

FIRST FAMILIES OF ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO

Sponsored by the Allen County Genealogical Society

Requirements for Membership in First Families of Allen County: Any person may be included in the roster of First Families by proving that he or she is descended from one or more individuals who resided within the boundaries of Allen County, Ohio by 1840.

The applicant must complete an application form showing his pioneer ancestor and listing his descent from the pioneer ancestor. The application must be accompanied by machine copy, photo, or other facsimile copies of all documents necessary to prove the pioneer settlement by 1840 and each step of descent from the ancestor to the applicant. Proof may not be omitted for any step. (Please do not include originals as proof as they will not be returned.) Sources must be cited for all proof including their volume and page numbers. Please put the source information in the right margin on the front of the copy. **Inclusion in the Federal Census of 1840 for Allen County may be used for proof for your ancestor.** Please number and circle each piece of evidence in the upper right hand corner according to its corresponding number from the document list. (Your birth certificate would be document #1.)

Applications should be typed or printed in blue or black ink with supporting proof attached and mailed to First Family Committee, P.O. Box 1104, Lima, OH 45802. The deadline for accepting applications is June 1st.

Members of the Allen County Genealogical Society joining First Families should include a \$20.00 fee with your first application to societies. Non-members joining First Families should include \$20.00 for membership and \$20.00 for the application fee. Checks may be made payable to ACGS. If this is a supplemental application the cost is \$5.00 instead of \$20.00.

A recognition ceremony for First Families is sponsored by the Allen County Genealogical Society in July each year in the Folsom Auditorium at the Allen County Museum, 620 West Market Street, Lima, OH.

BASIC RULES OF EVIDENCE – Primary information from vital statistics, courthouse, or other government records is considered excellent proof. This would include birth certificates, marriage licenses, death certificates, military records and land deeds (where it states the individual was from Allen County). Other primary information might include Bible records contemporary with the Bible's publication date, diaries or letters that contain contemporary knowledge of the facts given.

Secondary information such as census records, newspaper clippings, county histories, and family records contemporary to the facts reported is considered supporting information only and when combined with other secondary information can be combined to draw accurate conclusions. Copy the pages involved, the title page and the copy-right date for books. Give name of newspaper, location, page and date of publication for clippings. If a document merely implies a fact, this is not proof-such as a will that just names people without indicating their relationship. Female ancestors must be proven as individuals by their maiden names and have proof included for every name change if married more than once.

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I, _____, do hereby make

(include maiden name)

application to be included in the ROSTER OF FIRST FAMILIES OF ALLEN COUNTY. OHIO. It is my understanding that my ancestors must have settled within the boundaries of Allen County, Ohio, before 1840. I am descended from

who settled in _____ or _____ on _____

township village date

It is also my understanding that if this application is approved, a certificate, signed by the President of the Allen County Genealogical Society, and the First Family Committee Chairman, will be awarded to me in my name.

All application folders and contents therein become the property of the Allen County Genealogical Society.

Signature _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ Email Address _____

Original Membership # if this is a supplemental application _____

Approved by two members of the Allen County Genealogical Society on _____.

date

Signature _____

Signature _____

ACGS Use ONLY

Date application received _____ fee received _____

Membership Dues paid _____ First Family Membership Number _____

List title and copyright/publication information and volume and page numbers for book references. Please include photocopies. If sources are from published or unpublished records, a photo or photocopy must accompany the application.

Authorities as to Settles and Builders of ancestor, upon whom eligibility is claimed. Proof of the relationship from the direct ancestor to the applicant and from the direct ancestor to the collateral relative must be shown.

Authorities as to descent. Each step must be proved.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

I, _____ do hereby state that the statements set forth on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

8. The said _____ was the _____

Son or Daughter

Of _____

born on _____ at _____

City

County

State

died on _____ at _____

City

County

State

_____ his wife,

born on _____ at _____

City

County

State

died on _____ at _____

City

County

State

married on _____ at _____

City

County

State

9. The said _____ was the _____

Son or Daughter

Of _____

born on _____ at _____

City

County

State

died on _____ at _____

City

County

State

_____ his wife,

born on _____ at _____

City

County

State

died on _____ at _____

City

County

State

married on _____ at _____

City

County

State

1. I _____ was born on _____
at _____
City County State

2. I am the child of _____
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
_____ his wife,
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
married on _____ at _____
City County State

3. The said _____ was the _____
Son or Daughter
Of _____
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
_____ his wife,
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
married on _____ at _____
City County State

4. The said _____ was the _____
Son or Daughter
Of _____
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
_____ his wife,
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
married on _____ at _____
City County State

5. The said _____ was the _____

Son or Daughter

Of _____

born on _____ at _____

City

County

State

died on _____ at _____

City

County

State

_____ his wife,

born on _____ at _____

City

County

State

died on _____ at _____

City

County

State

married on _____ at _____

City

County

State

6. The said _____ was the _____

Son or Daughter

Of _____

born on _____ at _____

City

County

State

died on _____ at _____

City

County

State

_____ his wife,

born on _____ at _____

City

County

State

died on _____ at _____

City

County

State

married on _____ at _____

City

County

State

7. The said _____ was the _____

Son or Daughter

Of _____

born on _____ at _____

City

County

State

died on _____ at _____

City

County

State

_____ his wife,

born on _____ at _____

City

County

State

died on _____ at _____

City

County

State

married on _____ at _____

City

County

State