

**Chat Log 7 Oct 2016**  
**Black Sheep Ancestors and Their Records with C. Ann Staley**

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Although there is a name of my birth mother on my adoption papers, I am not sure she did not lie. She also stated she was the sole surviving parent, which I think means that she never told Dad!

**A:** Interesting...

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** listen to #5 now heard all of them so far

**A:** What a day it's been, eh? I'd love to do this every day of the week....

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Couldn't do these full-day webinar days every day of the week, Geoff - we'd never get any genealogy research done! ;)

**A:** Okay. How about trade back and forth?

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Has been great, but couldn't do everyday...my house would NEVER get cleaned!! LOL

**A:** Sign of a good genealogist - a messy house.

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I am hoping we can start a tradition of airing these BCG webinars every year :) Pretty please!! It was so wonderful that we were able to watch this year! Thank you to all parties involved!!! This is just fantastic!

**A:** Love the idea...

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I'm glad I made a big dinner yesterday... I figured leftovers would be the way to go for tonight! ;)

**A:** :)

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I knew a woman who was adopted. She had a medical problem that was probably inherited and was very important for her treatment. Gladly, the court allowed the papers to be opened. She met her mother and both had the same medical problem and were able to help the daughter. She never found out her father's name as her mother refused to tell anyone who he was.

**A:** Glad they got to meet...

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I have a son I released for adoption over 50 years ago. The argument for "privacy" is bogus. He has a right -- and a need-- to know who he is. I looked for him for decades, and in the end, he contacted me-- his adoption record had my signature on it and he googled me. I have never been so happy.

**A:** Congratulations!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Non Identifying info not always accurate, In my case, my parents divorced, my father lied to social worker about who he really was, his occupation etc, probably angry about the divorce. I did get their first names and various other info, like description. I also was lucky my adoptive parents kept the legal

papers with their full names, only got that after they died though..

A: Thanks for sharing.

Audience Question:

Q: I've been helping an adopted cousin who thru a fluke knows her pre-adoption name, and has Non ID info from the adoption agency. She's also done DNA. From the DNA results, none of the info about her parents origins is correct, so we think the birth mother lied about everything to the agency. The birth mother was married to a man not the birth father, so this may be the reason.

A: Interesting...

Audience Question:

Q: About how many people are tuning in to the webinars?

A: Close to 1,000 each.

Audience Question:

Q: - a new identity. Very challenging.

A: Yep.

Audience Question:

Q: lol like looking American Indian and being told that you are part your entire life and uh..no, nothing in the tree and nothing in the DNA

A: Wow.

Audience Question:

Q: Hopefull he still may have Scottish blood.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: I have found out that it wasn't that unusual for babies and older children to be put up for adoption back in 1950s and before, maybe the 1960s and 70s. I have met people who were the one or one of children given up after a divorce. FYI

A: Thanks.

Audience Question:

Q: Also if mother dies. I had birth researchers that helped me and I learned a lot of stories about reasons for children being given up.

A: Thanks.

Audience Question:

Q: my great grand parents in the 20s got tb, and while she was in the hospital,he adopted out the children, then went back to be with her , both died from tb, later, all the children were able to rediscover each other and reunited everyone

A: Wow.

Audience Question:

Q: Geoff - all these stories in the chat line... I have one too re my 1st cousin once removed being adopted by my godparents. We're quite close now.

A: Nice to hear....

