

## OBJECTIVES OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO

The prime objectives of the First Families of Clinton County (FF/CC) are to identify and honor the memory of the earliest pioneers and settlers of Clinton County, Ohio, and to show the proved ancestor's lasting mark on the county they helped develop, by honoring their descendants. The research and work necessary to discovering the pioneers and their descendants is intended to foster and encourage interest in the people who contributed in any way—great or small—to establishing Clinton County, and its local customs, culture, genealogy and history.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE FIRST FAMILIES OF CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO

Only members of the Clinton County Genealogical Society may apply for membership. Applicants for FF/CC must complete the application form, showing their Clinton County ancestor(s), proving their descent from the ancestor(s), and proving their ancestor(s) settlement in Clinton County by 31 December 1820 for *First Family Pioneer* certification.

The application must be accompanied by copies of ALL documents necessary to (1) Prove the ancestor(s) settlement in Clinton County by 31 December 1820 and (2) Prove each step of direct descent from the ancestor(s) to the applicant. Proof may not be omitted for any step. Names, dates and places on the form not necessary to prove the basic steps of relationship or residency need not be accompanied by documentary proof.

Original application for membership in FF/CC must be accompanied by a \$20.00 application fee, which covers as many *First Family Pioneer* ancestors who settled in Clinton County by 31 December 1820 as the applicant can prove at the time. Any later application listing additional ancestors in a time period previously proved must be accompanied by a \$5.00 fee.

FF/CC applications must be legibly hand-printed or typed, and mailed with their accompanying proof and application fee check made out to Clinton County Genealogical Society. Upon arrival of the application, a genealogical review for accuracy and sufficient proof will be made by the FF/CC Committee. A notification letter will be sent, either approving the application, or requesting further proof. Deadline for application acceptance in a calendar year will be July 31 of the year in which application is made. In any case where further proof is requested, that portion of the application shall remain inactive until the requested further proof is filed with the FF/CC Committee to reactivate the application.

Upon acceptance in FF/CC, all applications and accompanying proof shall become the property of the Clinton County Genealogical Society. Do not send original documents or photos as all proof will be kept with the application. You are advised to send photocopies of your certified documents and keep the originals for your own files.

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The Rules of Evidence applying to membership in First Families of Clinton County, Ohio, are listed elsewhere in this application. These Rules are the standards by which all FF/CC proof is judged. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

The nature and extent of the evidence submitted as proof in this application shall be sufficient to prove that the applicant is directly descended from the ancestor(s) named in the application, and sufficient to differentiate between any two persons of the same name residing in the same area at the same time.

### ACCEPTANCE in FF/CC

Upon acceptance in FF/CC a notification letter will be sent acknowledging your acceptance. A Pin and Certificate will be presented at the FF/CC Ceremony to be held in November of each year. Those unable to attend will receive their certificate and pin in the mail.

### BASIC RULES OF EVIDENCE

1. Primary evidence—
  - a) LEGAL documentation from vital statistics, courthouses or other Government Records, church and school records, etc., are considered usually to be BEYOND DOUBT, and the best proof.
  - b) Other ORIGINAL documentation, such as census records, newspaper clippings, old letters, Bible and family record pages, tombstones, etc. CONTEMPORARY to the facts reported are considered ALMOST AS AUTHENTIC.
2. Secondary evidence—documentation from historical accounts, printed or manuscript genealogies, etc. are GENERALLY NOT accepted as proof unless the person interviewed for the article can be determined, and then the Biographer must have been able to know the information of his own knowledge, or if the account is backed up by substantial first line proof. Facts obtained by hearsay from older generations cannot be accepted.
3. Circumstantial evidence—implied facts; hearsay; oral, written or published family traditions; family group sheets and charts; lineage papers from patriotic or hereditary societies; material authored by the applicant CANNOT be considered proof.
4. Documents MUST ACTUALLY STATE the fact proved. If the actual fact is not stated in the document in which it would normally appear, two or more documents implying the same item may be taken as fact in some cases.
5. Proving female ancestors may sometimes be difficult. They must be proved by their MAIDEN NAME as individuals. She must be proven as the mother of the child, not as the wife of a proven father. She must also be proven a resident of the county by name, not as an implied wife in the pre-1850 censuses; however, she may be proven a resident by virtue of a child's birth.

