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First Families of Wise County

Heritage Certificate Application

Welcome to the *Wise County Genealogy Society* Program for the administration of certificates honoring pioneer citizens of Wise County, Texas. Without their efforts and endurance Wise County, would be much different than it is today. Our appreciation of them and their endeavors, in sometime dangerous situations, should be most appreciated. By honoring them with these certificates, it is hoped that their efforts will not go unnoticed and will be remembered and appreciated by their descendants in future generations.

The *Wise County Genealogical Society* is proud to offer family historians a pioneer certificate program to recognize those with direct descent from Wise County, Texas first families and by doing so honor those individuals as well as their current descendants.



Certificate Descriptions

Wise County Frontier Certificate:

The successful applicant for this certificate must prove, by genealogical accepted standards, that his/her direct line ancestor(s), grandparent(s), great-grandparent(s) 2X great-grandparent(s) etc. were residents of what is now Wise County, Texas for a minimum of ten years up to and including 1870. Secondly, the applicant must prove his/her relationship through each previous generation to the qualifying ancestor(s). Applicants must complete the necessary forms for the awarding of this certificate and in doing so the applicant certifies that the information is accurate to the best of his /her ability and knowledge. All documents submitted for proof of residence and lineage, along with the application, will become the property of the *Wise County Genealogical Society* with none to be returned to applicant.

They Were Here Certificate:

The successful applicant for this certificate must prove, by genealogical accepted standards, that his/her direct line ancestor(s), grandparent(s), great-grandparent(s) 2X great-grandparent(s) etc. were residents of Wise County, Texas for a minimum of ten years from 1 Jan 1870 up to and including 1900. Secondly, the applicant must prove his/her relationship through each previous generation to the qualifying ancestor(s). Applicants must complete the necessary forms for the awarding of this certificate and in doing so the applicant certifies that the information is accurate to the best of his /her ability and knowledge. All documents submitted for proof of residence and lineage, along with the application, will become the property of the *Wise County Genealogical Society* with none to be returned to applicant.

Wise County Frontier, They Were Here Combination Certificate:

The successful applicant for this certificate must prove, by genealogical accepted standards, that his/her direct line ancestor(s), grandparent(s), great-grandparent(s) 2X great-grandparent(s) etc. were residents of what is now Wise County, Texas for a minimum of ten years up to and including 1870 and that they maintained a residence in Wise County for a minimum of 10 years during the period of 1870 through 1900. Secondly, the applicant must prove his/her relationship through each previous generation to the qualifying ancestor(s). Applicants must complete the necessary forms for the awarding of this certificate and in doing so the applicant certifies that the information is accurate to the best of his /her ability and knowledge. All documents submitted for proof of residence and lineage, along with the application, will become the property of the *Wise County Genealogical Society* with none to be returned to applicant.

Application addendum

1. The same application form can be used for all *Wise County Genealogical Society* certificates by indicating which certificate you believe your ancestor(s) qualify.
2. A new application form must be filled out for each qualifying ancestor.
3. A \$25 fee must be submitted with each original application and will not be refunded; \$10 for students.
4. Please do not submit original documents but copies thereof.
5. A copy of all documents cited on the application must be submitted.
6. In the case of married pioneers who both qualify as residents, one certificate will be awarded with both names affixed to the certificate.
7. Any additional applicants (siblings, cousins, etc.) using the same qualifying person(s) must complete the application and submit the necessary proof of residence and lineage in its entirety.
8. Applicants do not need to reside in Wise County, Texas or be members of the *Wise County Genealogical Society*, but we do encourage membership. Applicants interested in becoming a member can go to the *Wise County Genealogical Society* web site at wisegenealogy.org.
9. Any incomplete application will be held for a maximum of one year. Any further action on an application after one year will necessitate a new application with another processing fee.
10. All completed and processed applications will be turned over to the Wise County Historical Society for inclusion in the Family Files held at the Wise County Heritage Museum; all files are available for public research.

**Send application for evaluation to: WCGS First Families Heritage Application
% Ronald Womack
4590 South FM 51
Decatur, Texas 76234**

Name of qualifying ancestor(s): _____

Certificate Application for:

Wise County Frontier

They Were Here

Wise County Frontier, They Were Here Combination

Please indicate which certificate you are applying for by checking the indicated space.

Name of Applicant:

Name to appear on Certificate:

Street Address:

City, State and zip:

E-mail Address:

Telephone:

Applicant signature indicates the information hereby submitted is accurate and true to the best of his/her knowledge. Information and documents submitted become the property of the Wise County Genealogical Society, Inc.

