

Commission of Inquiry into Historic Losses of Land in Bermuda

Witness statement of Craig Lightbourne

On behalf of James Richardson and Catherine Amanda Williams

I, Craig Lightbourne, of 3 Coral Acres Drive, Southampton, SB04 will say as follows:

1. I am a descendant of James Richardson and Catherine Amanda Williams.
2. James Richardson was subjected to the historic losses of property in Bermuda.
3. My great grandfather (four times removed) James Richardson was born in 1798 and passed away in June 1876 at the age of 78.
4. James Richardson acquired the property located on South Road, Paget in the 1800s. Part of the property is located on the south road on the same side of the Coral Beach and Tennis Club. The other part of the property, now referred to as Honey hill, is located on the northern side of the south road which is on the opposite side of the Coral Beach and Tennis Club.
5. In total, the land in question is estimated to be 20 acres which are shown using google maps aerial view.

Catherine Amanda Williams ("Catherine") is the daughter of James Richardson.

6. Catherine was born in 1847. I am unsure of the actual birth date. In 1932, Catherine pursued legal action against Sir Reginald Gray, J.T. Gilbert, and E.G. Trustees of the estate of James Richardson. Shortly after this 1932 Supreme Court Case, Catherine passed away in 1932. In a 1933 judgment, the Supreme Court ordered that Catherine Williams was to take possession of the 20 acres of land in question. (Exhibit 1)
7. Shortly after this 1932 Supreme Court Case, Catherine passed away in 1932. Catherine never received court documents and/or had taken possession of the 20 acres of land.
8. In 2010, Dilton Lightbourne, Gladstone Denmark Lightbourne, and Calvin O'Briant Lightbourne brought a claim in the Supreme Court of Bermuda against the Trustees of the Richardson Trust. (Exhibit 6)
9. To my knowledge, Dilton Lightbourne is a nephew to Catherine.
10. My understanding of the 2010 Supreme Court matter is the courts were merely concerned with lineage. To my knowledge, the Supreme Court did not award anything at that time.
11. It was put forward that there are concerns on whether I am a direct descendant of James Richardson. I take this time to point out Janet Richardson is the daughter of

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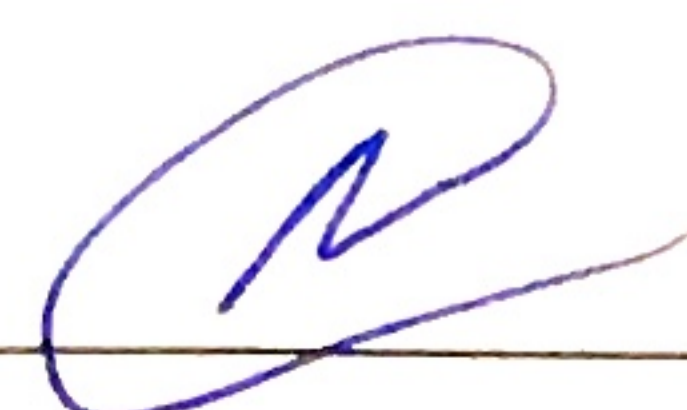
James Richardson and great grandmother (three times removed) to myself. Therefore, I do not see how any lineage can be a concern.

12. I further note, it is believed the correct spelling of my family name is Lightbourn – without an “e”. This is supported by the birth certificates of my grandfather, Esten Denmark Showing my great-great grandfather’s surname spelled without an “e”. It is believed that the adopted spelling of Lightbourne was purely based on a clerical error by the Registrar. It is my understanding it is believed I am not a direct descendant due to the incorrect spelling of the surname Lightbourne.

13.1. Craig Lightbourne, for the purpose of giving evidence to the Commission of Inquiry into Historic Losses of Land in Bermuda intend to rely on the following documents:

Application Number	Applicant	Date Filed	Documents	Description
COIHLL2019016	Craig Lightbourne	16-Mar-20	COIHLL2019016 CL001	Letter: Application Made
	/Richardson Trust		COIHLL2019016 CL002	Supreme Court 2010: NO 392
			COIHLL2019016 CL003	Letter: Amicus July 16 2013
			COIHLL2019016 CL004	Letter: Amicus September 5 2013
			COIHLL2019016 CL005	Letter: Conyers 28 August 2013
			COIHLL2019016 CL006	Plot Plan
			COIHLL2019016 CL007	Plot Plan- grids
			COIHLL2019016 CL008	Letter: Ashes Management RE: Richardson Trust
			COIHLL2019016 CL009	Google Maps: Aerial View of South Road
			COIHLL2019016 CL0010	pictorial of Family Tree
			COIHLL2019016 CL0011	Birth Certificate of Esten Denmark
			COIHLL2019016 CL0012	Birth Certificate of Gladstone Lightbourne
			COIHLL2019016 CL0013	Birth certificate of Dilton Lightbourne
			COIHLL2019016 CL0014	Birth certificate of Gladston Lightbourne
			COIHLL2019016 CL0015	Certificate of Death Esten D. Lightbourn
			COIHLL2019016 CL0016	Certificate of Marriage Alonzo Lightbourn & Ruth Stovel

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I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.



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[Craig Lightbourne]

Occupation: Customs Officer

[date: 20 JAN 2021]

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