

CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN EARLY SETTLER & EARLY FAMILY CERTIFICATES

Clinton County was organized in 1839. In honor of that occasion, the Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society are proud to offer two distinctive commemorative certificates to eligible persons.

ELIGIBILITY: To qualify for a CLINTON COUNTY EARLY SETTLER CERTIFICATE, the applicant must directly descend from an ancestor [male or female] who settled in Clinton County prior to 31 December 1865. To qualify for a CLINTON COUNTY EARLY FAMILY CERTIFICATE, the direct descent must be from a family who resided in Clinton County prior to 31 December 1899. The applicant must be able to prove descent from the ancestor by official or approved records for each generation, including proof for applicant. Current residency in Clinton County is not required. There is a non-refundable fee of \$15.00 which must accompany each application. If brothers/sisters/children/grandchildren of the applicant wish a certificate on this same line and apply in the same packet, on a separate sheet, with proof of relationship to the main applicant, the additional fee is \$7.50 for each. Checks should be made payable to the Clinton County Historical Society.

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 applicant's name and the name of ancestor printed on the back. Each page of proofs must also have the generation number on the back.

Write all dates as 3 May 1950 (NOT as 5/3/50) to prevent confusion. If exact date is unknown, write c1880; if date or month unknown, leave blank or write cMay, etc.

Use only maiden names for the female lines.

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

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

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 [must have copy of title page with publication date], obituaries & newspaper articles [must include name of paper, date published & page], clear photos of tombstones [must have name/location of cemetery & tombstone therein], local histories, state pioneer records, city & county directories, private papers etc. NOT ACCEPTABLE: LDS <familysearch.com> or other internet records. PROOF OF RESIDENCY PRIOR TO 1866: Acceptable proofs are: Land records, various county records, census records.

CLINTON COUNTY EARLY SETTLER or EARLY FAMILY APPLICATION

A Applicant's name as it should appear on certificate

B Name of qualifying ancestor as it will appear on certificate

NAME OF QUALIFYING ANCESTOR _____

birth: date_____ place_____

marriage: date_____ place_____

death: date_____ place_____

burial: place_____ occupation_____

military service_____ other spouses_____

father: _____ mother: _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

Given Middle Maiden Prior married

birth: date_____ place_____

death: date_____ place_____

burial: place_____ occupation_____

other spouses_____

father: _____ mother_____

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

Emigrated from: _____

Arrival date and source _____

CCHS USE ONLY

File # _____

Ancestor name _____

Date rec'd _____

Date ret'd _____

[for further info]

Date processed _____

Date cert issued _____

Comments:

LINEAGE CHART

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

1 I,[name] _____ born on _____
At _____ [place, county, state]
Married to _____ on _____
Who is child of _____ & _____
At _____ occupation _____
Other spouses _____ military service _____

Continue with other direct line ancestors back through qualifying ancestor.

2 parent _____
Born _____ at _____
Married to _____
Who is child of _____ & _____
On _____ at _____
Died _____ at _____
Buried _____ occupation _____
Military service _____ other spouses _____

3 grandparent _____
Born _____ at _____
Married to _____
Child of _____ & _____
On _____ at _____
Died _____ at _____
Buried _____ occupation _____
Military service _____ other spouses _____

4 g-grandparent _____
Born _____ at _____
Married to _____
Child of _____ & _____
On _____ at _____
Died _____ at _____
Buried _____ occupation _____
Military service _____ other spouses _____

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5 gg-grandparent _____
Born _____ at _____
Married to _____
Child of _____ & _____
On _____ at _____
Died _____ at _____
Buried _____ occupation _____
Military service _____ other spouses _____

6 ggg-grandparent _____
Born _____ at _____
Married to _____
Child of _____ & _____
On _____ at _____
Died _____ at _____
Buried _____ occupation _____
Military service _____ other spouses _____

7 gggg-grandparent _____
Born _____ at _____
Married to _____
Child of _____ & _____
On _____ at _____
Died _____ at _____
Buried _____ occupation _____
Military service _____ other spouses _____

All supplemental information/documentation concerning other children of any generation, ancestors of qualifying ancestor and any biographical/photographic material is very welcome. MAIL APPLICATION, PROOFS AND \$15.00 APPLICATION FEE TO: Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society PO Box 174 St Johns, MI 48879.

I hereby give/deny permission to print my charts in the quarterly newsletter Clinton County Trails.

Signature of applicant

Name to whom certificate is to be mailed

Address for mailing certificate