

Trenton Founder, Pioneer & Settler Family Certificate

Trenton, Michigan is celebrating the 175th anniversary of its platting in 1834. In honor of that occasion, the Trenton Historical Society is proud to offer three distinctive commemorative certificates to eligible persons.

Categories: Certificates will be given under three categories, each with its specific time periods. Current residency in Trenton is not required.

Founder Family – Prior to 1865

Pioneer Family – 1866 – 1899

Settler Family – 1900 - 1957

INSTRUCTIONS

If you have more than one qualifying ancestor, you must complete each application separately. Only one name will be inscribed on each certificate. All information on charts must be typed or clearly printed in black ink, each page submitted must have your name and the name of the ancestor printed on the back.

Each page of proofs must have your name, ancestor name and number of generations on the back. Write all dates as 3 May 1950 not as 5/3/50 to prevent confusion. If exact date is unknown, write c 1880, if date or month unknown, leave blank or c May etc.

Use only Maiden names for the female lines.

Do NOT send original documents as any information submitted becomes the property of the Archives of the Trenton Historical Society and cannot be returned.

If you do not wish to correspond with anyone about this family, clearly print NO CORRESPONDENCE on the top right of the lineage chart page.

If brother/sisters/children/grandchildren of the applicant wish to have a certificate on this same line, apply in the same packet, on a separate sheet, with proof of relationship to the main applicant.

PROOFS: Each proof should be the result of credible genealogical research. Acceptable PRIMARY sources are vital records [birth/marriage/death], land, court, tax, military, church, cemetery, and miscellaneous county records and federal/state/county census.

The following SECONDARY sources may or may not be acceptable: Bible records, obituaries & dated newspaper articles, clear photos of tombstones, [should have name/location of cemetery & tombstone therein], local histories, state pioneer records, city and county directories, private papers, published histories, etc.

If you do not have proofs, but you do have knowledge from family members, please indicate what you know and who provided the information.

CERTIFICATES: An awards ceremony will be held in connection with "Somewhere In Time", Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 3 p.m. in Elizabeth Park in Trenton. Presentation of the certificates will be made at that time along with a special birthday gift to all awardees who attend. If you are unable to attend, your certificate will be mailed to you.

Mail application and proofs to: Trenton Historical Society, P. O. Box 596, Trenton, MI 48183.

Any questions can be directed by e-mail to carol.hendricks@sbcglobal.net or by phone to Carol Hendricks at 734-676-4375.

Trenton Founder, Pioneer or Settler Application

Please print clearly

1. Applicant's name as it should appear on certificate _____

2. Qualifying ancestor as it will appear on certificate _____

3. Email Address _____ Phone _____

QUALIFYING ANCESTOR:

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Place of Birth _____

Marriage Date _____ Place of Marriage _____

Death Date _____ Place of Death _____

Burial Place _____ Occupation _____

Military Service _____ Other Spouses _____

Father _____ Mother _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

Given

Middle

Maiden

Prior Married

Birth Date: _____ Place of Birth _____

Death Date _____ Place of Death _____

Burial Place _____ Occupation _____

Other Spouses _____

Father _____ Mother _____

Exact location in Trenton where ancestor settled [give settlement, township, range, section & lot number if possible]

Emigrated from: _____

Arrival date and Source _____

Lineage Chart

Start at the first generation with you, the recipient of the chart.

1. I, [name] _____ born on _____ at _____
place county state

Married to _____ on _____ who is a child of _____
Mother

And _____ at _____ occupation _____
Father

Other Spouses _____ Military Service _____

Continue with other direct line ancestors back through qualifying ancestor.

2. PARENT

Name _____ born on _____ at _____
place county state

Married to _____ on _____ who is a child of _____
Mother

And _____ at _____ occupation _____
Father

Other Spouses _____ Military Service _____

3. GRANDPARENT

Name _____ born on _____ at _____
place county state

Married to _____ on _____ who is a child of _____
Mother

And _____ at _____ occupation _____
Father

Other Spouses _____ Military Service _____

4. GREAT GRANDPARENT

Name _____ born on _____ at _____
place county state

Married to _____ on _____ who is a child of _____
Mother

And _____ at _____ occupation _____
Father

Other Spouses _____ Military Service _____

5. GG - GRANDPARENT

Name _____ born on _____ at _____
place county state

Married to _____ on _____ who is a child of _____
Mother

And _____ at _____ occupation _____
Father

Other Spouses _____ Military Service _____

6. GGG - GRANDPARENT

Name _____ born on _____ at _____
place county state

Married to _____ on _____ who is a child of _____
Mother

And _____ at _____ occupation _____
Father

Other Spouses _____ Military Service _____

7. GGGG - GRANDPARENT

Name _____ born on _____ at _____
place county state

Married to _____ on _____ who is a child of _____
Mother

And _____ at _____ occupation _____
Father

Other Spouses _____ Military Service _____

All supplemental information/documentation concerning other children of any generation, ancestors of qualifying ancestor and any biographical/photographic material is very welcome.

I herby give / deny permission to print my charts in the Trenton Historical Society newsletter.

Signature of applicant

Name to who certificate is to be mailed

Address for mailing certificate