

# The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

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## CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

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### Applicant

|                      |              |             |                  |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>Title</b>         |              |             |                  |
| <b>Name in full.</b> | Will Mullins | <b>Date</b> | October 14, 2012 |

### Loyalist Ancestor Information

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|---|---|
| <b>Loyalist Ancestor</b>                                    | Benjamin Willson U.E.   |
| <b>Military Service<br/>(Rank &amp; Regt. If<br/>known)</b> | Service with the British in New Jersey and Staten Island, 1777        |
| <b>Where Settled<br/>(date &amp; Location)</b>              | Bertie township, Welland County, Ontario -- settled in Bertie in 1787 |

### Applicant Line of Descent From a Loyalist Ancestor

|    |  |   |                        |                           |                        |
|----|--|---|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
|    | <b>Loyalist Ancestor</b>                               | Benjamin Willson U.E.                           |                        |                           |                        |
|    | <b>Military Service<br/>(rank &amp; regt if known)</b> | Service with the British in New Jersey, 1777    |                        |                           |                        |
|    | <b>Where Settled<br/>(date &amp; Location)</b>         | Bertie township, Welland County, Ontario - 1787 | <b>Born<br/>(year)</b> | <b>Married<br/>(year)</b> | <b>Died<br/>(year)</b> |
| 2. | <b>Parents</b>   | <b>Father</b>                                   | [private]              |                           |                        |
|    |  | <b>Mother</b>                                   |                        |                           |                        |
| 3. | <b>Grand Parents</b>                                   | <b>Father</b>                                   | Gordon Willson Bonner  | 1900                      | 1926                   |
|    |  |   | Agnes Martha Russell   | 1899                      | 1951                   |
|    |  | <b>Mother</b>                                   |                        |                           | 1986                   |
| 4. | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Great Grand Parents</b>              | <b>Father</b>                                   | Robert John Bonner     | 1868                      | 1894                   |
|    |  |   | Annie Willson          | 1870                      | 1946                   |
|    |  | <b>Mother</b>                                   |                        |                           | 1949                   |
| 5. | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grand Parents</b>              | <b>Father</b>                                   | Daniel Gilman Willson  | 1841                      | 1869                   |
|    |  |   | Catharine McKinlay     | 1846                      | 1909                   |
|    |  | <b>Mother</b>                                   |                        |                           | 1923                   |
| 6. | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Great Grand Parents</b>              | <b>Father</b>                                   | John Willson           | 1802                      | Before                 |
|    |  |   | Anne McEwen            | 1812                      | 1841                   |
|    |  | <b>Mother</b>                                   |                        |                           | 1888                   |
| 7. | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Great Grand Parents</b>              | <b>Father</b>                                   | Gilman Willson         | 1771                      | Before                 |
|    |  |   | Hannah Sypes           | 1773                      | 1794                   |
|    |  | <b>Mother</b>                                   |                        |                           | 1836                   |
| 8. | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Great Grand Parents</b>              | <b>Father</b>                                   | Benjamin Willson       | b.1740                    | Before                 |
|    |  |   | Sarah Crowell          |                           | 1762                   |
|    |  | <b>Mother</b>                                   |                        |                           | b.1809                 |

(Applicant and Parent details removed for privacy reasons)

### Grandparents

|    |                                      |   |                               |                                   |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3. | <b>Father</b>                        | Gordon Willson Bonner                     | <b>Son of</b>                 | Robert J. Bonner<br>Annie Willson |
|    | <b>Place of Birth</b>                | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario                  | <b>Date</b>                   | 14 Apr 1900                       |
|    | <b>Married at</b>                    | Chicago, Illinois                         | <b>Date</b>                   | 22 May 1926                       |
|    | <b>Residence</b>                     | Chicago, Illinois                         | <b>Occupation</b>             | Investment Banking                |
|    | <b>Place of Burial</b>               | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario                  | <b>Death Date &amp; Place</b> | 24 Dec 1951<br>Chicago, Illinois  |
|    | <b>Mother</b>                        | Agnes Martha Russell                      | <b>Daughter of</b>            | Martin R. Russell<br>Hilda Oberg  |
|    | <b>Occupation</b>                    | Admissions Officer, University of Chicago |                               |                                   |
|    | <b>Place of Birth</b>                | Chicago, Illinois                         | <b>Date</b>                   | 13 Jun 1899                       |
|    | <b>Place of Burial</b>               | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario                  | <b>Death Date &amp; Place</b> | 8 Apr 1986<br>Oakmont, PA         |
|    | <b>Children and spouses if known</b> | [private]                                 |                               |                                   |

