

Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society

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PIONEER CERTIFICATES

The Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society will issue Pioneer Certificates to direct descendents of early settlers of Logan County. Many of these pioneers have gone unnoticed in history, so this is a way to gather information about them. In addition to receiving a Pioneer Certificate, applicants will be helping to preserve the history of their ancestral pioneers.

ELIGIBILITY: To qualify for a Pioneer Certificate the applicant must be directly descended from an ancestor who settled in Logan County prior to 1880.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete and sign the **LCGHS Pioneer Certificate** application
2. When completing the straight-line lineage chart, please use maiden names for women. If you are unsure of any dates or information, place a question mark in the space provided.
3. Documented evidence must accompany the application, such as census, birth, death, marriage, school, church, bible, military, estate, or land records, obituaries (give the name and location of newspaper with publishing date, (if known), tombstone inscriptions (give location of cemetery), county histories etc. Each person (including the applicant) on the straight-line chart should be proved as the child of the preceding generation. **DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.** Please submit **COPIES ONLY**, material used to document parentage will become property of the Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society.
4. Please submit as much additional information about your ancestor as you wish.

FEE:

Fee for each ancestor application submitted is \$15.00. One designated certificate is included in the application fee. Certificate(s) will be mailed after eligibility has been determined. **Application fees will not be refunded.** The completed application, copies of documents proving direct descent of each generation on the straight-line chart. should be mailed to the Society at the following address:

LCG&HS, Attn. Pioneer Certificate, 114 N. Chicago St. Lincoln, IL 62656

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATES

Brothers, sisters, children, or grandchildren of the applicant who wish to **apply at the same time** as original pioneer application will need to fill out an application. Their documentation need only show direct relationship to original applicant. These additional applications include one designated certificate each. Fee for these additional certificates are \$10.00 each.

DOCUMENTATION

1. Please submit primary (*) proof of your ancestor's residence in Logan County, Illinois for a particular year. The date should be specified on the application.
2. Send proof of lineage **FOR EACH GENERATION** from pioneer ancestor to person whose name is to be on the certificate. This can be primary or secondary (*) proof.
3. Fill out blanks on the application, especially children of pioneer section.
4. Make sure permission release is signed and dated.
5. Enclose checks in the proper amount to cover each individual ancestor application enclosed and for each additional certificate to be issued for other family members/
6. If applications for more than one pioneer are enclosed, please send duplicate proofs for each generation in line of descent for each ancestor submitted.
7. If applying for multiple certificates on the same pioneer ancestor, be certain that proof of lineage or relationship to the original applicant is documented for each individual family member desiring a certificate.
8. Highlight key information in your proofs.
9. If you wish notification that your application has been approved, please enclose a SASE.
10. **Applicant's name should be on the back of each document submitted.**

Thank you for your interest in the project. It will be a pleasure to process your application. If the above guidelines are followed, processing will move forward more quickly, and will help eliminate the need to return applications for additional documentation. We look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely, LCG&HS

* **Primary Proof** is defined as a record or document created at the time of the event, or shortly thereafter, by eyewitnesses or persons directly related to the event. Records **not** meeting criteria are secondary sources. Records that have been transcribed into printed matter or written form could contain errors and are therefore secondary sources. Examples of **acceptable photocopies** of documents submitted for earliest proven residency of Logan County Pioneer include but are not limited to: 1820 – 1880 United State Federal Census documents; 1855 Illinois State Census; Logan County Marriage records; Logan County Death records; Logan County Land records; etc. All county histories and biographies are considered secondary sources.

Examples of document photocopies submitted to prove line of descent from the pioneer for **each generation** on the straight-line chart. Each person on the chart, **including the applicant**, must be proved as the child of the preceding generation. The applicant should be the last named person on the straight-line chart.

You may have records in your possession other than these listed that will identify the parent/child relationship of those on your straight-line chart. The best documents, of course, are vital records of birth, marriage and death.

If you have a concern about releasing a copy of any of these documents, you may write "**COPY FOR GENEALOGICAL PURPOSES ONLY**" in black ink across the face of the **photocopy** of your document. Please be careful not to obliterate any vital information.

LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PIONEER CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

NAME OF APPLICANT (as it is to appear on the certificates)

Address: _____

Name of Pioneer: _____ Date Pioneer Settled
 Logan County: _____ Year

Pioneer's Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
 Day Month Year City County State

Pioneer's Date of Death: _____ Place of Death: _____
 Day Month Year City County State

Place Buried: _____
 Name of Cemetery City County State

Pioneer's Father's Name: _____ Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Name of Pioneer's Spouse:** _____ (**(Show maiden name if woman))

Spouse's Date & Place of Birth: _____
 Day Month Year City County State

Spouse's Date & Place of Death: _____
 Day Month Year City County State

Place Buried: _____
 Name of Cemetery City County State

Date & Place of Marriage: _____
 Name of Cemetery City County State

Children of Pioneer Ancestor:
 Name: Yr Born Where Yr Died Where Spouse: Yr Md.

Please list additional children on page 6.

LCGHS STRAIGHT-LINE LINEAGE CHART

(Please Print)

Generation 1: Name of Pioneer Ancestor: _____

Generation 2: Their Child: _____ Was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at: _____

Attach documentation that this person is a direct descendent of the pioneer.

Generation 3: Their Child: _____ Was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at: _____

Attach documentation that this person is a direct descendent of the previous person.

Generation 4: Their Child: _____ Was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at: _____

Attach documentation that this person is a direct descendent of the previous person.

Generation 5: Their Child: _____ Was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at: _____

Attach documentation that this person is a direct descendent of the previous person.

Generation 6: Their Child: _____ Was my _____
Born: _____ at _____
Died: _____ at _____
Married to: _____ on _____
at: _____

Attach documentation that this person is a direct descendent of the previous person.

Generation 7: Their Child: _____ Was my _____
Born: _____ at _____
Died: _____ at _____
Married to: _____ on _____
at: _____

Attach documentation that this person is a direct descendent of the previous person.

Generation 8: Their Child: _____ Was my _____
Born: _____ at _____
Died: _____ at _____
Married to: _____ on _____
at: _____

Attach documentation that this person is a direct descendent of the previous person.

Generation 9: Their Child: _____ Was my _____
Born: _____ at _____
Died: _____ at _____
Married to: _____ on _____
at: _____

Attach documentation that this person is a direct descendent of the previous person.

PERMISSION RELEASE

I hereby give permission to the Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society (LCGHS) to reproduce the material herein submitted for the Pioneer Certificate for their publication and microfilming projects.

Day, Month, Year: _____ Signature: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Children of Pioneer Ancestor:

Name:	Yr Born	Where	Yr Died	Where	Spouse: Yr Md.