

Petition for a Private Bill: to provide British Citizenship by Descent to Keith Anthony Simms

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled:

The Humble Petition of Keith Anthony Simms, a descendant of British nationals,

Sheweth:

Whereas Keith Anthony Simms, a direct descendant of Great Great British Grandfather Charles Webb and British Grandmother Gwendolyn Webb, asserts his rightful claim to British nationality by virtue of Section 5: Citizenship by Descent of the British Nationality Act 1948 and other applicable statutes.

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Grounds for the Petition

1. Historical Context of Citizenship by Descent: Section 5 of the British Nationality Act 1948 established the principle of citizenship by descent, allowing individuals born outside the United Kingdom to inherit British nationality through their paternal lineage.
2. Application of Citizenship by Descent:
 - Charles Webb, the Great Great Grandfather of the petitioner, was born a British subject and held British nationality under the laws of his time.
 - Gwendolyn Webb, the British Grandmother of the petitioner, further establishes a direct lineage to British citizenship within two generations.
3. Relevant Statutes Supporting the Claim:
 - British Nationality Act 1948: Confers citizenship by descent to children of British fathers.
 - British Nationality Act 1981: Reinforces the principles of citizenship by descent and addresses gender-based inequalities in nationality laws.
 - Human Rights Act 1998: Protects against discrimination and ensures the right to a fair hearing.
 - Equality Act 2010: Guarantees equal treatment in matters of nationality, irrespective of race, origin, or gender.
4. Unjust Denial of Rights:
 - The petitioner has been denied recognition of his citizenship due to administrative barriers and historic documentation gaps.
 - This denial is inconsistent with the principles of fairness and equality enshrined in UK nationality law.
5. Evidence Supporting the Claim:

- Genealogical Research Report Ref: 1628-2024 (Attached): This comprehensive report traces the direct lineage of Kieth Anthony Simms to Charles Webb and Gwendolyn Webb, establishing the petitioner's ancestral connection to British nationals.
- Historical birth, marriage, and citizenship records corroborate the lineage and support the petitioner's claim.

Prayer for Relief

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honourable House may be pleased to:

1. Introduce a Private Bill to:
 - Formally apply Section 5 of the British Nationality Act 1948 and all relevant statutes to the case of Kieth Anthony Simms, thereby recognizing his British nationality by descent.
 - Provide for the expedited processing of a citizenship registration or naturalization application for the petitioner.
 - Address any legal and administrative barriers impeding the petitioner's access to rightful citizenship status.
2. Grant Restorative Justice:
 - Ensure that the petitioner's rights are fully restored, including access to benefits and services as a British national.
 - Provide compensation or remedies for any undue hardship caused by the lack of formal recognition of his status.

Conclusion

Your Petitioner, being a direct descendant of British nationals and having fulfilled all legal and evidentiary requirements, respectfully requests the Honourable House to enact legislation to rectify this matter.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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