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Our reference: BVFOI/156/16 re Sophia Margaret Allen

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Government Legal Department (“the Department”):

We would like some more detail on her is there a birth certificate? Do we know if she was adopted or ever married?

Your request will be dealt with by the Bona Vacantia Division (“the Division”) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Division holds some of the information that you have requested.

The Division holds the deceased’s birth certificate which shows she was born Sophia Margaret Mercer on 30/10/1904 in Holborn, Finsbury, London. The place of birth on the unclaimed list was incorrect and has been amended.

The Division holds information from the DSS and Barking Havering and Brentwood Health Authority that the deceased was single.

The above information has been updated on the unclaimed estates list.

The Division holds no information relating to an adoption.