



PIONEER PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

The St. Charles County Historical Society will issue Pioneer Certificates to **direct descendants** of early settlers of St. Charles County. Many of these pioneers have gone unnoticed in history, so this is a way to gather information about them.

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 be directly descended from an ancestor who settled in St. Charles County as follows:

Voyageur (French Settlement) before 1791

Explorer – Before 1804 Louisiana Purchase

Territorian – 1804 – 1806 At time of Lewis and Clark Expedition

Settler – Prior to statehood in 1821

Einwanderer – Early German Immigrants (prior to 1840)

Citizen – 1821 through Civil War (1865)



Applicant need not be a resident of St. Charles County, nor have ever lived in St. Charles County. Anyone may apply. After proof of direct descendant has been submitted and eligibility has been determined, the certificate will then be mailed. Please remember, this process is done by volunteers. Please allow 30 days processing time. If additional family members desire certificates for a proven Pioneer, a separate application and proof of their descent should be submitted with a \$15.00 check for each certificate.

1. Please complete the application to the best of your ability.
2. When completing the lineage chart, please use maiden names when applicable. If you are unsure of any dates or information, place a question mark behind the data.
3. Documented evidence must accompany the application. See page 4, “Sources.”
4. Prepare a 3x5 index card for the Pioneer ancestor. Place his/her name in the upper left-hand corner (please print in block letters: Last name, First name, Middle name or Initial). Place your name and address on the reverse side of the card.
5. Please submit as much additional information about your ancestor as you wish. You may submit additional pages.
6. Please make your check payable to the St. Charles County Historical Society in the amount of **\$15.00** for each certificate. Your check, the application form, your lineage chart, copies of documents proving descent of each generation on the lineage chart, and 3x5 card should be brought or mailed to SCCHS, 101 S. Main, St. Charles, MO.

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Pioneer Certificate Application,
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Please print

Name of Applicant (as it is
to appear on the certificate) _____

Address _____

Name of Pioneer _____

Pioneer Settled in St. Charles County/District

Year and Location _____

WRITE ALL DATES in day/month/year format, i.e.: 06 Sep 1800:

Pioneer's Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year) _____

Place of Birth (city/county/state/country) _____

Pioneer's Date of Death (Day/Month/Year) _____

Place of Death (city/county/state/country) _____

Place buried (name of cemetery and location) _____

Name of Pioneer's Spouse _____ (Show maiden name if a woman)

Spouse's date of birth (day/Month/Year) _____

Place of Birth (city/county/state/country) _____

Spouse's Date of Death (Day/Month/Year) _____

Place buried (name of cemetery and location) _____

Date of Marriage (Day/Month/Year) _____

Place of Marriage (city/county/state or country) _____

CHILDREN OF ANCESTOR:

| First Name | Year Born | Where | Spouse | Year Married |
|------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Please list other children on separate sheet

(Please Print)
Lineage Chart

Generation 1.

Name of Pioneer Ancestor: _____

Generation 2.

Their child: _____ was my _____

Born _____ at _____

Died _____ at _____

Married to _____ on _____

at _____ Spouse born _____ spouse died _____

Generation 3.

Their child: _____ was my _____

Born _____ at _____

Died _____ at _____

Married to _____ on _____

at _____ Spouse born _____ spouse died _____

Generation 4.

Their child: _____ was my _____

Born _____ at _____

Died _____ at _____

Married to _____ on _____

at _____ Spouse born _____ spouse died _____

Generation 5.

Their child: _____ was my _____

Born _____ at _____

Died _____ at _____

Married to _____ on _____

at _____ Spouse born _____ spouse died _____

Generation 6.

Their child: _____ was my _____

Born _____ at _____

Died _____ at _____

Married to _____ on _____

at _____ Spouse born _____ spouse died _____

Generation 7.

Lineage Chart

Their child: _____ was my _____
Born _____ at _____
Died _____ at _____
Married to _____ on _____
at _____ Spouse born _____ spouse died _____

Generation 8.

Their child: _____ was my _____
Born _____ at _____
Died _____ at _____
Married to _____ on _____
at _____ Spouse born _____ spouse died _____

Generation 9.

Their child: _____ was my _____
Born _____ at _____
Died _____ at _____
Married to _____ on _____
at _____ Spouse born _____ spouse died _____

Generation 10.

Their child: _____ was my _____
Born _____ at _____
Died _____ at _____
Married to _____ on _____
at _____ Spouse born _____ spouse died _____

Generation 11.

Their child: _____ was my _____
Born _____ at _____
Died _____ at _____
Married to _____ on _____
at _____ Spouse born _____ spouse died _____

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Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signature _____

Address _____

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PIONEER CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

Sources

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(Documented evidence must accompany the application. Sources can be census records, birth, death, marriage records, school or church records, bible records, military records, obituaries, estate records, land records, tombstone inscriptions (give location of cemetery), county histories, etc. Each person (including the applicant) on the lineage chart should be proved as the child of the preceding generation. **Do not send original documents.** Please submit copies only, as all applications and verifying material will become the property of the St. Charles County Historical Society. Pencil Pioneer Ancestor surname/your surname on back of each, with generation number.)

To prove that my ancestor was in St. Charles County/District, and that I descend from this ancestor, I am including:

Generation 1.

Generation 2.

Generation 3.

Generation 4.

Generation 5.

Generation 6.

Generation 7.

Please attach another sheet, if necessary.