

PIONEER CERTIFICATES

INSTRUCTIONS

To qualify, applicants must document a pioneer ancestor's residence in either Will or Grundy County **prior to 1900** and **show descent, through each generation**, from that ancestor to the individual for whom a certificate is desired. (The individual applying for the certificate need not be a resident of either county.)

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

1. Complete and sign all forms.
2. **Make a photocopy of any record showing pioneer's earliest known residency in the county** (examples - census record, land record which specifically indicates residency in the county, personal property tax record, local histories, etc.)
3. **Make photocopies of documents showing relationship of each subsequent person on lineage chart to the individual immediately preceding it on the chart** (examples - birth, marriage or death record; church or school record; obituaries or other newspaper articles; census record showing relationship to head of household, etc.)
4. Return the application forms and related material, together with a \$5.00 filing fee for each certificate wanted, to WGGG PIONEER CERTIFICATE COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 24, Wilmington, IL 60481.

NOTE: The names of both the pioneer and the descendant, as well as earliest-proven date of residency, will be shown on the certificate.

WILL/GRUNDY COUNTIES (IL) GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Pioneer Certificate Application

Submitter's Name _____

Address _____

Name of **descendant** for whom certificate is requested, as it is to appear on the certificate (please print clearly): _____

Pioneer Ancestor _____
(first) (middle) (maiden) (surname)

Date & Place of Birth _____

Date & Place of Marriage _____

Date & Place of Death _____

Pioneer's Spouse _____
(first) (middle) (maiden) (surname)

Date & Place of Birth _____

Date & Place of Death _____

Pioneer ancestor first settled in (**Will? Grundy?**) County in _____ .
(Please underline.) (year)

Previous known residences _____

To the best of my knowledge, the above information (and all other information submitted with this application) is true. I understand that all material submitted becomes the property of the Will/Grundy Counties (IL) Genealogical Society, and I give permission to the Society to use this material in any publications or for other purposes the Society deems suitable.

(Signature)

(date)

Name of submitter _____

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Name of person for whom certificate is requested:
(This should be the last person on the lineage chart.)

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Generation 1. Pioneer ancestor _____

Generation 2. _____

Birth Date & Place _____

Marriage Date & Place _____

Death Date & Place _____

Spouse _____

(if female, full maiden name)

Generation 3. _____

Birth Date & Place _____

Marriage Date & Place _____

Death Date & Place _____

Spouse _____

(if female, full maiden name)

Generation 4. _____

Birth Date & Place _____

Marriage Date & Place _____

Death Date & Place _____

Spouse _____

(if female, full maiden name)

Proof must be submitted showing descent from one generation to the next.

X _____ (signature) _____ (date)

***Use other side if needed for additional generations.**

WGGG Pioneer Certificate Supplemental Questionnaire

Pioneer Ancestor _____

Parents (Include Mother's maiden name, if known) _____

_____ Parents' marriage date? _____

Pioneer's occupation(s) _____

Religious affiliation _____

Military service? _____

Immigration (date & port of entry, if known) _____

Naturalization (date & place, if known) _____

Other items of interest concerning pioneer (previous marriages, membership in clubs or other organizations, political or church activities, distinguishing physical characteristics, etc.)

Children of Pioneer:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date & Place of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Spouse</u>
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X _____
(Signature)

(Date)