

Greene County Pioneer Certificate

The Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society is offering a Greene County Pioneer Certificate to honor the memory of the earliest residents of the county. Anyone may apply and applicants need not be residents of Greene County. Applicants must provide proof of descent from a Greene County ancestor whose ancestor who was residing within the county by 1830.

Criteria for the certificate include:

- (1) Membership in the Greene County Historical Society or include membership dues with certificate application.
- (2) Completion of the Pioneer Certificate Program Application.
- (3) Copies of documented proof of direct descent for each generation back to an 1830 resident.
- (4) \$20.00 certificate fee

Instructions for Completion of Certificate Application

1. Must be typewritten or printed on forms (or copies) provided. No others will be accepted.
2. Names of all persons must be spelled out completely. No initials if name is known.
3. Use maiden name of spouse.
4. Copies only of all documentation for each generation.
Examples of documentation: (a) Census Records, (b) Birth Records, (c) Death Records, (d) Marriage Records, (e) Bible Records, (f) Military Records, (g) Land Records, (h) Wills, (i) Obituaries, (j) Tombstone Inscriptions & Cemetery Records (name and location), (k) Estate Records. All Books & Published Family Histories must include volume, title page, author, reference pages & copies of documentary proof as listed above. **Not Acceptable: Statements based on tradition or family legend.**
5. Please indicate on each document the generation for which it is proof and highlight with yellow or blue marker. **Send only the documentation pertinent to your direct lineage.**
6. Sign application in space provided. If married, enter spouse's name where indicated.
7. Mail application and supporting documentation with \$22.00 check or money order for each submission to:

Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society
PO Box 137
Carrollton, Illinois 62016

Applications and documentation will be filed in the archives of the Society to help preserve the history of your ancestor. All applications and documentation will be made available to the public for genealogical research.