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Title: INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] RE RETTA DIXON
Note Type: GENERAL
Applies To: NEWMAN, ROGER JOHN, P1025
Details:

NEWMAN reports contacting [REDACTED] after being contacted by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he was born on the [REDACTED] 1960 in Alice Springs. [REDACTED] came to the cottage when he was about 3 or 4 years old and lived mainly in cottage 5 but he did have stints in other cottages with other cottage parents.

His main cottage parent in cottage 5 was a lady by the name of Margaret PARKER. Margaret's original husband died and then she married a bloke with the surname of CLARK. This person flew light aeroplanes and worked sometimes for the AIM. Margaret also had a daughter from her first marriage called Heather PARKER or her surname may have been changed to CLARK.

Other cottage parents were Judy ?, Wally FEJO, Ralph DAY who had a daughter by the name of Valerie DAY. Ralph used to coach the Wanderer's juniors in Aussie Rules.

Cottage kids who lived in his cottage were [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who now live in Darwin, Willie ? (not [REDACTED] and Mercy HUDDLESTONE from the Roper River area and who he now believes lives in the Pine Creek area.

[REDACTED] states that he had 2 incidents that he can remember with Don HENDERSON. Neither involved penetration, only romping and both occurred in water. The first occurred in the pool at the rear of cottage 2 (HENDERSON'S cottage) and the second occurred at Berry Springs.

Both happened either just before or just after Cyclone Tracy.

The pool incident either happened either on a Saturday or holiday as it occurred mid-day and there was no swimming in the pool on Sundays or any other recreation activities on Sunday because of the religious beliefs of the church. Circumstances were that HENDERSON took [REDACTED] into the pool and at the time there was no one else around. HENDERSON held [REDACTED] to him and sat him on his knees. [REDACTED] states that the pool was deep enough so that he couldn't stand up with his head above the water. HENDERSON was wearing no shirt and a pair of "typical" 60's style bathers, which were longish.

HENDERSON tickled him and rubbed [REDACTED] on his body and held him to the front of his body.

The second incident at Berry Springs was of a similar nature and HENDERSON tickled [REDACTED] on the feet and stomach whilst he sat him on his knees.

[REDACTED] states that HENDERSON was a very strong man and was often referred to using the nicknames of Don Don" or "Ticklefoot".

After Cyclone Tracy he moved to Batchelor with other children and then to Blackheath in NSW for 6 months. After this the children then returned to Batchelor and stayed in the old VCT (Vocational Training College) hut there.

[REDACTED] remembers on one occasions wanting to go hunting for Kangaroos near where Meneling Station now is. He and the boys that he was with went to find HENDERSON to ask permission to do this.

They went to the hut where HENDERSON was and walked in on him. He had a young full blood boy on his lap and he was using a feather duster to tickle the boy around his anus. [REDACTED] believes that the boy's name was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also states that he knew about a boy by the name of [REDACTED] who was alleged to have been buggered by HENDERSON on several occasions. He remembers that himself and other would often tease [REDACTED] about this and now regrets this.

Also believes that the [REDACTED] of house parents by the name of [REDACTED] may also have been victim's of HENDERSON. There is also a possibility that [REDACTED] may have also been interfered with.

[REDACTED] also states that he wrote a letter to the NT news some time ago (about 8 years) when the "lost generation" matter was before the courts. Merv PATTERMORE replied to this letter to the editor.

Merv PATTERMORE'S son [REDACTED] told Wayne and said that his father new what was going on at the time.



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HENDERSON also took the children on camping trips to Lee Point, Coomalie Creek and on one occasions to Leaning Tree Lagoon. During the leaning tree expedition HENDERSON took slides of the boys and later showed them in the hall during a slide evening at Retta Dixon.

REDACTED does not know if the slides included any of a sexual nature with the boys.

A person by the name of REDACTED who works for the government buses in Darwin was also a resident of the home and may be able to offer some information in relation to what happened at Retta Dixon.

A young girl by the name of REDACTED may also know something. Apparently REDA had a child at a very young age and although it is reported that the father was a boy from Maningrida there was some talk about HENDERSON being the father.

There was also another incident where a young 2 year old Aboriginal girl was drowned in HENDERSON'S pool out the back. REDACTED cannot recall any talk about it at the time but he has often wondered in HENDERSON was in any way connected with her death.

REDACTED states that he didn't have anything to do with Barbara HENDERSON and he believes that they had no natural children.

There was also numerous rumours about taking boys into the banana bushes at the rear of cottage 2 and interfering with them there.

REDACTED is now shifting from Jabiru to Lake Evella and will be there for at least a year. REDACTED will call and advise me of his phone number and also contact me personally on his next visit to Darwin.

Involvements:

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