

War of 1812
200th Anniversary Commemoration
Essex County Branch OGS Project
2012-2015

The Essex County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) would like to commemorate the anniversary of the War of 1812 by collecting and preserving family histories where proof can be shown that a family member lived in the old Western District which included Essex, Kent and Lambton Counties during the War of 1812.

We will accept anyone who can prove descent from one of:

- A British Soldier based in the Western District during the War of 1812.
- A member of a Canadian Militia Unit who served in the area.
- A First Nations person who saw action on the British side during the war.
- A person who lived in the Western District (Essex, Kent or Lambton Counties).

To qualify, each applicant must be able to prove **direct descent** from an ancestor who meets one of the above categories. The proof is given in the form of **copies** of official records for **each** generation, including proof for the applicant. 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 (baptismal records can be accepted in place of birth information), and wills. In cases where clear proof is not available, sound genealogical practice may permit the acceptance of several items, each giving partial proof. A family bible alone is not acceptable without a copy of the first page of the bible stating an earlier age of printing than the records recorded in the bible.

If your proof consists of published material, you must provide full citations, including page numbers and photocopies of the pages (including title pages). Published family histories will not be accepted as proof. Other publications will be acceptable upon the discretion of the Essex County Branch OGS.

Each successful applicant will receive a certificate from the Essex County Branch OGS and will be invited to commemoration activities in the area during the years 2012 to 2015. The events planned so far are Amherstburg, 3, 4, and 5 August 2012; Fairfield Museum, Chatham-Kent October 2013 and July 1, 2015 at Fort Malden National Historic Site, Amherstburg. There will be a recognition ceremony at each event.

The successful applications will be placed on the Essex County Branch OGS Members Only web site **excluding** any information involving people born in the last 100 years. If the application is accepted by the Essex County Branch OGS, the same documentation will be acceptable for the War of 1812 Society through the Provincial Office of the Ontario Genealogical Society if the ancestor fits the criteria for the War of 1812 Society. The applicant must pay the separate fee for that group when applying.

The application form is in four 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 links you to your parents and so on back through the generations until you reach your War of 1812 ancestor. That person's information is on the third section. The fourth section is a listing of all your documentation for the proofs between the generations.

The application fee is \$25.00. If you wish to submit to the OGS for their War of 1812 Society please check their web site for their fees and criteria.

If you wish to apply for multiple certificates, each application costs \$25.00. This would be the case if you find that you have more than one ancestor who qualifies as a person in our area during the War of 1812 or for other living members of the family who wish to have a certificate. One application is required for every person.

Please mail the application to: War of 1812, Essex County Branch OGS, P. O. Box 2, Station A, Windsor, ON N9A 6J5. Or you can email the application with your proofs to: essex@ogs.on.ca.

I wish to receive my certificate by mail _____. I wish to receive my certificate at the event on _____.

War of 1812 Application Essex County Branch OGS Project

Please complete one application form per War of 1812 ancestor. Include as much information about each ancestor as possible. 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 of \$25 per application enclosed: _____

_____ 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 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 Essex County Branch 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 1812 Ancestor

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

* This person was:

- _____ A British soldier based in what is now Canada during the War of 1812-14
- _____ A member of a Canadian militia unit that saw action during the War of 1812-14
- _____ A native who saw action on the British side during the War of 1812-14
- _____ A person who lived in the Western District (Essex, Kent or Lambton Co.)

State proof for the criteria listed above:

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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Please add any other information or stories about this person. We appreciate all additional information, particularly if your ancestor remained or settled in Upper Canada.

Proofs of Descent

List your direct line of descent, beginning with yourself, one person in each generation to your War of 1812 ancestor. Descent is proved by the use of documents which state the relationship to each other. The document must state the fact to be proved: e.g. "George, THE SON of Daniel Ross..."

1. Applicant	
Proof	
2. Parent	
Proof	
3. Grandparent	
Proof	
4. 1 st Great Grandparent	
Proof	
5. 2 nd Great Grandparent	
Proof	
6. 3 rd Great Grandparent	
Proof	
7. 4 th Great Grandparent	
Proof	
8. 5 th Great Grandparent	
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9. 6 th Great Grandparent	
Proof	
10. 7 th Great Grandparent	
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