



***Madison County Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 631
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Madison County Pioneer Certificate Application

Madison County Pioneer Certificate: To honor those who contributed to our county's rich history, the Madison County Genealogical Society issues Pioneer Certificates to direct descendants of early settlers of Madison County who settled in the County prior to 1880. Direct questions to [*mcsil@yahoo.com*](mailto:mcsil@yahoo.com).

Fee: The fee for each certificate application is \$20.00. One certificate is included in the fee and will be mailed after eligibility has been determined. ***Application fees will not be refunded.***

Additional Certificates: Brothers, sisters, children, or grandchildren of the applicant who wish to apply at the same time as the original applicant will also need to fill out an application. Their documentation need only show direct relationship to the original applicant. These additional applications include one designated certificate each. The fee for additional certificates is \$10.00 each.

Permission Release

I hereby give permission to the Madison County Genealogical Society to include and/or reproduce the following submitted lineage information in any of its publication, microfilm, digitization, website database projects, or unknown future technologies.

Day, Month, Year: _____ Signature: _____

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address & Telephone: _____

Application Instructions

Print or type in black ink. Do not use staples.

1. Complete one application in its entirety for each certificate.
2. Complete the **straight line lineage 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 person on the chart.
3. **Names:** (a) Use all caps for surnames. (b) Use maiden surnames for women. (c) List all given names of an individual. (d) Place quote marks around nicknames. (e) Place aliases in brackets.
4. **Dates:** Write as day/month/year.
5. Include a verifying **proof document** for each birth, marriage, death, etc.
6. Send **copies** of proof documents, **not originals**, as documents will not be returned.
7. Number proof documents consecutively and note key areas in long documents with an arrow.
8. On the back of each **proof document**, include: (a) applicant and subject ancestor's name; (b) identifying document number; and (c) source information for each proof document. Also include Doc #s on forms.
9. Cite sources for proof documents.
10. Original source documents are the preferred **proof documents** where available. Examples of **proof documents** are:
 - ✓ Vital Records: birth, marriage, or death records.
 - ✓ Church Records: birth, baptism/christening, marriage, death, or burial record.
 - ✓ Bible Records: include copy of bible publication page showing date of publication. Entry should be contemporary with publication date of bible or event.
 - ✓ Military Records: enlistment, service, discharge, or pension papers.
 - ✓ Census Records: include copy of headings with location information.
 - ✓ Cemetery Records: include name and location of cemetery.
 - ✓ Other Government Records: naturalization, passports, land purchases and sales, probate records, tax records, or lawsuits.
11. Mail completed form, proof documents, and check in the correct amount, to MCGS at the address shown on page one of this form.

Applicant's name as it is to appear on the certificate (please print or type in black ink only):

Applicant's address: _____

Subject Ancestor Name: _____

If military, dates served: _____ Doc. #s: _____

If military, unit served in: _____ Doc. #s: _____

Dates and Counties of residence in Illinois: _____

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

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

Place Buried: _____
Name of Cemetery City County State

Subject Ancestor Mother's
Father's Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Subject Ancestor Spouse: _____ (show maiden name if a 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: _____
Day Month Year City County State

Children of Subject Ancestor:
Name Yr Born Where Yr Died Where Spouse Yr Married

Please list additional children on separate sheet.

Information for subject ancestor proved by Doc. #s: _____

Straight-Line Lineage Chart (Please print or type in black ink.)

Please complete the following straight-line lineage chart from the subject ancestor to yourself, formatting dates as day/month/year and places as city, county, state.

Subject Ancestor Name & Spouse: _____

Generation 2. Their Child: _____ was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at _____

Information for this person proved by Doc. #s: _____

Generation 3. Their Child: _____ was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at _____

Information for this person proved by Doc. #s: _____

Generation 4. Their Child: _____ was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at _____

Information for this person proved by Doc. #s: _____

Generation 5. Their Child: _____ was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at _____

Information for this person proved by Doc. #s: _____

Generation 6. Their Child: _____ was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at _____

Information for this person proved by Doc. #s: _____

Generation 7. Their Child: _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at _____

Information for this person proved by Doc. #s: _____