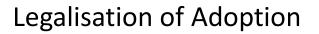
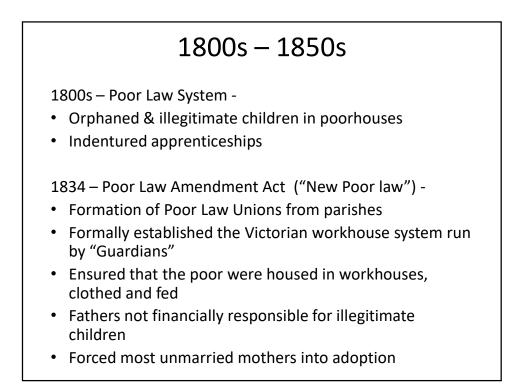
Adoption

- Background & History
- Legal Adoptions
- Adoption Records
- Researching Adoptions
- Discussion, share stories & experiences etc.

What is Adoption ? " A way of providing a new family for children who cannot be brought up by their own parents. It is a legal procedure in which all parental responsibility is transferred to the adopters. An adopted child loses all legal ties with their birth parents and becomes a full member of the new family, usually taking the family's name."



- No formal or legal adoption in the UK until 1926
 - the term "adoption" often used previously for guardianship or fostering
- 1926 Adoption of Children Act for England & Wales
- 1929 Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland)
- 1930 Adoption of Children Act (Scotland)



Mid-1800s – Early 1900s

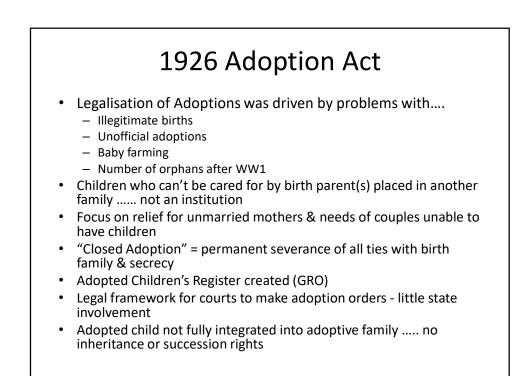
- Growing concerns about morals, illegitimacy etc.
- Church & charities doing "rescue" work, social work & arranging adoptions
- Informal adoptions
- Common for birth mother to know "adoptive" parents
- Children often "reclaimed" when old enough to work
- Institutions Homes for "Waifs & Strays", Foundling Hospitals, Orphanages etc...
- Barnardo's 1887 introduced "boarding out" children to families an early form of fostering
- Little support for unmarried mothers → many forced into workhouses or worse
- "Baby Farming"

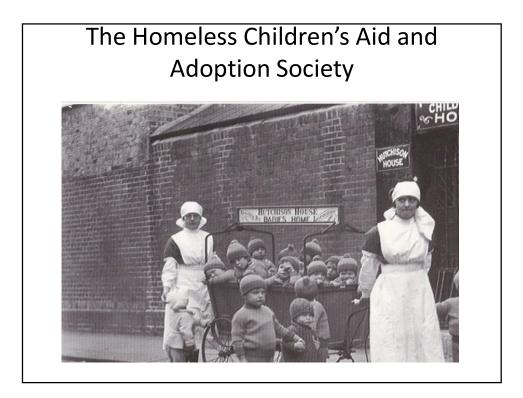


At start of 20th century, the term 'adoption' for children was being used in 3 different senses:-

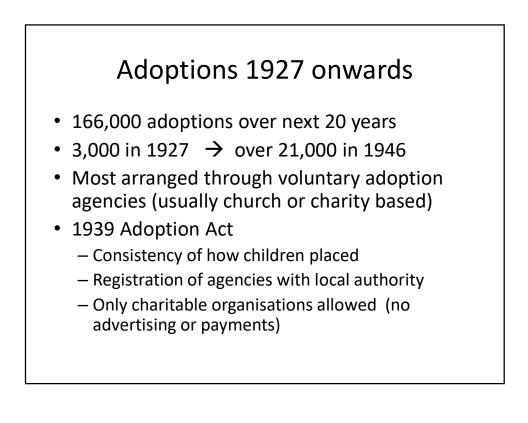
- For the situation where the child was taken into the home of a person other than the child's parent, and brought up to a greater or lesser extent as the child of the adopter. This kind of 'adoption' had been and remained a familiar social institution in all classes of society.
- Where 'adoption' was simulated: an unmarried pregnant woman would arrange for her child to be delivered in a private lying-in house, whose owner would be paid a lump sum in exchange for arranging the child's 'adoption'. The child would then be removed to 'the worst class of baby-farming house' where it would often be neglected and die.
- The so-called Poor Law Adoption in which the Poor Law Guardians assumed all the child's parents' rights and powers in respect of the child's upbringing; and would arrange for the child to be 'adopted'.