### 1<sup>st</sup> Great Grandparents

|    |                                      |   |                               |  |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| 4. | <b>Father</b>                        | Robert John Bonner  | <b>Son of</b>                 | John Bonner<br>Nancy Turnbull                |
|    | <b>Place of Birth</b>                | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Date</b>                   | 24 Oct 1868                                  |
|    | <b>Married at</b>                    | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Date</b>                   | 25 Dec 1894                                  |
|    | <b>Residence</b>                     | Chicago, Illinois   | <b>Occupation</b>             | Professor & Classics<br>Chair, U. of Chicago |
|    | <b>Place of Burial</b>               | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Death Date &amp; Place</b> | 23 Jan 1946<br>Aberdeen, Maryland            |
|    | <b>Mother</b>                        | Annie Willson   | <b>Daughter of</b>            | Daniel G. Willson<br>Catharine McKinlay      |
|    | <b>Occupation</b>                    | At home   |                               |  |
|    | <b>Place of Birth</b>                | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Date</b>                   | 7 Nov 1870                                   |
|    | <b>Place of Burial</b>               | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Death Date &amp; Place</b> | 18 Jun 1949<br>Aberdeen, Maryland            |
|    | <b>Children and spouses if known</b> | Gordon Willson Bonner m. Agnes Martha Russell; Brant Robert Bonner m. Lucille Hinton;<br>Patricia Bonner m. John R. Tomlinson |                               |  |

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grandparents

|    |                                      |   |                               |                                       |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 5. | <b>Father</b>                        | Daniel Gilman Willson   | <b>Son of</b>                 | John Willson<br>Anne McEwen           |
|    | <b>Place of Birth</b>                | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Date</b>                   | 7 Apr 1841                            |
|    | <b>Married at</b>                    | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Date</b>                   | 3 Nov 1869                            |
|    | <b>Residence</b>                     | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Occupation</b>             | Farmer                                |
|    | <b>Place of Burial</b>               | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Death Date &amp; Place</b> | 10 May 1909<br>Ridgetown, Ontario     |
|    | <b>Mother</b>                        | Catharine McKinlay  | <b>Daughter of</b>            | Duncan McKinlay<br>Anne Leslie McLean |
|    | <b>Occupation</b>                    | Farmer's wife   |                               |                                       |
|    | <b>Place of Birth</b>                | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Date</b>                   | 20 Jun 1846<br>Ridgetown, Ontario     |
|    | <b>Place of Burial</b>               | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Death Date &amp; Place</b> | 30 Jun 1923<br>Ridgetown, Ontario     |
|    | <b>Children and spouses if known</b> | Annie Willson m. Robert John Bonner; John Herbert Willson m. Flora May Hunter;<br>Tena Margaret Willson m. Robert John Hunter |                               |                                       |

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Grandparents

|    |                                      |   |                               |                                       |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 6. | <b>Father</b>                        | John Willson  | <b>Son of</b>                 | Gilman Willson<br>Hannah Sypes        |
|    | <b>Place of Birth</b>                | Bertie, Welland, Ontario  | <b>Date</b>                   | 1802                                  |
|    | <b>Married at</b>                    | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Date</b>                   | Before 1841                           |
|    | <b>Residence</b>                     | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Occupation</b>             | Farmer                                |
|    | <b>Place of Burial</b>               | Ridgetown, Kent, Ontario  | <b>Death Date &amp; Place</b> | 11 Mar 1888<br>Ridgetown, Ontario     |
|    | <b>Mother</b>                        | Anne McEwen   | <b>Daughter of</b>            | Alexander McEwen<br>Margaret McKinnon |
|    | <b>Occupation</b>                    | Farmer's wife   |                               |                                       |
|    | <b>Place of Birth</b>                | New York, U.S.A.  | <b>Date</b>                   | Abt. 1812                             |
|    | <b>Place of Burial</b>               |   | <b>Death Date &amp; Place</b> | 1867<br>Ridgetown, Ontario            |
|    | <b>Children and spouses if known</b> | Mary Willson [daughter of John Willson & Mary Bobier] m. Sherman Malcolm; Daniel Gilman m. Catharine McKinlay; Benjamin Willson [unmarried]; Margaret Willson m. John Crowder; John Neil Willson; Hannah Willson [unmarried]. |                               |                                       |

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Great Grandparents

|    |                                      |   |                               |                                   |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7. | <b>Father</b>                        | Gilman Willson  | <b>Son of</b>                 | Benjamin Willson<br>Sarah Crowell |
|    | <b>Place of Birth</b>                | New Jersey, U.S.A.  | <b>Date</b>                   | 1771                              |
|    | <b>Married at</b>                    |   | <b>Date</b>                   | Before 1794                       |
|    | <b>Residence</b>                     | Bertie, Welland & Dunwich, Middlesex, Ontario   | <b>Occupation</b>             | Farmer, Militia Capt.             |
|    | <b>Place of Burial</b>               | Tyrconnell, Elgin, Ontario  | <b>Death Date &amp; Place</b> | 1836<br>Dunwich, Ontario          |
|    | <b>Mother</b>                        | Hannah Sypes  | <b>Daughter of</b>            | Johann Sypes<br>Anna Schauer      |
|    | <b>Occupation</b>                    | Farmer's wife   |                               |                                   |
|    | <b>Place of Birth</b>                | Pennsylvania or New York, U.S.A.  | <b>Date</b>                   | 1773                              |
|    | <b>Place of Burial</b>               | Tyrconnell, Elgin, Ontario  | <b>Death Date &amp; Place</b> | 1 Aug 1856<br>Dunwich, Ontario    |
|    | <b>Children and spouses if known</b> | Sarah Willson m. William Buck; Hannah Willson m. John Stewart & Joseph Mitton; Benjamin G. Willson; Crowell Willson; Andrew Willson; John Willson m. Mary Bobier, m. Anne McEwen; Jephthah Willson; Edward Willson; Christopher Willson; Mary Willson m. Peter Crane; Peter Willson |                               |                                   |

