

TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GONE TO TEXAS PIONEER CERTIFICATE

The Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS) will issue Gone to Texas Pioneer Certificates to applicants who are direct descendants of settlers that resided in Texas prior to 1886. Eventually the information submitted will be published. In addition to receiving a Pioneer Certificate, applicants will be helping to preserve the history of our ancestral pioneers.

ELIGIBILITY: To qualify for a Pioneer Certificate, the applicant does not have to be a TSGS Individual Member. The applicant must prove direct descent from a person who was in Texas prior to 1886.

The applicant need not be a resident of Texas nor have ever lived in Texas. A separate certificate may be issued for each ancestor proven. A payment of \$15.00 will be required for each certificate issued. (Fee is not refundable.)

INSTRUCTIONS: There are four steps involved to complete an acceptable application.

1. Complete fill in the application.
2. Fill in the line of descent chart enclosed.
3. Send a copy of your acceptable source of proof. **DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS**
4. Send a check for \$15.00 made payable to **TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**, to address shown below. (Fee is not refundable.)

Step 1: Fill in the application giving all of the requested information. We plan to build the files in Gone to Texas Pioneers, and with that thought in mind, we hope you will furnish us with as much information as you can.

Step 2: Fill in the attached line of descent chart.

Step 3: Attach one copy (at least one is required but please attach all you have) of original document per generation as proof of lineage. Acceptable items of proof are:

- A. Copy of census page that shows year, county, volume or enumeration district, and page number.
- B. Copy of land records or plat book.
- C. Birth record – need certificate, church record, Bible entry, etc.
- D. Death record – death certificate, mortuary records, tombstone or cemetery records and name of cemetery.
- E. Copy of marriage record.
- F. Copy of tax records.
- G. Immigration or naturalization records.
- H. Obituaries, newspaper clippings, family histories, county histories, published genealogies, personal papers, diaries, letters or journals.

NOTE: Biographical statements in printed county histories are not acceptable as the **ONLY** proof of the date of entry into a county.

Step 4: Submit all applications to:

TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
c/o Wanda L. Donaldson
3219 Meadow Oaks Drive
Temple, TX 76502-1752

TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GONE TO TEXAS PEIONEER CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

Instructions to Applicant: Fill in all blanks, beginning with yourself as the first generation. TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION. A check or money order for \$15.00 must accompany the application. This fee is not refundable.

1. Applicant

(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

(Address of Applicant)

(City, state and zip code)

2. Name of ANCESTOR _____

(Date of Birth) (Place of Birth)

(Date of Death) (Place of Death)

(Date of Marriage) (Place of Marriage)

(Name of Spouse)

(Ancestor emigrated form)

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| TSGS use only |
| _____ |
| File Number _____ |
| Name _____ (Ancestor) |
| Date Received _____ |
| Date Completed _____ |
| Date _____ |
| Comments _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |

3. Biography of Ancestor – This should include occupation, military service, religious preference, and other known information

**GONE TO TEXAS PIONEER CERTIFICATE
LINE OF DESCENT CHART**

1. Full Name of Applicant _____

Date and Place of Birth _____
(Day, month, year) (Town, County, State)

Name of Spouse _____ Date of Marriage _____

2. I am the child of (Father)

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his () wife

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

3. The said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his () wife

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

4. The said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his () wife

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

5. The said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his () wife

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

6. The said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his () wife

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

7. The said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his () wife

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

8. The said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his () wife

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

9. The said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his () wife

_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

**PROOF OF DESCENT
GONE TO TEXAS PIONEER CERTIFICATE**

List Sources of proof by generation. Number photocopied proofs to correspond to generation numbers. The applicant's name should be placed on the back of each photocopied proof.

Generation 1. _____

Generation 2. _____

Generation 3. _____

Generation 4. _____

Generation 5. _____

Generation 6. _____

Generation 7. _____

Generation 8. _____

Generation 9. _____

The information included in this application is true and accurate according to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date submitted