

PIONEER CERTIFICATE Instruction Sheet

The Putnam County Historical Society will issue pioneer certificates to direct descendants of early settlers of Putnam County, Illinois. We hope to encourage family research in an effort to increase our knowledge of the early people. The information received will be kept in the museum of the Historical Society.

To be eligible to qualify for a Pioneer Certificate, applicants must be directly descended from an ancestor who settled in Putnam County, Illinois during the years of 1830 to 1880.

Application forms are free and anyone may apply. At the time proof of direct descent is submitted, a **\$10.00** fee is requested. When eligibility has been determined, the Certificate will be awarded to the applicant. The Pioneer Certificate Committee will determine eligibility and their decision will be final, being based entirely upon presentation of accurate application. A separate certificate will be issued for each ancestor properly submitted. Duplicate copies of a certificate maybe requested for \$5.00 each.

If you also wish to become a member of the Historical Society, please see current membership rates.

Instructions:

1. Please complete the application to the best of your ability.
2. When completing the straight-line lineage chart, please use maiden names when applicable. If you are unsure of dates or information, please place a question mark behind the date.
3. Documented evidence must accompany the application form, copies (NOT ORIGINALS) of census records, birth, death, marriage records, school or church records, Bible records, Military records, obituaries and tombstone inscriptions (give location of cemetery), estate records, land records, county histories, etc. will constitute proof. **DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.** Note: All applications and verifying material will become the property of the Putnam County Historical Society. Additional information: Please do not submit any original photos as they will not be returned and become the property of the Historical Society.
4. Please submit as much additional family history or background information about your ancestors as you can for our archives. Use the back page or attach separate sheets if necessary.
5. A check made payable to the Putnam County Historical Society in the amount of **\$10.00** for each certificate is payable at the time of application. Send the check, the application form, and source of proof to: **Pioneer Certificate Committee, Putnam County Historical Society, P.O. Box 74, Hennepin, Illinois 61327.**
6. *Please be sure to include contact information of phone number or e-mail address so that we may be able to get in touch with you if necessary in a timely manner.*

PUTNAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PIONEER CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

NAME OF APPLICANT _____
(as it is to appear on certificate)

ADDRESS _____

NAME OF PIONEER ANCESTOR _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____
Day Month Year City County State

DATE OF DEATH _____ PLACE OF DEATH _____
Day Month Year City County State

PLACE BURIED _____
Name of Cemetery City County State

NAME PIONEER'S FATHER _____

NAME PIONEER'S MOTHER _____

NAME PIONEER'S SPOUSE _____

(Maiden name if woman)

SPOUSE'S DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH _____
Day Month Year City County State

SPOUSE'S DATE & PLACE OF DEATH _____
Day Month Year City County State

PLACE BURIED _____
Name of Cemetery City County State

DATE OF MARRIAGE _____ PLACE _____
Day Month Year City County State

DATE & LOCATION PIONEER SETTLED IN PUTNAM COUNTY, ILLINOIS -

Year _____ Locaion _____

(If known, use present-day street or road address for location)

STRAIGHT-LINE LINEAGE CHART

Generation 1

Name of Pioneer Ancestor _____

Generation 2

Their Child _____ was my _____

Born on _____ at _____

Died on _____ at _____ buried _____

Married _____ on _____

at _____

Generation 3

Their Child _____ was my _____

Born on _____ at _____

Died on _____ at _____ buried _____

Married _____ on _____

at _____

Generation 4

Their Child _____ was my _____

Born on _____ at _____

Died on _____ at _____ buried _____

Married _____ on _____

at _____

Generation 5

Their Child _____ was my/is me _____

Born on _____ at _____

Died on _____ at _____ buried _____

Married _____ on _____

at _____

Name of applicant: _____

PERMISSION RELEASE

I hereby give permission to the Putnam County Historical Society to use my material submitted for the Pioneer Certificate, for any purpose in the future.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 20____

Signature of Applicant _____

Address _____

Contact information: Phone: _____

E-mail: _____