



Muskogee County First Families

The Muskogee County Genealogical Society honors the memory of our early pioneers with a special certificate issued to their descendants. The purpose of this program is to recognize those with Muskogee roots, encourage people to undertake genealogical and historical research, and to provide resources for other researchers. All applications and documents will be made available in the Surname Research folders in the Grant Foreman Collection and may be published in the Society Quarterly or other publications.

Descendants of the early residents of what is today Muskogee County may qualify for one of the following certificates:

<i>Pioneers</i>	Residents prior to 1880
<i>Settlers</i>	Residents prior to Nov. 16, 1907
<i>Early Family</i>	Residents prior to 1920

Application Instructions

1. A \$25 fee is required for each certificate requested. The name of only one ancestor (or married couple if both qualify) can be identified on a certificate.
2. Completely fill out the top portion of the Release Form and sign it.
3. Complete the Application form beginning with the Applicant as Generation 1 and using appropriate genealogical format:
 - Dates: day month year (example: 27 March 1922)
 - Places: city or town county state country (example: Muskogee, Muskogee County, Oklahoma, USA)
 - Always use the woman's maiden name
4. A direct line from applicant to ancestor must be proved at each step, including the spouse in each generation. Collateral descent is not acceptable. Only bloodline descent is acceptable.
5. Proof is required for each date listed for both persons in each generation. All documents must include a full citation written on the copy itself. Bible records must include a photocopy of the title page with publication date and current owner's name and address.
6. Proof of residence in Muskogee County must be provided:
 - Pioneers Residence prior to 1880

- Settlers Residence prior to 16 Nov. 1907
 - Early Family Residence prior to 1920
7. Submit CLEAR LEGIBLE COPIES of documentation. If the copy is not clear, submit a typed transcript of the pertinent information along with the copy. PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. COPIES ONLY!

Your completed application should include:

1. Signed Release Form including documentation of ancestor's residence.
2. Ancestor Chart showing direct line.
3. Completed Application Form
4. Photocopies of all documentation with source citations.
5. \$25 check or money order payable to Muskogee County Genealogical Society.
6. Keep a copy for your records.

Mail to:
Muskogee County Genealogical Society
801 W. Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK 74401

Rules of Evidence

1. Primary information from original sources is preferred. These documents would include birth, marriage and death registrations from state or county vital records.
2. Secondary information may be used as corroborative evidence.
3. Unacceptable materials:
 - Oral, written, or published family traditions may be in error and cannot be accepted as documentation.
 - Printed or manuscript genealogies, genealogical records or compilations.
 - Family group sheets or charts.
 - Lineage papers, accepted or unaccepted, from other patriotic or hereditary societies by themselves are not considered proof.
 - "Family Trees" or "Family Data Collections" from the Internet.

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Release Form

Please type or legibly print, filling out the upper portion of this page and sign it.

Applicant

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
E-Mail	
Phone Number	

Qualifying Ancestor (or couple if both qualify)

Name:	
Date first in Muskogee County:	
Came to Muskogee County from:	

Person Who Did the Research (If different from applicant)

Name:	
E-Mail or phone #	

I certify that the statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this application and its attachments become the property of the Muskogee County Genealogical Society when they are submitted and may be used by the Society for any lawful purpose, including display, reproduction and/or publication. Any information about living persons may be deleted.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

APPLICATION APPROVED BY MCGS:

Date: _____ By: _____

Certificate Type: _____

Certificate Number: _____

Sent to Applicant on: _____

(date)