

**WINNEBAGO & BOONE COUNTIES
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Dear Applicant,

We are grateful for your interest in applying for a Pioneer Certificate. These are offered to those who can prove a direct bloodline to someone who settled in Boone or Winnebago County before 1880. If they were here before 1850, a ribbon will be added to the certificate.

Our Society offers this program to recognize early settlers of Winnebago and Boone Counties, as well as their descendants. The applicant does not have to be a member of WBCGS or a resident of one of the two counties. Both the Pioneer's name and the Applicant's name will appear on the certificate. The cost is \$10.00 per certificate.

The following pages offer a guideline for information needed to secure the certificate. The simplest way to begin is with your own generation. Proof of each generation is required. A birth, marriage, and death certificate is the easiest way to prove a generational tie. When not available, there are many other resources as well. We will be glad to offer you some suggestions in finding the proofs you need.

The Pioneer generation needs to have proof that they settled in one of the two counties. A newspaper article, census report, or tax roll would be examples of such proofs.

All papers sent to the Society will become the property of WBCGS. Lineage proofs of past generations will be stored at the Rockford Museum where they will be available in the library of that building for public research.

You may send the application with proofs (please, copies only), and \$10.00 to:

**Winnebago & Boone Counties Genealogical Society
P O Box 10166
Loves Park, IL 61131-0166**



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Early Pioneer Certificate Application**



Applicant's Name _____
(As it is to appear on certificate)

Complete Address _____

Pioneer Ancestor: _____

Born: _____
Date town/township, county, state/country

Married _____
Date town/township, county, state/country

Died: _____
Date town/township, county, state/country

Pioneer's Spouse: _____
Maiden name

Born: _____
Date town/township, county, state/country

Married _____
Date town/township, county, state/country

Died: _____
Date town/township, county, state/country

Pioneer ancestor first settled in Boone County Winnebago County:
(circle one)

Date town -- township

Previous residences: _____

**Winnebago Boone Counties Genealogical Society
Pioneer Certificate Lineage Chart**

Generation 1. Applicant _____

Birth date and place _____

Marriage date and place _____

Spouse name _____

Generation 2. Applicant is the child of:

Father _____

Birth date and place _____

Marriage date and place _____

Death date and place _____

Mother _____

Birth date and place _____

Death date and place _____

Generation 3. _____ is the child of

Father _____

Birth date and place _____

Marriage date and place _____

Death date and place _____

Mother _____

Birth date and place _____

Death date and place _____

Generation 4. _____ is the child of

Father _____

Birth date and place _____

Marriage date and place _____

Death date and place _____

Mother _____

Birth date and place _____

Death date and place _____

Generation 5. _____ is the child of

Father _____

Birth date and place _____

Marriage date and place _____

Death date and place _____

Mother _____

Birth date and place _____

Death date and place _____

Generation 6. _____ is the child of

Father _____

Birth date and place _____

Marriage date and place _____

Death date and place _____

Mother _____

Birth date and place _____

Death date and place _____

Supply maiden names where applicable. Proofs must be submitted for all information. Additional sheets may be added to reach the Pioneer's generation. Additional information of the Pioneer's family/parents may be included if desired.



To the best of my knowledge, all the submitted information with this application is correct and true. I understand that all material submitted becomes the property of the Winnebago & Boone Counties Genealogical Society. I give permission to the Society to use this material in future publications.

Applicant's signature

Date

Email address for faster correspondence if needed: _____