

APPLICATION FOR MACON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PIONEER CERTIFICATE

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Presented by DECATUR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 1548 - Decatur, IL 62525-1548

The Decatur Genealogical Society will issue a "Macon County Pioneer Certificate" to direct descendants of early residents of Macon County, Illinois. Our purpose is to gather, preserve and eventually publish the information sent to us and to make the information available to researchers. Applicants will be preserving the history of their pioneer ancestor(s) and letting others know of their research.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be directly descended from an ancestor who lived in Macon County, Illinois before 1880. Anyone can apply, no need to be a member of DGS or a resident of Macon County. Upon receipt of the application with proper costs, and approval of sources, a certificate will be issued. The certificate for pioneers settling before 1850 will have a gold seal with ribbon, and those with a pioneer who settled between 1850 and 1880 will have a gold seal.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete the application to the best of your ability. There must be an application filled out for EACH certificate.
2. Be sure to sign permission release.
3. Be sure to list all women by their maiden name.
4. Documented evidence for each person MUST accompany the application.
5. There must be proof of each child to their parents.
6. Only one document (copy) showing the earliest date of Macon County residency of the pioneer is needed.
7. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS
Please send COPIES ONLY as all material sent becomes the property of D.G.S.
8. You may include additional information if you wish. Attach extra sheets if needed.

COST:

\$15.00 for first certificate requested on one pioneer.

\$10.00 for each additional certificate requested for same pioneer with original order.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO D.G.S. MAIL TO: DGS, P.O. Box 1548, Decatur, IL 62525-1548

PERMISSION RELEASE: I hereby give my permission to the Decatur Genealogical Society (Macon Co., IL) to use my material submitted for the Pioneer of Macon County, IL Certificate in future publications.

SIGNATURE:

ADDRESS

STATE

ZIP

DATE

PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

SUGGESTED TYPES OF RECORDS ACCEPTED AS PROOF: Birth, Marriage or Death certificates; Land or Census records; City or County directories; County histories; Military records; Tombstone inscriptions (name and location of cemetery); Church records (name and location of church).

NAME OF APPLICANT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE:

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

NAME OF PIONEER (to appear on certificate)

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth (City, County, State) _____

Date of Death _____ Place of Death (City, County, State) _____

Date Pioneer settled in Macon County _____ Source: _____

Pioneers Father's name _____ Pioneer Mother's name _____

PIONEER Spouse's name _____

Date of Marriage _____ Place of Marriage (City, County, State) _____

Spouse's date of Birth _____ Place of Birth (City, County, State) _____

Spouse's date of Death _____ Place of Death (City, County, State) _____

Spouse's Father's name _____ Spouse's Mother's name _____

CHILDREN OF PIONEER:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>DIED</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>SPOUSE</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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GENERATION 1.

Name of Pioneer _____

Name of Spouse _____

GENERATION 2. Their Child _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

Name of Spouse _____ Date & Place of Marriage _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

GENERATION 3. Their child _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

Name of Spouse _____ Date & Place of Marriage _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

GENERATION 4. Their Child _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

Name of Spouse _____ Date & Place of Marriage _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

GENERATION 5. Their Child _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

Name of Spouse _____ Date & Place of Marriage _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

GENERATION 6. Their child _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

Name of Spouse _____ Date & Place of Marriage _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

GENERATION 7. Their Child _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

Name of Spouse _____ Date & Place of Marriage _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

GENERATION 8. Their Child _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

Name of Spouse _____ Date & Place of Marriage _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

GENERATION 9. Their child _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

Name of Spouse _____ Date & Place of Marriage _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

GENERATION 10. Their Child _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

Name of Spouse _____ Date & Place of Marriage _____

Date born _____ City/County _____ State _____

Date died _____ City/County _____ State _____

For further information you may visit our library at: 1255 West South Side Dr., Decatur IL
LIBRARY HOURS: Wed-Sat 10:00a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

or call (217) 429-0135 or send an e-mail to Decaturgs@gmail.com

A sample certificate is on display at our library.