

TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WEST TEXAS PIONEER CERTIFICATE

The Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS) will issue West Texas Pioneer Certificates to direct descendants of settlers that resided in West Texas prior to 1901. Eventually the information submitted will be published. In addition to receiving a Pioneer Certificate applicants will be helping to preserve the history of ancestral pioneers.

ELIGIBILITY: To qualify for a Pioneer Certificate the applicant must prove direct descent from a person who was in West Texas (as defined by list of 133 Counties attached) prior to 1901.

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 filling 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 your check for \$15.00, made payable to TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, at the address listed below. (Fee is not refundable.)

STEP 1: Fill in the application giving all of the requested information. We plan to build the files in West 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 that 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 record, 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 historical 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
Wanda L. Donaldson
3219 Meadow Oaks Drive
Temple, TX 76502-1752

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WEST TEXAS PIONEER 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 from)

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

**WEST 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 _____

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PROOF OF DESCENT

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

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List of 133 Counties included in Pioneer Area

Andrews	Eastland	King	Reeves
Archer	Ector	Kinney	Roberts
Armstrong	Edwards	Knox	Runnels
	El Paso		
Bailey	Erath	Lamb	San Saba
Bandera		Lampasas	Schleicher
Baylor	Fisher	La Salle	Scurry
Blanco	Floyd	Lipscomb	Shackelford
Borden	Foard	Llano	Sherman
Brewster	Frio	Loving	Stephens
Briscoe		Lubbock	Sterling
Brown	Gaines	Lynn	Stonewall
Burnet	Graza		Sutton
	Gillespie	Martin	Swisher
Callahan	Glasscock	Mason	
Carson	Gray	Maverick	Taylor
Castro		Medina	Terrell
Childress	Hale	Menard	Terry
Clay	Hall	McCulloch	Throckmorton
Cochran	Hamilton	Midland	Tom Green
Coke	Hansford	Mills	
Coleman	Hardeman	Mitchell	Upton
Collingsworth	Hartley	Moore	Uvalde
Comanche	Haskell	Motley	
Concho	Hemphill		Valverde
Coryell	Hockley	Nolan	
Cottle	Howard		Ward
Crane	Hudspeth	Ochiltree	Webb
Crockett	Hutchinson	Oldham	Wheeler
Crosby			Wichita
Culberson	Irion	Palo Pinto	Wilbarger
		Parmer	Winkler
Dallam	Jack	Pecos	
Dawson	Jeff Davis	Potter	Yoakum
Deaf Smith	Jones	Presidio	Young
Dickens			
Dimmit	Kendall	Randall	Zapata
Donley	Kent	Reagan	Zavala
	Kerr	Real	
	Kimble		

