

FIRST FAMILIES of NOBLE COUNTY, INDIANA

Application Instructions

To qualify for First Families, you must prove descent from an ancestor who lived in **Noble County, Indiana, on or before December 31, 1850**. You may add more than one pioneer ancestor (such as husband and wife) as long as they are documented. If listed on the 1850 Noble County, Indiana, census, residency is proven. If not listed on that census, a naturalization record index listing arrival in Noble County, an obituary stating date of arrival, land records with date of purchase or mention of date of settlement, county histories which state date of arrival, baptismal records of children with 1850 date, etc., are acceptable. **Several of these sources must be used together for an ancestor not listed on the 1850 census.**

1. Begin with yourself. You need a birth document or church record to prove your birth and if you are a married female, provide a marriage proof to show your name change.
2. Show proof of parentage for each generation using primary documents when possible. Put generation in upper right (Gen 1, etc.)
3. Note the source for each document in the margin or bottom of page.
4. The census will only be accepted for proof of parentage when other primary documents cannot be found.

The deadline for each year's applications is **June 30**. Accepted proof and eligibility will be determined at the discretion of the First Families Committee. If you do not have enough documentation, your application will be returned; you may add documents and resubmit. Certificates are awarded at our annual dinner meeting in September each year.

Please print all information clearly on your application. Application forms must be completed and accompanied by a pedigree chart (you may use your own chart), **copies** of proof of descent documents, the fee of \$10.00 check or money order to NCGS, and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Send all packets to NCGS First Families, P.O. Box 162, Albion, IN 46701-0162.