

# Missouri First Families

## Introduction

As a descendant of a *Missouri First Family* you can trace your lineage back to early residence in our 24<sup>th</sup> state, Missouri. Your work in proving an ancestor's early years in Missouri will be preserved for future generations by the Missouri State Genealogical Association [MoSGA]. Your application and accompanying documentation will make a significant contribution to the record of our state's heritage and your family's participation in that heritage.

In order to comply with genealogical standards of evidence, we ask that all applications include a complete set of the supporting documentation for all generations. Photocopies only, please. The application may be shared with other genealogists; however, information on living persons and those born within the past 100 years will be withheld.

All applications and supporting documentation become the property of the Missouri State Genealogical Association. Applicants need not be members of MoSGA. Each application must include a non-refundable fee of \$20.00 U.S.

## Types of Certificates

- *Territorial Certificates* – Ancestors proven to have resided in Missouri on or before statehood, 10 August 1821.
- *Pioneer Certificates* – Ancestors proven to have resided in Missouri at any time between and including 11 August 1821 and 31 December 1860.
- *Civil War Service Certificates* – Ancestors proven to have served in a Missouri military unit during the Civil War; those ancestors in other military units who saw service in Missouri during the Civil War; and those ancestors who were Civil War veterans and died and/or were buried in Missouri.

## Application Process

1. You must prove residency in Missouri at the time required for the type of certificate desired, or Civil War service, whichever applies.
2. You must prove the relationship between each generation, beginning with yourself and ending with the ancestor who is the focus of your application.
3. Complete all applicable forms for the type of certificate for which you are applying and prepare one set of supporting documents. (Save a copy for your records.) Please sign and date each page of the application.
4. Mail your application to: Missouri First Families Program, Missouri State Genealogical Association, PO Box 833, Columbia, Missouri 65205-0833
5. You will receive an email or postal mail notification that your application has been received. Your application is then assigned to a team of two reviewers.

6. After both reviewers have reviewed your application, one of them will notify you if any corrections or additions are needed.
7. Certificates will be mailed upon final approval. Certificate holders will be announced in the MoSGA newsletter, "*SHOW ME*" *STATE Genealogical News*, and will be given recognition at the next MoSGA annual conference following acceptance.
8. Names and dates of *Missouri First Families* will be posted on the MoSGA Web site. Copies of approved applications, with accompanying reference citations, may be obtained for \$5.00 U.S. per *Missouri First Families* ancestor.

## **Documentation and Evidence**

1. Documentation is required to prove residence of the *Missouri First Families* ancestor, relationship between each generation, and dates and locations of events.
2. A family group sheet for the *First Families* generation must be prepared. Download a form at [http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/genlh/forms/family\\_unit\\_chart.pdf](http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/genlh/forms/family_unit_chart.pdf) or <http://c.ancestry.com/pdf/trees/charts/famgrec.pdf>.
3. Photocopies of documents must accompany the application. Please send a transcription of the document if the photocopy is difficult to read.
4. All documents must include a full citation. A copy of the title/cover page should be included, or the title, volume, author, publication date and page number must be written on the copy itself. For examples of proper source citations, see Elizabeth Shown Mills' *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1997).
5. Documents written in a foreign language must be accompanied by an English translation.
6. Digitized/scanned images may be submitted provided with proper citation
7. Please capitalize all surnames.
8. Adoptions will be accepted, but must be designated as such.
9. Use as many generations as needed to reach your *Missouri First Families* ancestor.

Problems? Questions? Please let us know. We want to help!

email: [firstfamilies@mosga.org](mailto:firstfamilies@mosga.org)

or write to us:

First Families

MoSGA

P.O. Box 833

Columbia, MO 65205-0833

Application  
*Missouri First Families*  
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MoSGA Use only:

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Verified

Verified

Date accepted \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle One:**

Territorial Certificate

Pioneer Certificate

Civil War Service Certificate

Applicant's name:

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First Name

Middle Name

Maiden Name

Last Name

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Number and Street

City

State

Zip Code +4

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your name as you wish it to appear on the certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Missouri First Families Ancestor or Ancestor Couple:

Three types of *Missouri First Families* certificates are available:

- (1) **Territorial** [an ancestor who lived in Missouri before statehood, pre 10 August 1821],
  - (2) **Pioneer** [an ancestor living in Missouri between and including 11 August 1821 and 31 December 1860],
  - (3) **Civil War** [an ancestor having Civil War service in a Missouri military unit or in other military units who saw service in Missouri, or a Civil War veteran who died or was buried in Missouri].
- The applicant must prove direct lineage to that ancestor and provide documentation proving lineal descent for each statement of birth, marriage, and death.

*Applicants need not be members of the Missouri State Genealogical Association (MoSGA).*

**A non-refundable \$20.00 U.S. fee must accompany the application.**

An online index of approved Missouri First Families is on the MoSGA web site. A copy of a successful application is available for a fee of \$5.00 U.S. MoSGA will delete information on the application for persons born within 100 years from the time the request for copies is made. Documentation for those individuals will not be available.

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I attest that the statements regarding my ancestor \_\_\_\_\_ are true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to let MoSGA share copies of my application with researchers, providing my personal information and information regarding persons born within 100 years from the time copies are requested are deleted. A check for \$20.00 U.S. accompanies this application.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Lineage Chart**  
**Missouri First Families**  
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*Missouri State Genealogical Association (MoSGA)*

**Applicant's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I was born on (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation for facts above \_\_\_\_\_

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**Generation 2**

**Father's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

He was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

He died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Legal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

She died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

They were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

She was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation for facts above \_\_\_\_\_

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**Generation 3**

**Father's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

He was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

He died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Legal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

She died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

They were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

She was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation for facts above \_\_\_\_\_

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**Generation 4**

**Father's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

He was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

He died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Legal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

She died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

They were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

She was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation for the facts above \_\_\_\_\_

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**Generation 5**

**Father's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

He was born on \_\_\_\_\_ **at** \_\_\_\_\_

He died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Legal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

She died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

They were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

She was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation for facts above

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**Generation 6**

**Father's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

He was born on \_\_\_\_\_ **at** \_\_\_\_\_

He died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Legal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

She died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

They were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

She was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation for facts above

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**Generation 7**

**Father's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

He was born on \_\_\_\_\_ **at** \_\_\_\_\_

He died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Legal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

She died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

They were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

She was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation for facts above

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**Generation 8**

**Father's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

He was born on \_\_\_\_\_ **at** \_\_\_\_\_

He died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Legal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

She died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

They were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

She was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation for facts above \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation 9**

**Father's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

He was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

He died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Legal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

She died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

They were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

She was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation for facts above

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**Generation 10**

**Father's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

He was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

He died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Legal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

She died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

They were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

She was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation for facts above

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**Generation 11**

**Father's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

He was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

He died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Legal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

She died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

They were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

She was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation for facts above

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**Generation 12**

**Father's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

He was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

He died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Legal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

She died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

They were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

She was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation for facts above

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**NARRATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**

***Missouri First Families***

**Sponsored by the  
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**Provide a short biography of your ancestor, including names and relevant dates of known spouse(s) and children. Be sure to include information that explains why this ancestor qualifies for the Certificate Classification\* you have chosen.**

**\* Territorial (in Missouri on or before 10 August 1821)**

**\* Pioneer ( in Missouri between and including 11 August 1821 – 31 December 1860**

**\* Civil War Service:**

**Served in a Missouri military unit during the Civil War**

**Was enlisted in any other military unit but saw service IN Missouri during the Civil War**

**Civil War veteran of any military unit but died or is buried in Missouri**

**As documented by:**

