



# PIONEER CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

Muskegon County Genealogical Society (MCGS)  
Muskegon, Michigan

**You must document both the residence of the Pioneer Ancestor in Muskegon County and the direct descent (blood line only) to the applicant. Type or print on this form and provide proofs (legible COPIES only)—proofs will not be returned. Fee: \$10 (non-refundable) per ancestor, (plus \$5 each for family (“Piggyback”) descendants if documents are submitted at the same time). Enclose check or Money Order, no cash, payable to MCGS and mail to address at bottom of page.**

### 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. Prepare a Family Group Sheet for Generation 1 and put event proof documents for this couple behind it. Repeat for each Generation.
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 on back of proofs (e.g.: Muskegon Co., Michigan. Marriages, vol. 2, p. 176, record no. 314).
9. Child/grandchild “piggyback” descendants need only prove their relationship to primary applicant (submit birth, marriage certificates, and Family Group Sheet showing the piggyback descendant).

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of **Piggyback** Descendants to be inscribed on certificate \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY APPLICANT Mail Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

## LINEAGE CHART

**Generation 1** (Full birth name; women use MAIDEN name) (Proved) (Proved)

<b>Applicant Name:</b> _____	<b>Spouse Name:</b> _____
Birth Date _____	Birth Date _____
Birth Location _____	Birth Location _____
Marriage Date _____	<i>m # (____) Is this 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc. marriage of Generation 1?</i>
Marriage Location _____	
Death Date _____	Death Date _____
Death Location _____	Death Location _____
<i>Proof of above</i> _____	

**Generation 2** (Parent of Applicant who is descended from Pioneer)

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

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

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

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

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

**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.**

<b>APPLICANT SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
_____	_____