

Friday, January 14, 2005
Louisiana Department of Social Services
Office of Community Services
PO Box 66789
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70896

Ms. Ada Lewis:

Dear Ms. Lewis,

I spoke to you on the telephone on Friday, January 14, 2005 and am officially requesting my Foster Records as you instructed. My name is Gary Loyd Stewart. I was born Earl Van Dorne Best, Jr. on February 12th 1963 in New Orleans, LA and was relinquished for adoption by my father, Earl Van Dorne Best in April of 1963. My birth record number is 157630002707. I was adopted by the Stewart family in Baton Rouge in May of 1963, and recently reunited with my birth mother, Judith Ellen Chandler. My adoptive parents are Harry Loyd Stewart and Leona Gertrude Ortis Stewart. My birth mother has told me that my birth father Earl Van Best, Jr. kidnapped me and took me by train to from New Orleans, La, to Baton Rouge, La and abandoned me, she thinks he dropped me at a church. I was Baton Rouge's first abandoned infant, and made headlines of the State Times on March 16th, 1963. I remained nameless, a baby John Doe, until my father's arrest. He was arrested later back in New Orleans on April 19th. I know that from the time he abandoned me, that I was placed in Foster Care until May 17th 1963, when the State placed me in the home of my adoptive parents. I am requesting information, anything you have on my case. I desire full account of the events of my abandonment and relinquishment, and any medical history that you may have on my birth father. Thank you so much for your time in assisting me with my request. I have also petitioned the court (19th Judicial) for my original birth certificate and adoption records. I would appreciate your providing the information on my records at the following address. You may contact me at any time at:

I appreciate your assistance very much in this matter. Please telephone me if you should require any further information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gary Stewart