Dear Titanic friends,

With all the Titanic knowledge available, completed by wonderful researchers diligent over many years, there remains unanswered questions in the story. We want to answer one of those questions. We have proposed a project to name the unknown victims in Halifax. We are seeking an endorsement from you for this project, since you are a Titanic descendant/relative.

The project team includes a state-of-the-art medical Genetics Center – that focuses on the human genome. Confidentiality is an absolute with this group. A television network is eager to be a part of this project, and is willing to sponsor it. The proposal includes a series of documentaries through which we tell stories (or allow many family members and historians to tell the stories) not often seen in the media. It is my aim to focus on third class passengers and crew, but not exclusively.

In our efforts to convince the cemeteries to approve this project, we seek an endorsement from Titanic descendants or relatives. We are NOT asking for any financial contribution. It is the belief of some that there is no interest in knowing who those victims are – yet we believe that, while we have time, we need to make a comprehensive attempt to name those victims. Technology is at its peak, and we may not have another window in which we can obtain a viable DNA sample.

We also beg for you to keep this project confidential. It is with absolute respect for the victims that we do not want interruptions and disruptions at the time of recovery. We are not trying to hide anything, but a small team accomplishing the tasks can maintain the respect of the process without tourists, cameras, questions, and much more. When the recoveries are complete, then a complete press release will be made, and the process of seeking descendants and relatives from which to request a DNA sample will begin. The Genetics Center will maintain the tests, and we will only release the matching results for the purpose of this project.

What I seek today is an endorsement. If your family member was not identified among the passengers and crew of Titanic, would you want to know if any of the 43 Halifax unknowns are your family? If so, please fill out the attached form, and get it to me at my email address below. Your signature is important. Print it, fill it out, and either photograph it or scan it, then send it.

Also feel free to ask questions pertaining to the form if you have any. There is no guarantee that we will receive permission from the cemeteries, but if descendants want to know if they are related to those victims, it may help them with a decision to approve the proposal.

Though I am a member of one of the major Titanic societies, and have many friends in many others, this project is not sponsored by any group. We will look forward to working with those that want to assist and look forward to finding the names for those victims from 106 years ago.

Thank you,

Bill Willard

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Titanic: Name Them All

Personal Endorsement Form

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Name of Family member aboard Titanic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pertaining to those who perished, was your relative recovered? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

*(If more than one relation, please list others on the back of this page.)*

Would you be in favor of a project to identify the buried unknowns? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Would you be willing to provide a DNA sample (for the purpose of identification only)? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Comments *(feel free to state your endorsement here):*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_