Normal</b>                     |
| b. Mental Condition. <b>Normal</b>    | I. Physique <b>Average</b>                    |
| D. Intelligence                       | J. Skin <b>Normal</b>                         |
| E. Digestive Organs <b>Normal</b>     | K. If pregnant, period pregnancy              |
|                                       | L. Teeth. <b>Satisfactory</b>                 |

Remarks: (include particulars of any departure from normal conditions not fully set out in above).

**Apparently Normal Healthy child**

In cases where Medical Examiner is unable to describe applicant as being in perfect health he should state under REMARKS exact nature of the defect he finds and whether of temporary or permanent nature. The presence of Pediculi should be noted.

Any disablement received on Active Service or otherwise should also be noted and commented on and if a Pension is received the amount of it should be stated.

I Certify that I have this day examined the above-named and am of opinion that the applicant is/is not in good health and of sound constitution and is/is not suffering from any mental or bodily defect which would cause inability to earn a living as a .....

Signature &amp; Qualifications ...Wallis Wick...

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The Queen's University of Belfast,  
7 Lennoxvale,  
Belfast.  
Department of Psychology.

6th September, 1956.

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

I am sending you now the report of our examination of the nine children in Nazareth Lodge, Belfast, whom you referred to us.

The examinations were carried out in Nazareth Lodge on Monday, 27th and Wednesday, 29th August, 1956. All intelligence quotients reported were obtained on the Terman-Merrill Binet Scale (Form L). In qualification of the actual I.Q. figures, it should be noted that all the results were in our opinion somewhat lowered by the limited range of experience in this group of children due to their prolonged institutionalisation.

In all cases report from the staff of Nazareth Lodge, and our own observation of the children would not suggest any marked degree of emotional maladjustment in any of these cases. All the children co-operated well in the test situation, and we formed a very good opinion indeed of the care and training that had been provided for them.

Some comment on the lowest result obtained - that on **AU 106** (I.Q. 80) - is perhaps in order. This child was very well adjusted in the test situation, but he is very young, and at several points in his performance there were suggestions that this result falls short of representing his effective intelligence.

If there are any points about which you would care to have fuller information, we shall be glad to try to amplify this note.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) George Seth.

R. E. Armstrong Esq.  
Chief Migration Officer,  
Australia House,  
Strand, London W.C.2.

MA., B.Ed., Ph.D., F.R.Ps.S.  
Head of Department.

(b) If so, has the required consent of the Secretary of State for the child's emigration been obtained? . . NO . . . . .

MEDICAL HISTORY.

16. Sex . . M . . . . . Height . . 3ft 8½" . Weight . . 3sts 9lbs . .  
17. What illnesses has the child had (including infectious complaints)?



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INTELLIGENCE TESTS CARRIED OUT ON 27th  
and 29th AUGUST AT  
HAZARETH LODGE, RAVENHILL ROAD, BELFAST.  
Telephone: 41356.

Children to be tested.	Binet. L.Q.	Date of Birth.
1. HIA 310	90	
2. HIA 308	90	
3. AU 36	92	
4. HIA 307	100	
5. AU 42	102	
6. AU 106	80	
7.	80	
8.	85	
9. HIA 336	100	

(Signed) George Seth.

6/9/1956.

Department of Psychology,  
The Queen's University,  
Belfast.

(b) If so, has the required consent of the child's emigration been obtained? . . NO . . . . .  
MEDICAL HISTORY.

16. Sex . . M . . . . . Height . . 3ft 8½" . Weight . . 34½ lbs . .  
17. What illnesses has the child had (including infectious complaints)?

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 Nazareth Lodge, Ravenhill Road, Belfast.

SCHOOL REPORT

Name	HIA 308	Age	8
Standard		II	
Attainments in Basic Subjects			
Arithmetic		v. good	
Reading		v. good	
Writing		v. good	
Handwork		good	
Application to work		splendid	
Special aptitude		singing	

(b) If so, has the required consent of the Secretary of State to the child's emigration been obtained? . . NO . . . . .

MEDICAL HISTORY.

16. Sex . . M . . . . . Height . . 3ft 6½" . Weight . 34½ lbs . .  
 17. What illnesses has the child had (including infectious complaints)?



L.E.M. 3.

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Group Nomination No. ....

**Commonwealth of Australia**

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION, AUSTRALIA HOUSE, LONDON

**CHILD MIGRATION****SECTION A.***To be completed by Voluntary Organisation in conjunction with parents or guardian*

1. Name in full ..... **HIA 308** .....
2. Full postal address ..... <sup>(in block capitals)</sup> <sup>(Christian Names)</sup> <sup>(Surname)</sup> *Hazareth Lodge, Rosentull Rd., Belfast* ..... Telephone No. *41356* .....
3. Date of Birth ..... <sup>(Birth Certificate to be attached)</sup> ..... Place of Birth *Belfast* ..... Nationality *Irish* .....
4. Religion *R. Catholic* .....
5. Father { Name .....  
Address .....  
Nationality ..... Occupation .....
6. Mother { Name ..... **AU 105** .....  
Address *Unknown* .....  
Nationality *Irish* ..... Occupation .....
- |             | Name  | Age | Address |
|-------------|-------|-----|---------|
| 7. Brothers | ..... |     |         |
| and         | ..... |     |         |
| Sisters     | ..... |     |         |
8. Name and address of guardian (if applicable) ..... *Mother Superior* .....  
*Hazareth Lodge, Rosentull Rd., Belfast.* .....
9. Names and addresses of any relatives in Australia  
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10. Educational Standard *Std II* *P.E.S.* *Manager* .....  
<sup>(Attach school report)</sup>
11. Intelligence Quotient to be stated ..... *80* .....
12. Details of any recent Intelligence or Vocational Tests with dates  
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14. State whether parents are still in contact with child and if so, reason for child's emigration ..... No. .....

