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**Warren County Genealogical Society**  
**Early Settlers of Warren County, Ohio**  
**Application**



**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please print or type all information and fill in all blanks. This application must be accompanied by copies of the documents necessary to prove:

1. The settlement of the pioneer(s) within the boundaries of Warren County prior to January 1, 1883, and
2. Each step of the ascent from the applicant to the pioneer(s).

Mail completed application and nonrefundable \$15 application fee to  
 The Warren County Genealogical Society  
 406 Justice Drive  
 Warren County, OH 45036

***Applicant Contact Information***

*Date Submitted:* \_\_\_\_\_

<i>First Name</i> _____	<i>Middle Name</i> _____	<i>Maiden Name</i> _____	<i>Surname</i> _____
<i>Complete Mailing Address</i> _____ _____			<i>Phone</i> _____
			<i>email</i> _____
			<i>County of Residence</i> _____

*Full Name of Spouse* \_\_\_\_\_ *My Warren County Genealogical Society Dues are paid for the year* \_\_\_\_\_

***Ancestors of the Applicant Who Settled In Warren County before January 1, 1883***

Full Name of Ancestor (Include Ancestor Chart if listing more than 1 name)	Year 1 <sup>st</sup> Proved in Warren Co.	Township First Proved In	State or Country Ancestor Migrated From	WCGS USE

This applicant has met all requirements and been approved for recognition as a descendant of one of the Early Settlers of Warren County, Ohio

Early Settlers Chairman _____	ESWC # _____ Date: _____
WCGS Board _____	Date: _____

Lineage					Documents of Proof
1. I, _____					
	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Maiden Name</i>	<i>Last</i>	
was born on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
2. <b>Father:</b>					
born on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
died on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
<b>Mother:</b>					
born on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
died on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
married on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
3. The said _____ was the _____					
				son/daughter	
<b>of</b>					
born on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
died on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
<b>Spouse:</b>					
born on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
died on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
married on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
4. The said _____ was the _____					
				son/daughter	
<b>of</b>					
born on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
died on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
<b>Spouse:</b>					
born on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
died on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	
married on	_____	at	_____	_____	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i> <i>State</i>	

Lineage					Documents of Proof
5.	The said _____		was the _____	son/daughter	
	<b>of</b>				
	born on _____	at _____			
		<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
	died on _____	at _____			
		<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
	<b>Spouse:</b>				
	born on _____	at _____			
		<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
	died on _____	at _____			
	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	
married on _____	at _____				
	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	
6.	The said _____		was the _____	son/daughter	
	<b>of</b>				
	born on _____	at _____			
		<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
	died on _____	at _____			
		<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
	<b>Spouse:</b>				
	born on _____	at _____			
		<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
	died on _____	at _____			
	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	
married on _____	at _____				
	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	
7.	The said _____		was the _____	son/daughter	
	<b>of</b>				
	born on _____	at _____			
		<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
	died on _____	at _____			
		<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
	<b>Spouse:</b>				
	born on _____	at _____			
		<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
	died on _____	at _____			
	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	
married on _____	at _____				
	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	

Lineage		Documents of Proof
8.	The said _____ was the _____ son/daughter	
	<b>of</b>	
	born on _____ at _____ <i>Date Place County State</i>	
	died on _____ at _____ <i>Date Place County State</i>	
	<b>Spouse:</b>	
	born on _____ at _____ <i>Date Place County State</i>	
	died on _____ at _____ <i>Date Place County State</i>	
	married on _____ at _____ <i>Date Place County State</i>	

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

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Early Settlers of Warren County, Ohio

While “First Families of Warren County, Ohio” recognizes the original families in the county prior to 1802, this Early Settlers organization brings to the fore all of your kin who were established residents more than a hundred years back. Photography was devolved in this time era and many will have pictures to aid your children in identifying the many surnames that are actually connected to them.

### Requirements for Membership:

Only members of the Warren County Genealogical Society (WCGS) may apply for membership in “Earl Settlers of Warren County, Ohio” (ESWC). Applicants must complete this application form and submit proof of:

1. Their ancestry back to a Warren County resident who settled here prior to January 1, 1883, and
2. The residence of that Warren County pioneer prior to January 1, 1883.

Proof of ancestry shall be in the form of copies of legal documents and other records (- - see “Rules of Evidence”) which clearly name the persons, their parents and spouses, the dates of the events, etc. Each generation in the direct lineage must have accompanying proofs and a notation of their source.

Applications fee of \$15.00 must accompany the completed papers and proofs. All applications will be reviewed by the Early Settlers Chairman and final approval by the Warren County Genealogical Society Board. Additional names & proofs can be added at a later date with no charge.

## Rules of Evidence

1. Primary or collateral evidence from vital statistics, court house or other government records, Shaker, church and school records, etc. is considered usually to be excellent proof.
2. Secondary evidence such as census records, newspaper clippings, old letters, Bible or other family records, contemporary to the facts reported, is considered almost as authentic (as #1 items). However, copies of old letters, family records, etc. can be accepted as proof only for facts the writer of the record or letter would logically know of his own first-hand knowledge, and they cannot be accepted as proof if they were hearsay from other generations or from other sources.
3. Land transactions (deeds, warrants, grants, etc.) can only be accepted as evidence of settlement in Warren County if the record, or a subsequent record, actually states that the individual was "of Warren County" (by year of 1882 - Beer's History of Warren County can be used to substantiate claims.)
4. Not accepted as proof are the following: circumstantial evidence or hearsay, oral or written or published family traditions, printed or manuscript genealogies, genealogical compilations, lineage papers from patriotic or hereditary societies.
5. If a document merely implies a fact, this is not considered proof. Examples are the expressions, "heirs" and "heirs-at-law", used in some probate records. These indicate different relationships in different states, and are not necessarily proof of direct descent. They could refer to nieces, nephews, cousins, and adopted children.
6. Female ancestors must be referred to and proved by their maiden names, rather than those of their spouses.
7. Additional applications for more than one pioneer ancestor do not require duplicate information or proof. Submit an ancestor chart to show the connecting lineage. Also reference should be made to the prior application papers and the ESWC number assigned to them.