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Newspaper: Arcadia Tribune
Date: November 18, 1970
Pages: p. 1
Subjects: Child Abuse
Feral children
"Genie"
Wiley, Clark
Wiley, Irene
Wiley, Susan
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"Captive Girl" Susan (aka 'Genie') Wiley's father Clark Wiley committed suicide. Clark Wiley shot himself minutes before he was to have appeared in Alhambra Municipal Court on charges of child abuse. The article was written by Dick Lloyd. With related stories "Note tells instructions for funeral (p. 1)," "A story he wanted to tell sealed by death of father (p. 6)," "Changed laws could have averted tragedy (p. 6)," and "Mrs. Wiley shelters at welfare agency: custody hearing Monday (p. 6)." A 13-year-old girl named Susan Wiley was reportedly a prisoner in her home for all her life until a social worker discovered the child abuse. Susan's parents Clark Wiley and Irene Wiley were arrested. The family home is at 6722 Golden West Avenue, in a county area of Arcadia. Susan Wiley was living in an environment of total isolation and deprivation and was malnourished. She cannot talk, is deformed, barely able to walk and is not toilet trained. She has been placed in the care of Children's Hospital. The child has come to be known by the alias "Genie." See hard copy in VF Wiley, Susan aka "Genie".

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Feral children
"Genie"
Suicides
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Wiley, Irene
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Mrs. Irene Wiley was freed on the charge that she was wilfully cruel to her 13-year-old daughter Susan Wiley, aka "Genie." The article was written by Lucie Lowery. A 13-year-old girl named Susan Wiley was reportedly a prisoner in her home for all her life until a social worker discovered the abuse. Susan's parents Clark Wiley and Irene Wiley were arrested. The family home is at 6722 Golden West Avenue, in a county area of Arcadia. Susan Wiley was living in an environment of total isolation and deprivation and was malnourished. She cannot talk, is deformed, barely able to walk and is not toilet trained. She has been placed in the care of Children's Hospital. The child has come to be known by the alias "Genie." See VF "Wiley, Susan" for hard copy.

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Newspaper: Arcadia Tribune
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Subjects: Child Abuse
Feral children
"Genie"
Suicides
Wiley, Clark
Wiley, Irene
Wiley, Susan
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