



PIONEER CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

RESIDED IN MUSKEGON CO. BETWEEN 1 JAN 1859 TO 31 DEC 1894
Muskegon County Genealogical Society (MCGS)
Muskegon, Michigan

You must document both the residence of the Pioneer Ancestor in Muskegon County and the direct descent (bloodline only) to the applicant. Type or print on this form and provide proofs (LEGIBLE COPIES ONLY)—proofs will not be returned.

Fee: \$25 (non-refundable) per ancestor, Enclose Check or Money Order, no cash, payable to MCGS and mail to: MCGS, Pioneer Certificate Program, c/o Hackley Public Library – Torrent House, 315 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon, MI 49440-1208. U.S \$ FUNDS

QUICK-START INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Start with Primary Applicant (you) as Generation 1; the Pioneer Ancestor will be the last generation. One application per Pioneer.
2. List your complete line-of-descent, starting with yourself as (Gen 1 or G1), your parents as (Gen2 or G2, etc., until you reach your pioneer Ancestor, who will be the last generation. Make sure you clip (**No Staples**) each generation separately.
3. Proofs required: (**COPIES ONLY**) each event (birth, marriage, death)—primary source if it exists; otherwise, 2 secondary, per event.
4. Date Format: Use Day/Month/Year format for dates (e. g., 4 July 1776). Put “?” after an unsure date or place.
5. Location Format: City or Township, County, State or Province, Country, as named as of that date.
6. Name Format: List all & **CAPITALIZE SURNAME**. Women, use MAIDEN name. Nicknames, list as Susan Mary Damaris “Susie” RICE.
7. If married more than once, list spouse who participates in the line of descent. Women need **all** marriage certificates to prove identity.
8. Cite source if not stated on document, than put it on the back of proofs.

ONLY! PRINT WITH BLACK INK

PIONEER ANCESTOR NAME to be inscribed on certificate _____ [FEMALES USE MAIDEN]
DATE Pioneer Settled in Muskegon County, Michigan _____ Proof: _____
PLACE Pioneer Settled in Muskegon County, Michigan _____ Proof: _____
Name of **DESCENDANT** to be inscribed on certificate _____

PRIMARY APPLICANT Mail to:

Name _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

LINEAGE CHART

<u>Generation 1</u>	(Full birth name; women use MAIDEN name)	(Proved)		(Proved)
Applicant Name:	_____	_____	Spouse Name:	_____
Birth Date	_____	_____	Birth Date	_____
Birth Location	_____	_____	Birth Location	_____
Marriage Date	_____	_____	m # (____)	Is this 1 st , 2 nd , etc. marriage of Generation 1?
Marriage Location	_____	_____		
Death Date	_____	_____	Death Date	_____
Death Location	_____	_____	Death Location	_____
Proof of above	_____			
Generation 2	(Parent of Applicant who is descended from Pioneer)			
Parent of Gen. 1:	_____	_____	Spouse Name:	_____
Birth Date	_____	_____	Birth Date	_____
Birth Location	_____	_____	Birth Location	_____
Marriage Date	_____	_____	m # (____)	Is this 1 st , 2 nd , etc. marriage of Generation 2?
Marriage Location	_____	_____		
Death Date	_____	_____	Death Date	_____
Death Location	_____	_____	Death Location	_____
Proof of above	_____			

<u>Generation 3</u>	(Grandparent of Applicant)	(Proved)	(Proved)
Parent of Gen.2:	_____	Spouse Name:	_____
Birth Date	_____	Birth Date	_____
Birth Location	_____	Birth Location	_____
Marriage Date	_____	m # (____)	Is this 1 st , 2 nd , etc. marriage of Generation 3?
Marriage Location	_____		
Death Date	_____	Death Date	_____
Death Location	_____	Death Location	_____
Proof of above _____			

<u>Generation 4</u>			
Parent of Gen.3:	_____	Spouse Name:	_____
Birth Date	_____	Birth Date	_____
Birth Location	_____	Birth Location	_____
Marriage Date	_____	m # (____)	Is this 1 st , 2 nd , etc. marriage of Generation 4?
Marriage Location	_____		
Death Date	_____	Death Date	_____
Death Location	_____	Death Location	_____
Proof of above _____			

<u>Generation 5</u>			
Parent of Gen.4:	_____	Spouse Name:	_____
Birth Date	_____	Birth Date	_____
Birth Location	_____	Birth Location	_____
Marriage Date	_____	m # (____)	Is this 1 st , 2 nd , etc. marriage of Generation 5?
Marriage Location	_____		
Death Date	_____	Death Date	_____
Death Location	_____	Death Location	_____
Proof of above _____			

<u>Generation 6</u>			
Parent of Gen.5:	_____	Spouse Name:	_____
Birth Date	_____	Birth Date	_____
Birth Location	_____	Birth Location	_____
Marriage Date	_____	m # (____)	Is this 1 st , 2 nd , etc. marriage of Generation 6?
Marriage Location	_____		
Death Date	_____	Death Date	_____
Death Location	_____	Death Location	_____
Proof of above _____			

I am a direct descendant of the Muskegon 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 MCGS, 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.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE