

PETITION OF SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA FOR CONTINUED PUBLIC ACCESS OF HISTORIC CENSUS RECORDS

We, the undersigned citizens (or residents) of _____ state the following:
(Country)

That: Census records are an essential source to Historians and Genealogists, providing information such as names, birth dates, family groupings, country of origin, religion, occupations, patterns of migration, and social conditions prevailing at the time of collection.

That: Information from Census has been used successfully in tracing genetic diseases, settling of wills and estates, establishing First Nations status, confirming ages for pension entitlements, and more; and

That: We fully support efforts of citizens or residents of Canada, in pursuit of their family history – of their heritage, to seek continued public access, in accordance with the *Access to Information* and *Privacy* Acts, to Canada’s Historic Census Records.

Therefore Your petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to immediately direct the *Chief Statistician of Canada* to return care and control of schedules of Historic Census to the *National Archivist* for subsequent public access in accordance with the *Access to Information* and *Privacy* Acts; and

Further: That continued public access of Historic Census Records, without condition or restriction, be ensured by the addition to the *Statistics* Act of a single clause, similar to the following;

“Original schedules of Census or authentic copies thereof shall, not later than thirty (30) years following collection, be transferred to the care and control of the *National Archivist* for subsequent public access in accordance with provisions of the *Access to Information* and *Privacy* Acts, and *Regulations* attached thereto.”

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