

Bruce Pascoe, Koori Mail

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In search of their family

I am trying to trace any member of my family after learning recently that my father had Aboriginal blood. His name was George Steelberg and I was born after he had an affair with my mother.

My father, who had three or four other children, died in the Manly area of Sydney about 1945-46.

My mother gave me to her parents when I was one and I have seen her only a few times since.

I'm 51, so my half-siblings would be older than me. I would truly love to locate any relative of George. Please contact me as soon as possible.

ELIZABETH KING

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