

JACKSON COUNTY CIVIL WAR CERTIFICATE PROJECT

Beginning on April 12, 2011, Jackson Co. Genealogical Society will be offering a Civil War Ancestor Certificate to commemorate the start of the Civil War in 1861.

ELIGIBILITY: Certificates will be awarded, for a cost of \$10 to cover processing fees, to anyone who can prove their ancestor was in the Civil War and was a resident of Jackson County during any time period. **Proof of descent must be included for each generation.** The certificate will be mailed to the recipient when processing is complete.

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill out as much information as possible on the form. Incorrect or incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant for corrections or additions.

Name of Civil War Ancestor should be listed as follows: First, middle, last name.

Places of Residence should be listed as township/city, county, state.

Dates should be written as **day, month, year**. For example, 12 April 1861 (year written in 4 digits).

List up to 2 regiments/companies on front of form; additional regiments/companies can be added on another sheet of paper.

Name of Wife: First, middle, last name (maiden name).

PROOFS:

Primary Sources – Vital Records (birth, marriage, death); Military/Pension Records (state and federal); Probate Records; Land Records; Tax Rolls; Church, Cemetery, Mortuary and Court Records; Naturalizations; School Records; Census Records (federal and state); Michigan Historical and Pioneer Papers.

Please also include proofs for wives.

Secondary Sources—encouraged but not required. These include Bible Records; Obituaries and Newspaper Clippings; Tombstone Inscriptions; Published Family Histories; Published County Histories; Published Biographical Records; City & County Directories; Atlas & Plat Books; Unofficial School Records; Private Papers, Manuscripts, Diaries, Journals & Reminiscences. All other Sources may contribute to Preponderance of Evidence.

All proof documents must show a complete source, such as Author, Title, year of publication, page number, Volume number, type of document, and/or location of original document.

All Application Forms and Verifying proofs and materials will become the property of the Jackson County Genealogical Society.

Do not send Original Documents – send only photocopies of pertinent material – copies should be clear and readable.

Jackson County Genealogical Society 2011 Civil War Sesquicentennial Project

c/o JCGS Library, 211 W. Ganson St., Suite 170, Jackson, MI 49201

Questions? Contact our library at www.jcgs.library@yahoo.com or Dianne Jonas at D50j100@aol.com or Stacy Stoner at rand.stacer@frontier.com. Feel free to ask questions at our meetings.

Let's remember to honor our Civil War Ancestors by making sure to record them in Jackson County's history.

Appropriate Privacy laws or other Publication Restrictions will be followed and adhered to.

I am a direct descendant of the Jackson County, Michigan Civil War Veteran 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 the Jackson County Genealogical Society, and I give permission to publish said information. I understand that this project application and supporting materials are available for reproduction and are accessible to the general public and to researchers.

Applicant's Signature:

_____ Dated: _____

Thank you for your Application to the 2011 Civil War Sesquicentennial Project of the Jackson County Genealogical Society!!

HAPPY ANCESTOR HUNTING!!