

Subject: Request for information concerning paternity case heard at Forfar Sheriff Court in 1940 held under reference number SC47/25/1940/2.

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Information requested:

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Response:

A sensitivity review was undertaken on the requested information by the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS). SCTS have disclosed the information below:

The request asked to confirm the name, date of birth and address of the defender in the paternity case Margarita Murray Gibson v. Alexander Robertson. It is confirmed that during a court hearing on 15 August 1940, the defender gave his name as 'Alexander Robertson', his occupation as 'ploughman' and his age as 27. This would indicate his year of birth as 1913. Mr Robertson gave his address as 'at home with my mother'. In Mr Robertson's submitted Defenses for the case, he denies living at the address cited on the Initial Writ, which is 'Newton of Glamis'. Unfortunately, he does not state exactly what his address is.