

JACKSON COUNTY PIONEER CERTIFICATE PROJECT

The date of 1 August 1832, is recognized as the organization of Jackson County (it was approved on 26 June 1832, but not effective until 1 August). Therefore, the County of Jackson, Michigan will be celebrating 175 years in 2007. It is with this Celebration in mind that the Jackson County Pioneer Certificate Project is being enacted to honor the Pioneers of Jackson County.

The Jackson County Pioneer Certificate Project, is sponsored by the Jackson County Genealogical Society and the Jackson County Historical Society. Our purpose is to honor and collect data about the early residents of Jackson County, Michigan and their descendants. This information will benefit both the Genealogical Society and the Historical Society in adding valuable history of our early settlers and providing information for future research in our county.

We are asking the descendants of these early pioneers to apply for a Jackson County Pioneer Certificate, which will be given in four categories recognizing the settlement and growth of Jackson County. These Certificates will be of frameable quality with the name of the Applicant and the Ancestor. The Certificate will be based on the year that the Ancestor first settled in Jackson County. The categories are:

First Families-- pre 1841
Founders-- 1841 - 1861
Settler-- 1862 - 1881
Builder-- 1882 - 1907

ELIGIBILITY: The applicant must directly descend from an ancestor who 'resided' in Jackson County, prior to the 1907 date. The applicant must be able to prove descent from the ancestor (male or female) by an official record or records for each generation, including proof for the applicant. Current Jackson County residency is not required to receive a Pioneer Certificate.

INSTRUCTIONS: The Jackson County Pioneer Certificate Application form may be requested from the Jackson County Pioneer Certificate Project, c/o J.C.G.S. Library, 715 W. Michigan Ave., Suite #2, Jackson, Michigan 49201. Please include a #10 self-addressed, and stamped envelope. You may also print the application from this web site; <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mijackso/jcgs.htm>

The Application should be completed following one direct line. It should be either typed or carefully printed in black ink, and Surnames in Capital Letters, please.

Please identify women by their maiden names, (using parentheses if married).

Dates should be written as --day, month, year (ex.; 1 Jan. 1900) (year written in 4 digits please).

Incorrect or incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant for corrections or additions.

A non-refundable fee of (\$10.00) must accompany the completed application form and proof of

descent. Additional certificates for descendants of the same applicant may be requested **at the same time** for a fee of (\$5.00) each. (If Certificate is requested at a later date, the fee will be \$7.50). These descendants **MUST BE PROVEN** (i.e. to obtain a certificate for your child you would prove his/her descent from you with a birth certificate (and if the child is married-proof of marriage) or some other form of Primary Sources – at the same time that you submit your own application, you also submit a separate application showing your child's name as Descendant, with your name as Applicant). List names for additional certificates on the Application Form. Attach additional sheets to the lineage chart if space is needed. **All certificates will be mailed to the primary applicant.**

PROOFS: PRIMARY SOURCES; are deemed as acceptable-- Vital Records (birth, marriage & death); Probate Records; Land Records; Tax Records; Census Records (local, state, federal); Military Records (state & federal); Church, Mortuary, Cemetery & Court Records; School Records; Naturalizations; Michigan Historical and Pioneer Papers (available at the Library of Michigan).

Descent should be proven using Primary Sources, and in the few cases where that is not possible, Secondary Sources, or Preponderance of Evidence may be accepted. Please include proofs for spouses also.

SECONDARY SOURCES; the use of which is encouraged but may not be acceptable as proof of lineage: Bible Records; Obituaries and Newspaper Clippings; Tombstone Inscriptions; Published Family Histories; Published County Histories; Published Biographical Records; City & County Directories; Atlas & Plat Books; Unofficial School Records; Private Papers, Manuscripts, Diaries, Journals & Reminiscences. All other Sources may contribute to Preponderance of Evidence.

All proof documents must show a complete source, such as Author, Title, year of publication, page number, Volume number, type of document, and/or location of original document.

All Application Forms and Verifying proofs and materials will become the property of both the Jackson County Genealogical Society and the Jackson County Historical Society.

Do not send Original Documents--Send only photocopies of pertinent material--copies should be clear and readable.

Submission of additional information is encouraged but not required, to give dimension to the subject, such as Biographical Sketch of the Ancestor, Family Group Sheets, etc.

