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Our reference: BVFOI/288/16 re Dorothy Whittle

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

We are looking for details that can help us locate the deceased's place of birth and family. In particular, we are looking for information about the decedent's place of birth, country of origin and any details regarding her family.

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 you have requested.

The Division holds a copy of three separate birth certificates with differing names from that shown on the death certificate who were all born in 1899 but has no corroborating information to confirm that any one of these relates to the deceased.

Information concerning the deceased's date and place of birth can be found on our website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unclaimed-estates-list>). The date and place of birth can be found on the death certificate. Certificates can be obtained from the local Registrar where the event took place or from the General Registrar Office (GRO), PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD or by telephoning 0845 603 7788. Further details can be obtained from the GRO's website at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/births-deaths-marriages/register-offices>. The information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act. This exemption confers absolute exemption from the requirement to provide information pursuant to section 1(1)(b) of the Act.

The Division holds no information relating to the remainder of your request.