15. (a) Has the child been committed to the care of any person or body as a "fit person", or is the child in the care of a local authority or the Managers of an Approved School?

Yes No .....

(b) If so, has the required consent of the Secretary of State to the child's emigration been obtained? .....

Yes No .....

### Medical History

16. Sex ..... Male ..... Height ..... 3ft 8½" ..... Weight ..... 35½ lbs ..... 9/65 .....

17. What illnesses has the child had (including infectious complaints)? .....

Measles, Chicken Pox .....

18. Has the child been vaccinated? ..... Yes ..... Date 18/11/55 .....

19. Has the child been immunized against diphtheria? ..... Date .....

20. Has the child ever been in hospital? .....

21. If so, state complaint, date and hospital .....

22. Name and address of usual medical attendant ..... Dr. McSorley, .....

Ormeau Road, Belfast .....

23. Is it necessary or has it been necessary for the child to wear glasses? If so, supply details

No .....

24. Does the child wet the bed? If so, how frequently ..... No .....

25. Has the child or any of the family or near relatives suffered from:

(a) mental deficiency, insanity or mental disease No .....

(b) epilepsy or fits No ..... Unknown .....

(c) tuberculosis No ..... No to parents or near relatives as far as we know .....

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing particulars are correct and that I conscientiously believe ..... **HIA 308** ..... is a suitable child who will benefit by migration to Australia.



**SECTION B.***To be completed by Parent or Guardian (Father, if living)*

X I, (Name in full) .....

**AU 105**

of (address) ....

the {   
 Father   
 Mother   
 Guardian } of .....**HIA 308**

hereby consent to my child/ward proceeding to Australia under the Commonwealth Child Migration Scheme and understand that the Minister of Immigration will become his/her legal guardian upon arrival in Australia.

Date 22-11-55 Signature .....**AU 105**\* Witness (Rev) Hugh J. Stanley Qualification ParagonAddress 73A South ParadeBelfast

\* The witness to the parent's or guardian's consent must be one of the following:—

- A Mayor, Magistrate, Provost or Justice of the Peace.
- A Barrister, Advocate, Solicitor or Notary Public.
- A Minister of Religion.
- A Registered Medical Practitioner.
- An Officer on the active or half-pay or pension lists of any of Her Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Forces.
- A person on the active or pension list of the permanent Civil Service of the Crown, who is, or was at the date of retirement, in receipt of a salary of not less than £450 a year.
- A Manager, Chief Cashier, or Accountant of a Bank.
- A Teacher at a school recognised by the Ministry of Education or the Scottish Education Department, or the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland.
- A Police Officer not below the rank of Sergeant.

**SECTION C.***To be completed by Voluntary Organisation*

In the event of the child named in this application leaving Australia before the completion of two years residence (unless he/she is repatriated for medical reasons within twelve months of arrival) ... The Federal Exile Immigration Committee .....

(name of sponsoring organisation) agree to repay, before the child leaves Australia, the full amount of the financial assistance granted towards the cost of the child's passage to Australia as an assisted migrant.

Signed .....

(Representative of Organisation in United Kingdom)

**SR 104**Date 14<sup>th</sup> December 1955

On completion, this form (in duplicate) should be forwarded together with a certified copy of the child's birth certificate and recent school report to:—



SR 71  
 SR 34  
 I wish you all of us.  
 I ask for  
 you. Write to me  
 again sometime in God  
 love, bless & take  
 care of you now &  
 always.  
 Yours sincerely  
 [redacted]



Nazareth Lodge.  
 Ravenhill Rd.  
 Belfast Co.  
 27/9/64

Dear HIA 308

Thank you for your letter. We  
 were so very happy to hear from  
 you and to know you did so well  
 in your exams thank God. You look  
 a fine young man in the photo &  
 so does AU 41 We often think  
 of you all & talk of you too.  
 Do you remember NL 5 she  
 took you as far as London. AU 41  
 AU 41 wrote a few times & the  
 [redacted] also. HIA 310



The others have wrote. I do hope they  
are all very happy and will  
do well in Australia S.V.

You asked about your parents. Now  
**HIA 308** your Mother brought you to  
Naz. Lodge when you were only [redacted]  
[redacted] old. You were born in the  
Jubilee Hospital here on [redacted]  
Baptised in St. Brigid's Church +  
brought here on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. your  
Mother address was:- **AU 105**  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

<sup>EIRE.</sup>  
Your Mother never came back to visit  
you. She did not even write. All  
your certificates went to Australia  
with you. Do well for yourself, be  
faithful to your Irish Catholic faith  
and prayers and all will be well  
for you. Make your own life in  
Australia & one day you will come