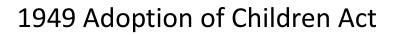




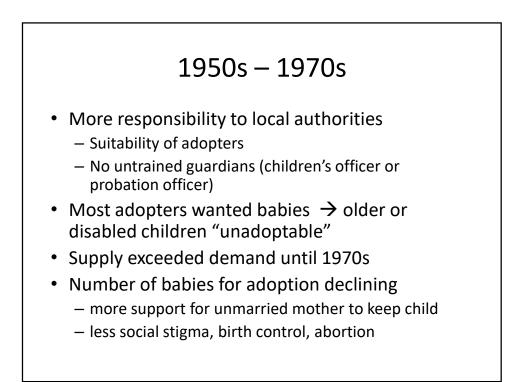


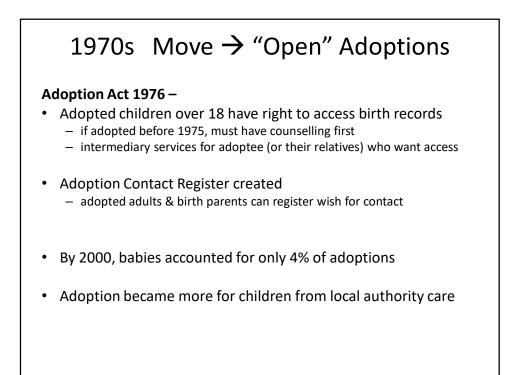


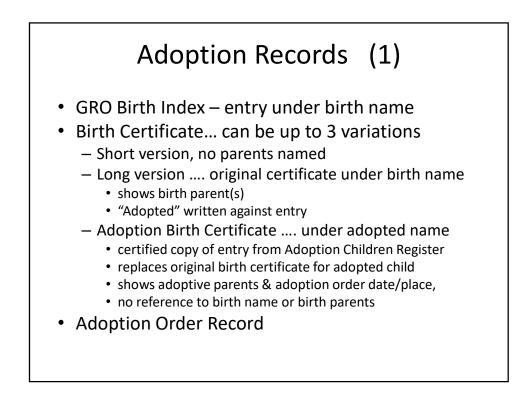




- Birth mother can't consent to adoption until child 6 weeks old
- Adoptive parents can't apply for full adoption order until child with them for 3 months
- Placement supervised by local authority
- Reinforced permanent severance & secrecy
- Adopted children have same rights as birth children

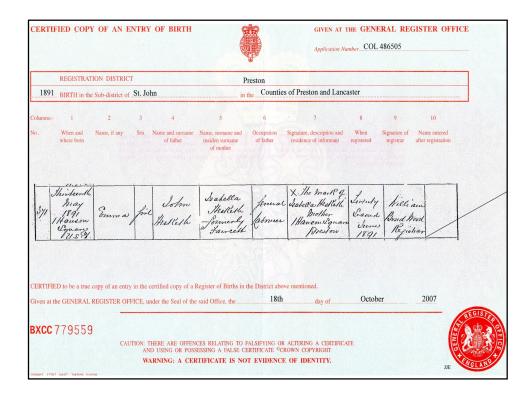


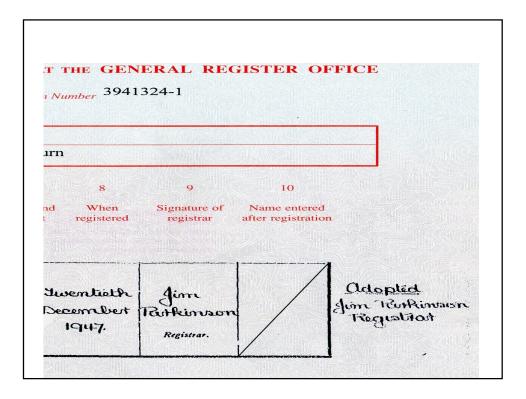


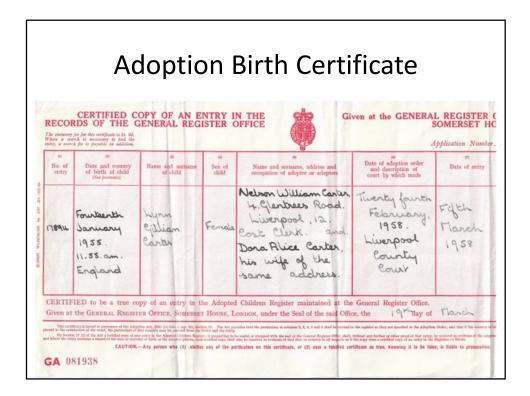


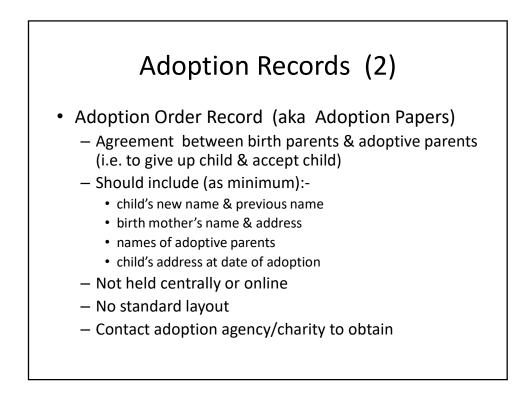
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Researching Adoptions

- Obtain original birth certificate (if birth name known)
- Apply on BIBA form if birth details not known
- Get Adoption Birth Certificate apply via GOV.UK
- Use Adoption Contact Register at GRO
 - to find a birth relative or an adopted person
 - not tracing service for any connection, both people must be on Register
- Look for Adoption Papers
 - check with adoption agency or local authority
- Adoption Search Reunion website
 - database to find where records might be held
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