

Pioneer Settlers/Homesteaders Application Instructions

The DeKalb County Indiana Genealogy Society will present a Pioneer Settlers/Homesteaders Certificate to the descendants of DeKalb County Pioneer Settlers or Homesteaders. The certificate will be suitable for framing.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE Applicant must be a direct descendant of a pioneer settler who lived in DeKalb County prior to December 31, 1850 or a Homesteader who lived in DeKalb County prior to December 31, 1890. A separate application must be made for each ancestor.

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE Print or send for an application (if sending for application, include a #10 self addressed, stamped envelope). You will need one application for each Pioneer/Homestead settler. Your application request should be submitted to the DeKalb County Genealogy, Pioneer Committee, P.O. Box 212, Waterloo, IN 46793

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

1. Application to be typed or neatly printed with BLACK ink.
2. A copy of evidence document for each generation. (See acceptable evidence below.)
3. Send documentation with application.
4. Enclose your check for \$10 for each certificate application. (check made to the DeKalb County Indiana Genealogy Society or DCIGS)

REQUIREMENT FOR ACCEPTABLE EVIDENCE Copies of documented evidence must accompany the application for each generation. Only one document showing the earliest date of DeKalb County residency is necessary. Additional documentation and information about the original pioneer ancestor may be sent. **DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL EVIDENCE DOCUMENTS.** Your application and verifying evidence **WILL NOT** be returned.

EVIDENCE MAY BE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

1. Birth: Certificates, Bible Records, Church Records, Cemetery Records (tombstone inscriptions).
2. Marriage: Same as birth.
3. Death: Certificates, Bible Record, Church record, Cemetery records (tombstone inscriptions), dated obituary or newspaper notices.
4. Estate: Probate, Will or Administrative records.
5. Land Records: Tract Plat Records, State Archives, Board of Commissioners, Records records.
6. Census: 1840 or 1850 Census Records of DeKalb County for Pioneer Settlers and for Pioneer Homesteaders 1860, 1870, and 1880 Census Records
7. Military Records.
8. County Histories.

Material needs to be organized according to each generation with a cover page for each generation. Please make sure to label the back of each record with your name and which generation it belongs to (you are generation 1)

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DCIGS - APPLICATION PIONEER/HOMESTEADER OF DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA

APPLICANT'S NAME _____
(as you want it to appear on the certificate: please print)

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

ANCESTOR'S NAME: _____
(as it will appear on the certificate)

Line of descent: List yourself in line 1. Proceed step by step to your pioneer/homesteader ancestor. Do not skip any generation. Proof must be submitted for each generation. If needed continue on the other side.

Name of ancestor	Year first proven in DeKalb Co. IN	Place of birth, state or country
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
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10.		

I hereby give permission to DeKalb County Indiana Genealogy Society, Inc. to use, in any way they choose, the material submitted for the Pioneers/Homesteaders of DeKalb County. It will be added to their collection and may be published later.

I do hereby swear that the statements set forth in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of the applicant _____ Date _____

Send the application, documentation and \$10.00 application fee (make checks payable to DCIGS) and mail to: DCIGS – Pioneers Committee, P.O. Box 212, Waterloo, IN 46793

COVER SHEET FOR GENERATION 1 (start with you as generation 1)

Print 1 sheet for each generation to Pioneer/Homestead ancestor

Your Name _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Place of death _____ Date of death _____

Place of Burial _____ Cemetery _____

Ancestor's Father's Name _____

Ancestor's Mother's (Maiden) Name _____

Ancestor's Spouse's Name _____

Spouse's Father's Name _____

Spouse's Mother's Name _____

Spouse's date of Birth _____ Place of birth _____

Spouse date of death _____ Place of death _____

Place of Burial (Spouse) _____ Cemetery _____

Date of Marriage _____ Place of marriage _____

Date and Location Ancestor settled in DeKalb County _____

Occupation of Ancestor _____

Children of Ancestor:

NAME	Birth Date	Birth Place	Death Date	Death Place

Blank lines for additional information or notes.

