

Upper Canada Society

This lineage society, established by the Ontario Genealogical Society, is open to anyone who can prove descent from a person resident in Upper Canada (now Ontario) prior to 1841 Feb 10 (the day Upper Canada became Canada West).

The proof must be to genealogical standards. Specifically, you must prove that your named ancestor(s) was a resident of Upper Canada, and prove the line of descent from that ancestor(s) to you or the person you wish named on the certificate. Neither the line nor you need to have lived in Ontario. Acceptable proof consists of photocopies of original documents (or copies from microfilms of original documents). Information from indexes or transcripts is not accepted. For each generation in the descent the marriage of the parents and the birth of the child must be proven. Acceptable sources include, among others, vital statistics records, church registers (christening can be accepted in place of birth information), and wills. A family bible alone is not acceptable although it along with other evidence may be. In cases where clear proof is not available, sound genealogical practice may permit the acceptance of several items, each giving partial proof.

If your proof consists of published material, you must provide full citations, including page numbers. Please note that OGS will not accept published material unless it is demonstrably to genealogical standards and that we may request you to provide photocopies of the relevant pages (including title pages) if the published material is not available to us.

Membership privileges consist of a certificate stating that the person is a descendant of ancestor(s) who were resident in Upper Canada.

All applications are retained by OGS in our Provincial Office. That part of genealogies involving people born more than 100 years ago will be placed in the Members Only section of the OGS website. Future applicants who prove their relationship to someone in a posted genealogy do not need to provide proof for the posted genealogy. Information on persons born less than 100 years ago will not be posted on the website. Applicants who are related to you may receive information from your application on persons born less than 100 years ago if that information will help their application.

The application form is in three sections. The first page contains information about you (or the person to whom the certificate will be issued). If this is a gift, the first page should provide information on the person receiving the gift. Attach a note giving your contact information. Then follows a number of pages which link you to your parents and so on back through the generations until you reach your Upper Canadian ancestor. That person's information is on the third section.

The application fee is:

\$40 for OGS Members

\$80 for non-OGS members

If this is a gift, an OGS Member may use the Member price for parents, grandparents, siblings, children, and grandchildren only. All other gifts are at non-member prices. If you are ordering a set of certificates using one genealogy (for example certificates for a set of siblings) then the first certificate is at full price and the others are at half price. Attach a letter outlining what you want.

If you have several Upper Canadian ancestors you may, in this application, prove your descent from all of them. Then all your ancestors will be listed on your certificate. The price for each additional ancestor is \$30 for Members and \$70 for non-members.

Mail the application to: Upper Canada Society, OGS, 102 - 40 Orchard View Blvd, Toronto, M4R 1B9.

If you have questions, e-mail <provoffice@ogs.on.ca>. We cannot help you with your genealogy; however your local Branch of OGS may be able to guide you. To find your local Branch, look in the Branches section of our website <www.ogs.on.ca>.

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I wish to apply for membership in the Upper Canada Society. I enclose the required documentation and fee. (If this is a gift for another person, fill out this form in the name of that person and attach a letter including your name, address, phone number, and e-mail. All communication will be with you, not the gift recipient.)

Items marked * must be proven.

Information about the person who will be named on the certificate

Family Name _____

Complete Given Names _____

Name as you wish it on the certificate _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

e-Mail _____

(if applicable) Maiden Name _____

*Date and location of marriage _____

Name of spouse _____ continued in Block # _____

Father's name _____ continued in Block # _____

Mother's name _____ continued in Block # _____

*Date and location of their Marriage _____

Fee

_____ I am an OGS member (\$40)

_____ I am not an OGS Member, but enclose a membership application (\$60) and fee (\$40)

_____ I am not an OGS member (\$80)

_____ I am ordering multiple certificates as described in the attached letter. (They will all be mailed to one address.)

_____ This is a gift. My contact information is in the attached letter. (Certificate will be mailed to you unless we are instructed otherwise.)

I seek to prove descent from the following residents of Upper Canada (Members pay an additional \$30, non-members pay an additional \$70 for each of persons 2, 3, and 4):

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

I certify that the material contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

I give permission to list, in the Members Only part of the OGS website, information on persons in this application who were born more than one hundred years ago.

Signature

Section 2 – Your Genealogy

Fill out a block for each generation, working back from the person named in Block 1 (previous page), so the next block will be Block 2 and will probably represent one of the parents. If you are proving descent through both of a person's parents, list each in a separate block. Reproduce this page as often as needed.

Mark the Block Number on the back of each proof item.

Block # ____ providing information on
Person's Name _____ who was listed in Block # ____

*Date and location of this person's Birth _____

Father's Name _____ continued in Block # ____

Mother's Name _____ continued in Block # ____

*Date and location of their Marriage _____

Name, date, and location of Birth of known siblings of this person (proof not required)

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Block # ____ providing information on
Person's Name _____ who was listed in Block # ____

*Date and location of this person's Birth _____

Father's Name _____ continued in Block # ____

Mother's Name _____ continued in Block # ____

*Date and location of their Marriage _____

Name, date, and location of Birth of known siblings of this person (proof not required)

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Section 3 – Your resident of Upper Canada Ancestor

Block # _____ providing information on

Person's Name _____ who was listed in Block # _____

* This person was resident in Upper Canada prior to 1841 Feb 10

The following information is appreciated but does not need to be proved.

Date and location of this person's Birth _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Date and location of their Marriage _____

Name, date, and location of Birth of known siblings of this person (proof not required)

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- 3
- 4
- 5
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- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12

Other information about this person. We appreciate all additional information, particularly if your ancestor remained or settled in Upper Canada.