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Warren County Genealogical Society
First Families 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, 1821, 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, 1821

Full Name of Ancestor (Include Ancestor Chart if listing more than 1 name)	Year 1 st 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 First Families of Warren County, Ohio

1st Families
 Chairman _____
 WCGS
 Board _____

FFWC # _____
 Date: _____
 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. Father:					
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>	
Mother:					
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	
of					
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>	
Spouse:					
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	
of					
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>	
Spouse:					
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	
	of	
	born on _____ at _____ <i>Date Place County State</i>	
	died on _____ at _____ <i>Date Place County State</i>	
	Spouse:	
	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>	
6.	The said _____ was the _____ son/daughter	
	of	
	born on _____ at _____ <i>Date Place County State</i>	
	died on _____ at _____ <i>Date Place County State</i>	
	Spouse:	
	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>	
7.	The said _____ was the _____ son/daughter	
	of	
	born on _____ at _____ <i>Date Place County State</i>	
	died on _____ at _____ <i>Date Place County State</i>	
	Spouse:	
	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>	

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

Objectives of “First Families of Warren County, Ohio”

The prime objectives of “First Families of Warren County, Ohio” are to identify and honor the earliest pioneers of this county and to give special recognition to their descendents. The research required in proving the lineages of Warren County pioneers is intended to foster and encourage interest in those early residents, - - their customs, culture, and family connections.

Requirements for Membership:

Only members of the Warren County Genealogical Society (WCGS) may apply for membership in “First Families of Warren County, Ohio” (FFWC). 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, 1821, and
2. The residence of that Warren County pioneer prior to January 1, 1821.

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 proof. The copies of records may be made on a copy machine, or photographed, or they may be hand-copied and then notarized, or they may be copied by officials and then certified. All documents must have a notation of their source (exact reference), and they must be submitted together in an 8 _” x 11” file folder.

Applications for membership in FFWC must be accompanied by an initial fee of \$15.00. No additional charge will be made for other Warren County pioneers which a WCGS member may put on his list (accompanied by proof of relationship to him), - - the addition being made in the original application or at a later time. An Ancestor Chart is required in a case where the applicant has more than one direct ancestor as a pioneer settler of Warren County.

The application papers may be typed or legibly hand-printed. Then they must be submitted with the accompanying documents, to the “First Families Chairman at the Warren County Genealogical Society. He will thoroughly review the contents, checking for accuracy and for sufficient proof. If the papers are in order, the chairman will approve them by initialing on the first page. If the chairman thinks further proof is needed, he will ask for it and delay approval until the additional papers have been submitted.

Final approval of membership in “First Families” will be determined by a majority vote of the WCGS Board members, upon the recommendation of the committee chairman. Public recognition may be made during a subsequent regular or special meeting of WCGS and publication will be made of the pioneers and their descendents.

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” (prior to January 1, 1821).
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 FFWC number assigned to them.