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6. RESIDENCY of each ancestor must be established prior to December 31, 1820. Deed records, tract books, warrants, grants, wills, etc., must actually state that the individual was "of Clinton County". Tax lists, census records, and township trustee records generally concern only residents of specific townships and are considered excellent proof. Pre-1850 tombstones can be considered proof of residency. The date used on your certificate will be the earliest date for which proof is provided, not necessarily the date of settlement.
7. The applicant MUST indicate the source of all proof documents. Bible records should be submitted with their title page showing the publication date. Newspaper clippings should be identified by the name of the newspaper and the date of the clipping's appearance. If not available, these items will nonetheless be accepted if they appear to be contemporary to the facts reported.
8. Typed, handwritten, or printed copies of original documents, to be considered as proof, must be endorsed as a "TRUE COPY" by a courthouse official, librarian, First Families Committee member, etc. An applicant cannot certify his own documents. Photocopies of original documents are acceptable without legal certification or notarization to help contain expenses.
9. Photocopies of recognized local collections of original materials, such as will abstracts, vital record books, cemetery inscriptions, etc., will be accepted without certification and as a substitute for the original material if expense is a problem. The originals often contain more than these abstracts.
10. Marriage records for female applicants would make their files more legally acceptable, but it is not necessary to prove descent.
11. When a father and/or mother are above the normal age for having children, the parentage is suspect, and must be proven beyond a doubt. Age 45 years for mothers was not uncommon.
12. It is suggested (if applicable) that a copy of the ancestor's family for the 1820 Clinton County census be included as proof of residency. We request a Family Group Sheet for each generation be included, not as proof, but for our files of First Family descendants.

### SAMPLES:

—Obituary listing parents of deceased—we will accept this and consider it contemporary to the facts reported even though the one who would know best is dead. We prefer proof of a death certificate, but will accept an obituary listing as proof.

—If the Death Certificate states deceased was born in Clinton County and names the parents, the mother's residency is proven by virtue of the child's birth, NOT the father's.

—Census records for 1820, 1830, 1840 list males and females by age group—only the head of the household is accepted as a resident. The others are not named.

## FIRST FAMILIES OF CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO

### Application Instructions

An applicant for First Families must be a member of the Clinton County Genealogy Society at the time of application and at the time of acceptance. An original official application form must be completed showing the pioneer ancestor, listing and proving descent from the ancestor, and proving settlement in Clinton County. Proof of settlement of a direct line ancestor in Clinton County on or before 31 December 1820 will earn a certificate and a pin.

The completed application and copies of all documents necessary to prove the settlement and each step of descent are to be returned to the society accompanied by a check in the amount of \$20.00. This covers as many direct line pioneer ancestors who settled before 1820 as the applicant can prove. If you are adding to your First Families lineage later, please use your original First Families member number. Note that only one pin will be given when membership in First Families is established.

1. Make a copy or copies of the official application BEFORE you make any notations on it. Use a copy to do your initial work and then carefully transfer the results to the official form.
2. Please type or print clearly all known information in the spaces provided on the final application form you are submitting.
3. Include with the application an ancestor chart which goes back to the original settler. A five-generation chart is included with the application—make copies for additional generations, if needed.
4. Use a separate official application form for each line to be proven. Photocopies of the official form will be accepted for the other lines ONLY when included with an original form.
5. Make your application “lean”. Include only what is needed to prove relationships and residency in Clinton County by 1820.
6. If your ancestor is already in First Families of Clinton County on a relative’s line, you only need to prove your direct-line relationship back to the mutual ancestor.
7. If claiming descent through a female ancestor’s line, proof of the maiden name and/or marriage(s) to verify the changes(s) of name must be enclosed.
8. On the back of each sheet you submit, please note where you found the information, title, author, volume, page, when published, or similar identifying information. Also write your own name on each piece of documentation.

## First Families of Clinton County, Ohio

**Application**

**First Family Pioneer 1820**

*Instructions to Applicant: Complete Sections A, B, C, on this page, List your main ancestral line on pages 2 and 3, beginning with yourself as #1. Type or handprint all information. A check for \$20.00 must accompany the application.*

<p><b>Section A</b> Applicant's Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Town, State, ZIP _____</p> <p>Spouse _____</p>
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**Section B** Ancestors who were settled in Clinton County, Ohio, by December 31, 1820

Name of Ancestor	Year first proved in Clinton County	Township first proved In Clinton County	State or Country of Ancestor's Birth

**Section C** My Clinton County Genealogical Society dues are paid for the year \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>Section D</b> <i>FF/CC Committee Use Only</i>
Proved Ancestors
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

<b>Section E</b> <i>FF/CC Committee Use Only</i>
Applicant's Name
FF/CC Number
Date Received
Acceptance Date
Fee Received?

**Approved By:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, First Families of Clinton County Committee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, Clinton County Genealogical Society

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_  
 was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Middle and/or Maiden Name Surname Doc #  
 \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
 City County State Doc #  
 On \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ I was married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 City County State Doc #  
 born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #

2. I am the child of \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 City County State Doc #  
 died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 City County State Doc #  
 and spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 City County State Doc #  
 died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 City County State Doc #  
 married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 City County State Doc #

3. The said \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Son or Daughter Doc #  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 City County State Doc #  
 died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 City County State Doc #  
 and spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 City County State Doc #  
 died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 City County State Doc #  
 married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 City County State Doc #

4. The said \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Son or Daughter Doc #  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
 City County State Doc #  
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 City County State Doc #

5. The said \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ Son or Daughter Doc #  
of \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
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died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
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City County State Doc #

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City County State Doc #  
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died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
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City County State Doc #  
married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
City County State Doc #

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born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
City County State Doc #  
died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
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City County State Doc #  
married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Doc #  
City County State Doc #

This application, information, and all supporting documents and data become the property of the CLINTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

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Any member of the CLINTON COUNTY OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY who is a direct descendent of an individual who settled in the area now encompassed by Clinton County, Ohio, before 31 December 1820, may become a member of the FIRST FAMILIES OF CLINTON COUNTY OHIO on the acceptance of an application with proof of such descent and the payment of a \$20.00 application fee.