Applicant Signature:

Applicant's Personal Heritage Information

Applicant's Full Name (including Maiden Name, if applicable):

Applicant's Date of Birth: _____

Applicant's Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

If married, Date of Marriage: _____

If married, Place of Marriage: _____

Source Documentation: _____

If married, Full name of Spouse (including Maiden Name, if applicable):

If married, Spouse's Date of Birth: _____

If married, Spouse's Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Spouse's Date of Death: _____

Spouse's Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Applicant's Parent Information

Full Name of Father: _____

Father's Date of Birth: _____

Father's Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Father's Date of Death: _____

Father's Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation: _____

If Married, Date of Marriage: _____

If Married, Place of Marriage: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Full maiden name of mother: _____

Mother's Date of Birth: _____

Mother's Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Mother's Date of Death: _____

Mother's Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Applicant's Lineage Grandparent Information

Full name of Lineage Grandfather: _____

Grandfather's Date of Birth: _____

Grandfather's Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Grandfather's Date of Death: _____

Grandfather's Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation: _____

If married, full date: _____

If married, Place of Marriage: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Full maiden name of Lineage Grandmother: _____

Grandmother's Date of Birth: _____

Grandmother's Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Grandmother's Date of Death: _____

Grandmother's Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Applicant's Lineage Great Grandparent Information (1X)

Full name of Lineage G Grandfather: _____

G Grandfather's Date of Birth: _____

G Grandfather's Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

G Grandfather's Date of Death: _____

G Grandfather's Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation: _____

If married, full date: _____

If married, Place of Marriage: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Full maiden name of Lineage G Grandmother: _____

G Grandmother's Date of Birth: _____

G Grandmother's Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

G Grandmother's Date of Death: _____

G Grandmother's Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Applicant's Lineage Great-Great Grandparents (2X)

Full name of Lineage GG Grandfather: _____

GG Grandfather Date of Birth: _____

GG Grandfather Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

GG Grandfather Date of Death: _____

GG Grandfather Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation: _____

If married, full date: _____

If married, Place of Marriage: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Full maiden name of lineage Great Grandmother: _____

GG Grandmother Date of Birth: _____

GG Grandmother Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

GG Grandmother Date of Death: _____

GG Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Applicant's Lineage Great-Great-Great Grandparents (3X)

Full name of Lineage Great-Great-Great Grandfather: _____

GGG Grandfather Date of Birth: _____

GGG Grandfather Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

GGG Grandfather Date of Death: _____

GGG Grandfather Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation _____

If married, full date: _____

If married, Place Married: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Full maiden name of Lineage Great-Great-Great Grandmother: _____

GGG Grandmother Date of Birth: _____

GGG Grandmother Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

GGG Grandmother Date of Death: _____

GGG Grandmother Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Applicant's Lineage Great-Great-Great-Great Grandparents (4X)

Full name of Lineage Great-Great-Great-Great Grandfather: _____

GGGG Grandfather Date of Birth: _____

GGGG Grandfather Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

GGGG Grandfather Date of Death: _____

GGGG Grandfather Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation _____

If married, full date: _____

If married, place Married: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Full maiden name of Lineage Great-Great-Great-Great Grandmother: _____

GGGG Grandmother Date of Birth: _____

GGGG Grandmother Place of Birth: _____

Source Documentation: _____

GGGG Grandmother Date of Death: _____

GGGG Grandmother Place of Death: _____

Source Documentation: _____

Name of qualifying ancestor(s):

Biographical Sketch

Please include a biographical sketch and/or some interesting aspects of the life/lives of the qualifying ancestor(s). If so desired, the sketch may continue onto additional sheets of paper, if needed.

The following list is NOT to be submitted with the application, but is for applicant's information only.

Possible Sources

Note: the list below contains sources which may offer direct evidence or indirect evidence--which does not in itself offer proof of the lineage--but may provide genealogical value in some other way.

Adoption Records	Membership in Social Clubs etc.
Baptism Records	Memorial Plaques
Bible, Family	Military Discharge Records
Bounty Land Records	Military Enlistment Records
Cemetery Records	Military Muster Rolls
Census Records – Federal Population	Military Service Records
Census Records – Slave	Ministerial Ordination Records
City or Town Records	Miscellaneous Documents--
Correspondence – letters	Unpublished
County Records of svc. - Ex: Road Repair required of residents	
Court Records – Defendant	Monument Inscriptions
Court Records – Plaintiff	Mortality Schedule
Deacons/elders ordination record	Naturalization Records
Death Records	Newspaper Articles
Delegate to political events etc.	Obituaries
Diary or Journal, Personnel	Passenger List
Diploma – College	Passports
Diploma – High School	Pension Applications
Divorce Records	Pensions Awarded
DNA Evidence	Political Records
Employment Records	Poll tax
Family Bible Records	Poor Farm Records –
Family Tree – Already documented	Sometimes called County Farm
Funeral home records	Prisoner of War Records
Grave Markers	Probates
Identifiable Photos/paintings	Published Books
Immigration Records	Records of Christening
Jury Records	Request for Pardon
Land Patent Records	School Records
Land Sales-Deeds	Tax Roll
Lands Purchased –Deeds	Voter Registration
Magazine Article	Wills
Marriage Records – Church	(Other documents do exist and may
Marriage Records – State	be submitted.)