

in Upper Canada before any Justice of the Peace, Magistrate or Commanding Officer of a Post, or before any Priest, Minister or Clergyman, or between or with any person or persons belonging to the Society of Friends commonly called Quakers, or persons professing the Jewish religion, according to the usages of the said Society and of the said persons respectively, before this Act shall come into force, shall be and are hereby confirmed, and shall be considered good and valid in law, and the parties to such Marriages and the issue thereof shall be entitled to all the rights and subject to all the obligations resulting from Marriage and Consanguinity, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding: 10

Provided that nothing in this Section contained shall extend to or affect any Marriage declared invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction before this Act comes into force, nor any Marriage where either of the parties shall at any time afterwards during the lifetime of the other party, have lawfully intermarried with any other person, nor any Marriage respecting which any criminal prosecution shall be depending at the time this Act comes into force: Provided further, that this section shall not extend or be construed to extend to or affect any act done before this Act comes into force, under the authority of any Court, or in the administration of any personal Estate or Effects, or in the Execution of any Will or Testament or the performance of any Trust. 15 20

To what marriages this Act applies, and commencement of Act.

XIX. Except in those cases where it is otherwise herein expressly provided, this Act shall apply only to Marriages contracted as aforesaid in Upper Canada after this Act shall be in force; and that this Act shall come into force and effect upon, from and after the day of 185 , and not before.

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FORM OF AN ORIGINAL CONTRACT.

Whereas A. B., of _____ in the County of _____ in Upper Canada, bachelor, (*or widower, as the case may be,*) son of _____ and _____ of the Township of _____ in the County of _____ and C. D., of _____ in the County of _____ spinster, (*or widow, as the case may be,*) daughter of _____ and _____ of the Township of _____ in the County of _____ have a mutual purpose of marriage, for the carrying out of which they are desirous to enter into the Contract by Law in such case made and provided, severally declaring that there is no lawful cause against it. Now these presents witness that the said A. B. and C. D. have mutually agreed to enter into the relation of man and wife, from henceforth, according to the laws of Upper Canada. In witness whereof the said A. B. and C. D. have hereunto set their hands in the presence of E. F., of _____ in the County of _____ (*addition*) and G. H., of _____ in the County of _____ (*addition*) and before J. K., Registrar, (*Judge of the Court, or Minister, &c., as the case may be,*) of the County of _____

Signed, and delivered to the _____ of the _____ in the _____ } A. B. L. S.
presence of the said E. F. and G. H. } C. D. L. S.
on the _____ day of _____ 18 _____

E. F.
G. H.