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Great Grandparents

|    |                                      |  |                               |                    |
|----|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 8. | <b>Father</b>                        | Benjamin Willson U.E.  | <b>Son of</b>                 | ?John Willson      |
|    | <b>Place of Birth</b>                | Unknown  | <b>Date</b>                   | Before 1740        |
|    | <b>Married at</b>                    | Unknown  | <b>Date</b>                   | Unknown            |
|    | <b>Residence</b>                     | New Jersey, U.S.A. & Bertie, Welland, Ontario  | <b>Occupation</b>             | Farmer             |
|    | <b>Place of Burial</b>               | Unknown  | <b>Death Date &amp; Place</b> | Before 20 Jan 1809 |
|    | <b>Mother</b>                        | Sarah Crowell  | <b>Daughter of</b>            | Unknown            |
|    | <b>Occupation</b>                    | Farmer's wife  |                               |                    |
|    | <b>Place of Birth</b>                | Unknown  | <b>Date</b>                   | Unknown            |
|    | <b>Place of Burial</b>               | Unknown  | <b>Death Date &amp; Place</b> | Unknown            |
|    | <b>Children and spouses if known</b> | Crowell Willson & Hannah Crane; John Willson & Esther ___ ; Sarah Willson & John Fanning; Hannah Willson & Matthias Hannon Haun Jr.; Gilman Willson & Hannah Sypes |                               |                    |

### PROOFS OF LINEAL DESCENT

List your direct line of descent, beginning with yourself, one person in each generation to your Loyalist ancestor. Lineal descent is proved by the use of documents which state the relationship of two individuals to each other. The document must state the fact to be proved: e.g. "William, THE SON of Henry Smith ..."

**Attach copies of your proofs to the back of the application.**

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Applicant                         | Will Mullins  |
| Proof                                |   |
| 2. Parent                            | [private]   |
| Proof                                |   |
| 3. Grandparent                       | Gordon Willson Bonner   |
| Proof                                | Gordon's children's birth, marriage and death certificates  |
| 4. 1 <sup>st</sup> Great Grandparent | Annie Willson   |
| Proof                                | Gordon Bonner's birth record, wedding announcement, death certificate; 1910 U.S. Census: Robert Bonner (head of household)  |
| 5. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Great Grandparent | Daniel Gilman Willson   |
| Proof                                | Annie Willson's birth record, marriage record and death certificate; 1871 Ontario Census: Annie Willson & Daniel Gilman (head of household)   |
| 6. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Great Grandparent | John Willson  |
| Proof                                | Daniel Willson: marriage record, death record; John Willson: Last Will and Testament; 1851 and 1861 Ontario Census: Daniel Willson & John Willson (head of household)   |
| 7. 4 <sup>th</sup> Great Grandparent | Gilman Willson  |
| Proof                                | John Willson: Obituary 1888 Chatham Tri-weekly Planet; Tombstone photo and transcript, Gilman & Hannah Willson, Tyrconnell, Ontario; Marriage certificate 1833 John Willson & Mary Bobier, Dunwich; 1842 Dunwich census: Hannah Willson (head of household); Mary Willson Malcolm: death certificate 1926, Antrim, Michigan; Letter by Crowell Willson 1882 cites brother John Willson, in Watson, O.K. <u>Memories of Ridgetown</u> . Ridgetown, 1930; 1826 land grant to Crowell Willson in Ridgetown Lot 12 Concession 9; Record of deeds & mortgages, Ridgetown Lot 12 Concession 9; Indenture 1868 John Willson to Daniel Willson, Lot 12 Concession 9; 1847 land grant Ridgetown to John Willson (cousin), Lot 15 Concession 7. |
| 8. 5 <sup>th</sup> Great Grandparent | Benjamin Willson U.E.   |
| Proof                                | 1810 petition for land from Crown by Gilman Willson, brother of Crowell Willson M.P.; two documents stating that Crowell Willson was son of Benjamin Willson U.E., cited in Willson, Thomas B. <u>Descendants of Benjamin and Sarah Willson – New Jersey Loyalists of Ft. Erie, Ont.</u> Madison, N.J. 1967; 1797 Bertie land petition and accepted order for 650 acres for Benjamin Willson, to complete 1200 acre allowed grant; Benjamin Willson listed in Reid, William D. <u>The Sons and Daughters of the American Loyalists of Upper Canada</u> . Baltimore, 1973, Genealogical Publishing Company.  |
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