

Warren County Genealogical and Historical Association

Guidelines for Pioneer Family Application

The purpose of the Pioneer Family Project is to honor McMinnville and Warren County pioneers and their descendants.

To qualify your ancestor, you must prove that he/she lived in Warren County in the 1807-1820 timeframe.

You (the applicant), must be able to prove your line of descent from the pioneer ancestor (male or female) by an official record or records for each generation, including proof for the applicant. *Proving your line of descent is basically proving the parent/child relationship of each generation.*

Current residence in Warren County or Tennessee is not required for the applicant.

Part I of the application identifies the applicant and the Warren County pioneer ancestor. Enter the name of the applicant as you would like it to appear on your certificate.

Part II is the information pertaining to your pioneer ancestor. Complete as much information as possible about your pioneer ancestor.

Part III is your complete line of descent chart beginning with you (the applicant) and ending with your pioneer ancestor. The names on the left column will be the direct line of descent, whether male or female with their spouse listed on the right. The dates apply to the person of direct descent. Each person between the applicant and the pioneer ancestor **MUST** be listed.

Part IV is a list of documentation used to prove the parent/child relationship for each individual in your line of descent. There must be at least one (1), but there may be several items that prove the relationship. Some relationships may require more than one proof. For example, a married female may require a marriage certificate in addition to proof of parent/child relationship. The proof for your pioneer ancestor must also include documentation that he/she was living in Warren County in the 1807-1820 timeframe. The most prevalent documents used to meet this requirement are the 1807 Petition to Establish Warren County, the 1812 Warren County Tax List, and the 1820 Warren County Census, although other documents such as wills, land deeds and/or court records are acceptable.

The applicant does not have to provide documentation of an ancestor if that ancestor's relationship has already been proved by a previous applicant. The applicant may simply state "proof provided by <name of recipient>" or "proof provided on <certificate number>".

NOTE: Sources of proof of relationships and the copies provided must be based on credible genealogical research. Refer to **Suggested Sources of Proof** below for examples.

All applications and documentation will be kept on file the Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association. These documents are maintained to preserve the historical and genealogical information of early McMinnville-Warren County pioneers. Remember, send **photocopies only**, no originals. If a birth certificate is required for a living person to prove a parent/child relationship, that certificate will be returned to the applicant after verification by the committee.

Suggested Sources of Proof

This list is not all inclusive. If you have other items which supports your application, feel free to submit them for the committee to review.

Primary Sources are defined as contemporary and/or government records made at the time of the event by the parties involved. These records are deemed acceptable sources in proving relationship from one generation to another.

- 1) Birth Records
May include birth certificate or Family Bible Records
- 2) Death Records
Death certificate, obituary, funeral record
- 3) Marriage Records
certificates of marriage, court records, newspaper announcements, church records
- 4) Census Records
May be used to verify family relationships and/or residence
- 5) Probate Records
wills, court records, inventories, guardianship papers
- 6) Land Records
Deeds (available at Register of Deeds in county where land is located)
Tax Records
- 7) Military Records
- 8) Church Records
(minutes, christenings, marriage records)
- 9) Court Records
Civil, criminal, divorce and naturalization are examples.

Supplemental or Secondary Sources are any sources in print that do not come from a contemporary or government record.

- 1) Bible Records
- 2) Obituaries
- 3) Newspaper clipping
- 4) Published family genealogies and/or histories
- 5) Personal papers
- 6) Tombstone inscription

**Application for Certificate
Warren County – McMinnville Pioneer Family**

Important: Fill in all blanks. (See guidelines)

Type or print all information.

Mail to: Warren County – McMinnville Pioneer Family

WCGHA

P.O. Box 411

McMinnville TN 37111-0411

**Enclose a check or money order for \$15.00 (\$10.00 for members)
plus \$3.50 for postage (if applicable) payable to:**

Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association

Payment must accompany the completed application (including Parts I,
II, III and IV).

Committee use only

File No: _____

Ancestor's
Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Amt Received: _____

Date more
Information requested: _____

Date completed: _____

Certificate #: _____

Signatures of committee:

Part I: Applicant name

(Warren County residence is not required)

(your name as it will appear on the certificate)

(mailing address: street address)

(city, state, zip)

(e-mail and phone number with area code – if we need to contact you)

Part II: Name of Warren County – McMinnville Pioneer Family Ancestor

(Pioneer must have lived in Warren County in the 1807-1820 timeframe.)

(name of qualifying ancestor - as name will appear on the certificate of descent)

Birth: _____ Death: _____
(date) and (place) (date) and (place)

Married: _____
(date) and (place) (married by - name of Rev. or J. P.)

Ancestor's spouse: _____
(given name) (maiden name, if applicable)

Birth: _____ Death: _____
(date) and (place) (date) and (place)

Place of residence in Warren County:

Part III: Family Direct Line of Descent Chart

Important: The Line of Descent Chart must be filled in for **all generations**, beginning with **you, the applicant, as #1** and working back to the **pioneer ancestor**. For each generation, the **direct line** (whether male or female) should be listed to **the left**. The spouse of the direct line should be listed, if known. **Important:** Keep a copy of this page. If we require additional information, you will need this page as reference.

#1 (Applicant)	
Name	Spouse
Birth Date/Place:	
Marriage Date/Place:	
Death Date/Place	

#2 (Parents of #1)	
Name	Spouse
Birth Date/Place:	
Marriage Date/Place:	
Death Date/Place	

#3 (Parents of #2)	
Name	Spouse
Birth Date/Place:	
Marriage Date/Place:	
Death Date/Place	

#4 (Parents of #3)	
Name	Spouse
Birth Date/Place:	
Marriage Date/Place:	
Death Date/Place	

#5 (Parents of #4)	
Name	Spouse
Birth Date/Place:	
Marriage Date/Place:	
Death Date/Place	

#6 (Parents of #5)	
Name	Spouse
Birth Date/Place:	
Marriage Date/Place:	
Death Date/Place	

#7 (Parents of #6)	
Name	Spouse
Birth Date/Place:	
Marriage Date/Place:	
Death Date/Place	

#8 (Parents of #7)	
Name	Spouse
Birth Date/Place:	
Marriage Date/Place:	
Death Date/Place	

Part IV: List Sources of Proof of Descendants

Documentation **must be** submitted to prove the parent/child relationship in each generation in your line of descent. Proof for your Pioneer ancestor must also include documentation that he/she was living in Warren County in the 1807-1820 timeframe. Number each proof copy to correspond to the line of descent number.

Example: You are number 1.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Submitted by:

 (signature of applicant and/or submitter)

 (address, email, and telephone if different from page one)