Applications should be sent to the FIRST FAMILIES OF CLINTON COUNTY OHIO Committee, P. O. Box 529, Wilmington, OH 45177

Give volume and page for book references and include a copy machine, photo or other facsimile copy of the pertinent pages, and of all published or unpublished records used for proof. Typed, handprinted or written copies of documents not verified as "True Copies" are not acceptable as proof. Published or manuscript material authored by the applicant or his family will not of themselves be accepted as proof. Information for additional ancestral lines may be included on blank pages, showing the tie-in to the line on the basic application. If more than two lines are submitted, please include an ancestral chart to show the inter-connections. Only blood lines are acceptable.

Authorities as to settlement in Clinton County prior to 31 December 1820, upon whom eligibility is claimed:

Four horizontal lines for listing authorities as to settlement in Clinton County.

Authorities as to descent: (List and include facsimile copies as stated above) Each step must be proved; references for all dates must be provided

- Numbered list (1-8) with horizontal lines for providing authorities as to descent.

(Use separate sheet for additional information, if needed.)

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

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



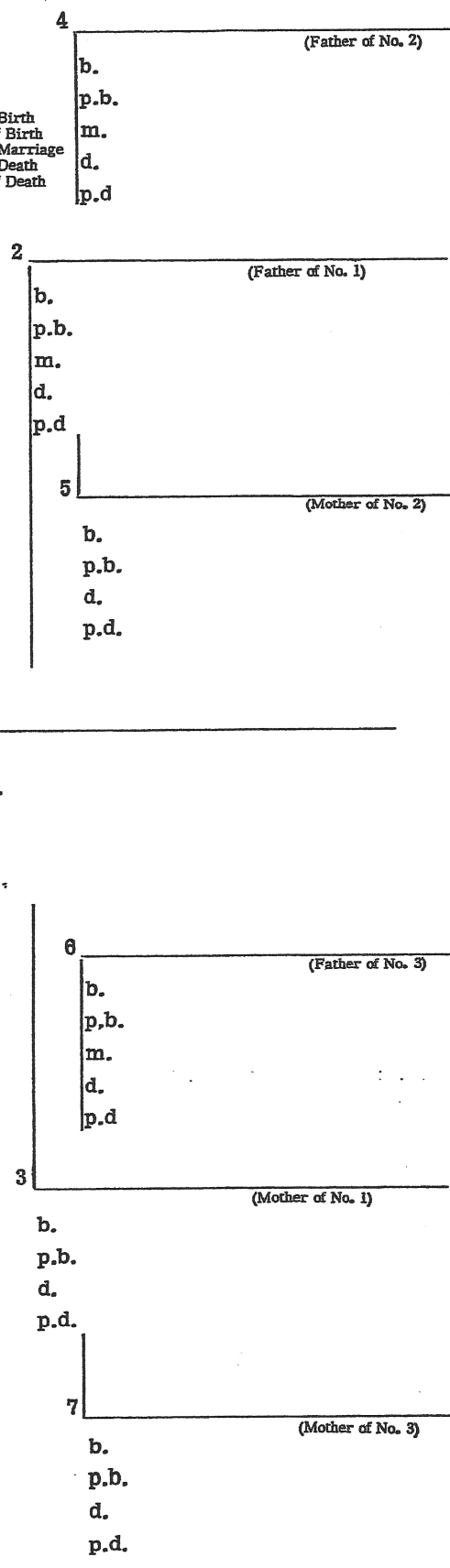
# Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death



8	(Father of No. 4) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	16	(Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
9	(Mother of No. 4) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	17	(Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
10	(Father of No. 5) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	20	(Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
11	(Mother of No. 5) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	21	(Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
12	(Father of No. 6) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	22	(Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
13	(Mother of No. 6) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	23	(Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
14	(Father of No. 7) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	24	(Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
15	(Mother of No. 7) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	25	(Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
16	(Father of No. 8) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	26	(Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
17	(Mother of No. 8) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	27	(Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
18	(Father of No. 9) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	28	(Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
19	(Mother of No. 9) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	29	(Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
20	(Father of No. 10) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	30	(Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
21	(Mother of No. 10) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	31	(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
22	(Father of No. 11) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	31	(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
23	(Mother of No. 11) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	31	(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
24	(Father of No. 12) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	31	(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
25	(Mother of No. 12) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	31	(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
26	(Father of No. 13) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	31	(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
27	(Mother of No. 13) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	31	(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
28	(Father of No. 14) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	31	(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
29	(Mother of No. 14) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	31	(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
30	(Father of No. 15) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	31	(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
31	(Mother of No. 15) b. p.b. m. d. p.d.	31	(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)

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(Spouse of No. 1)  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_