

7-4-76 (BWWII)

Adoption for Piling is: documented and practiced by the Americans. It involved legalization. So in this sense he said: "there was no adoption in the old days. B ut the practice was that is the oldest son or daughter got married their first baby belonged to the grandparents;; they will look after the first baby, raised him and this on either side (groom or bride) So in this case everything that the GF. or GM. had belonged to the child. B ut no paper work involved.

Another case was if your comadre did not have children and asked for her godson or goddaughter.

Old Guam. saying: "It is better to raise a pig or other kind of animal than to raise a child because when you get tired of the animal you can butcher it and eat it. B ut the child as he/she grows up and get to know his/her original parents he/she will go to them. Or if you are to strict with him/her he/she will go and let you broken hearted and there is nothing than you can do."

ADOPTION

9-76

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adoptees
Adoption in the Guam sense (no legal procedures) respect each
other as brothers and sisters; tabu for marriage and the child is informed
about that; they call each other brothers or sisters.

QUINATA

Lilan (Chief)

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"My G.F. was Quinata but I heard this was a "borrowed" Quinata;
he was raised with the Quinata but he was not one of them."

Question # 22

At the present day american living should be that if a child is adopted he should be treated the same way as the other children although in the olden days an adopted child is kind of a set aside to get later on the share. They still feeling as the own parents for him, especially if the parents are not up to goodness. Actually if a parent is good he should look on an adopted child as his own children, or as his own child and should have equal distribution of things that are going to be divided.