We invite and encourage you to submit your Application Form to this Project, and remember to make a copy of your Application and Information for your own records.

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JACKSON COUNTY PIONEER CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

Instructions: Fill in blanks to the best of your ability. Print or Type all information in black ink, --**Surnames should be in Capital Letters**. A check or money order of (\$10.00) (non-refundable) and (\$5.00) for additional certificates must accompany the Application and mail to: Jackson County Pioneer Certificate Project, c/o J.C.G.S. Library, 715 W. Michigan Ave., Suite #2, Jackson, Michigan, 49201. *Note* use a separate form for your Siblings or Children*

Begin with yourself as #1.

1. The Applicant's Name (to Appear on the Certificate):

_____ Phone: _____

Street Address of Applicant _____

City, Town, and State + Zip. _____

E-Mail _____

Researcher's Name if different than Applicant

2. Name of ANCESTOR:

(Name of qualifying ancestor who was in Jackson County, Michigan before 1907, as it will appear on the Certificate)

Birth Date _____ Birth Place _____

Baptism Date _____ Baptism Place _____

Death Date _____ Death Place _____

Buried Date _____ Buried Place _____

Married Date _____ Married Place _____

Spouse _____

(Maiden name when applicable)

Spouse Birth Date _____ Spouse Birth Place _____

Spouse Death Date _____ Spouse Death Place _____

3. Where in Jackson County did the Ancestor settle?

(city, town, village, township, region)

4. Emigrated from _____

(Township, County, State, Province/Country--if known)

5. Proof for above: _____

GENERATION CHART

Please print or type clearly (females use maiden name)

Applicant: _____ Spouse: _____
Birth date: _____ Birth date: _____
Birth Place: _____ Birth Place: _____
Marr.date: _____ Marr.Place: _____
Death Date: _____ Death Place: _____
Proof of above: _____

Parents: _____ Spouse: _____
Birth Date: _____ Birth Date: _____
Birth Place: _____ Birth Place: _____
Marriage Date: _____ Marriage Place: _____
Death Date: _____ Death Date: _____
Death Place: _____ Death Place: _____
Proof of above: _____

Grandparents: _____ Spouse: _____
Birth Date: _____ Birth Date: _____
Birth Place: _____ Birth Place: _____
Marr. Date: _____ Marr. Place: _____
Death Date: _____ Death Date: _____
Death Place: _____ Death Place: _____
Proof of above: _____

Great-Grandparents: _____ Spouse: _____
Birth Date: _____ Birth Date: _____
Birth Place: _____ Birth Place: _____
Marriage Date: _____ Marr. Place: _____
Death Date: _____ Death Date: _____
Death Place: _____ Death Place: _____
Proof of above: _____

Gr.Gr.Grandparents: _____ Spouse: _____
Birth Date: _____ Birth Date: _____
Birth Place: _____ Birth Place: _____
Marriage Date: _____ Marr.Place: _____
Death Date: _____ Death Date: _____
Death Place: _____ Death Place: _____
Proof of above: _____

Gr.Gr.Gr.Grandparents:_____ Spouse:_____

Birth Date:_____ Birth Date:_____

Birth Place:_____ Birth Place:_____

Marriage Date:_____ Marr. Place:_____

Death Date:_____ Death Date:_____

Death Place:_____ Death Place:_____

Proof of above:_____

if additional ancestors are needed, you may add them on a separate sheet of paper
 You may make a copy of this Certificate Application as needed for Children or Siblings.

In addition, you are invited to submit further information about your pioneer family, including Biographies, Family Record Sheets, Newspaper Articles, etc. This does not prohibit you from publishing your own data if you should desire.

Appropriate Privacy Laws or other Publication Restrictions will be followed and adhered to.

I am a direct descendant of the Jackson County Pioneer named in this application. The information in this document is true to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that all materials submitted become the property of the Jackson County Pioneer Certificate Project (J.C.P.C.P.), and I give permission to publish said information. I understand that this application and supporting materials are available for reproduction and are accessible to the general public and to researchers.

Applicants Signature:

_____ Dated _____

Thank you for your Application for the Jackson County Pioneer Certificate Project !!

HAPPY ANCESTOR HUNTING !!