ARIZONA PIONEER DESCENDANT CERTIFICATE

Application Form (Type or print all information.)

Please fill out the upper portion of this page and sign. On the next page is a description of the project with some helpful information. Following this is the ancestral chart and the document list that must be completed. If you need help filling out this application, more detailed instructions are on the last page. Mail the completed application and copies of supporting information along with the required fee (see next page) to the Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board: AzGAB Pioneer Certificate, c/o Mary M. Martin, 5619 East 3rd Street, Tucson, AZ 85711-1418.

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Where ancestor came from:		
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(For further information,	contact the applicant.)	
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Arizona Pioneer Descendant Certificate Project:

This certificate honors direct descendants of pioneers who lived in the geographical area of what is now Arizona prior to statehood, February 14, 1912. Many of these people have gone unnoticed in history. This project gives us an opportunity to honor them and add to knowledge about our state. Certificates will be awarded to a descendant who submits evidence acceptable to AzGAB (web site: www.azgab.org) of (1) the ancestor's or couple's residence in the area and (2) the applicant's relationship to the ancestor.

A \$15.00 fee for examination of the evidence is to accompany the submitted materials. If application is made <u>at the same time</u> for another descendant of the same ancestor a \$10.00 fee and evidence of the relationship will be required for each descendant. For any additional descendants, complete copies of all documentation for the initial application must be submitted, along with the additional documents needed to link the additional descendant to the pioneer. If an application is not approved, the fee will be returned minus \$5.00 processing fee. Please allow 6-8 weeks.

If you need assistance in documenting your application, AzGAB will provide, upon request, a list of professional genealogists in Arizona. You should contact a professional directly to determine availability and charges.

Upon approval of documentation, the names of the ancestor and the applicant will be printed on a certificate, suitable for framing. All materials submitted as evidence become the property of AzGAB and will not be returned; do not send original documents. The application and the supporting documents are kept at the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records and are scanned for preservation purposes.

Helpful Information:

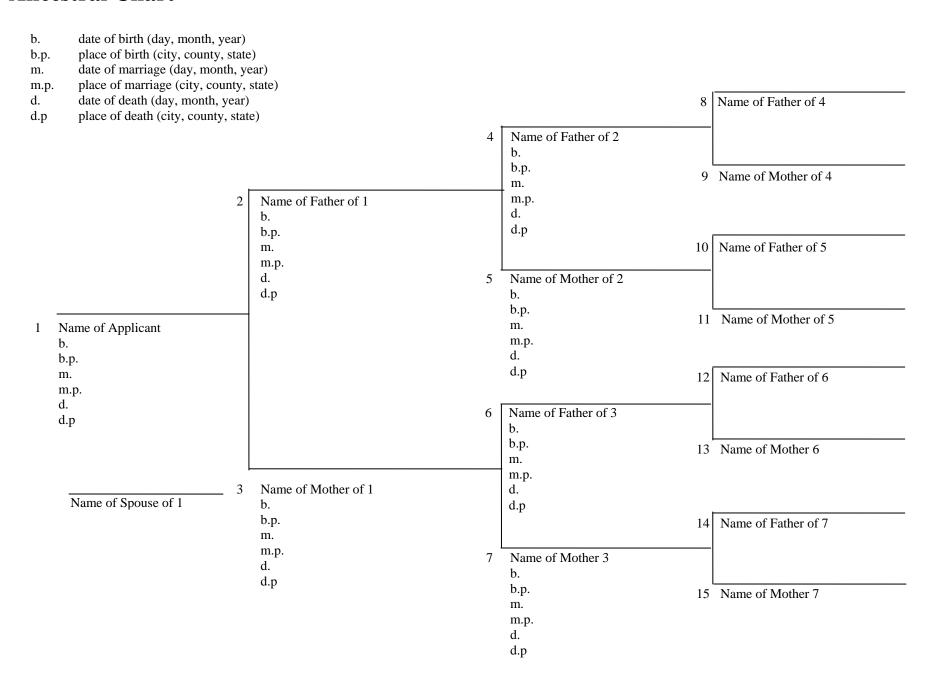
In 1848, the portion of Arizona north of Gila River became part of the United States. In 1850, this area became part of the Territory of New Mexico, and in 1854 the southern part of present Arizona became part of this same territory. Many of these records are located at the National Archives Branch in Denver, Colorado. Arizona Territory was established in December 1863. Territorial records for this time period are at the National Archives Branch in Laguna Niguel, California and at the Arizona State Archives (see address below).

Birth and death records since March 18, 1909 are filed with Vital Records Section, Department of Health Services, P.O. Box 3887, Phoenix, AZ 85030-3887, Tel: (602) 364-1300 or (888) 816-5907. Early birth and death records (75 years for births and 50 years for deaths and earlier) are available from county offices or on microfilm at the Arizona State Archives. Most marriage and divorce records are on file with the Clerk of the Superior Court in each county and the State Archives has many also. From 1891 to 1912, clerks of probate courts issued marriage licenses. Many early divorces were granted by the territorial legislature and are published in the Territorial Statutes.

Citizenship or naturalization records were filed in the District Court of the county where the examination was conducted. From 1906 until 1912, these records were filed by the Clerk of the U.S. District. Courts in Tucson, Tombstone, Phoenix, Prescott, and Solomonville. After 1912, these records were filed in the superior courts. The State Archives holds a number of these records.

The Genealogy Collection of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records is located at the State Capitol: 1700 West Washington Street, 3rd floor, Phoenix, AZ 85007; Tel: (602) 926-3870 or 1-800-228-4710 (Az only). The History and Archives Division is located at 1901 West Madison, Phoenix, AZ 85009; Tel. (602) 926-3720. The web site is http://www.lib.az.us. You can reach the Archives by e-mail: archive@lib.az.us; the Genealogy Collection at research@lib.az.us. The Genealogy Collection has published genealogical material on Arizona and other states. Their catalog is searchable on the Internet at: www.lib.az.us. Pioneer Certificate documentation will be on file in the Arizona State Archives.

Ancestral Chart



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DOCUMENT LIST

Please number and label each document to correspond with the number on the ancestral chart.

Ancestral Chart No.	Document Number	Description of document, including sources

Detailed instructions:

- 1. Fill out the ancestral chart to the best of your ability with the applicant as No. 1.
- 2. Provide proof of your ancestor's residence in the Territory of Arizona prior to February 14, 1912. A document before 1912 is preferred but a document after 1912, referring to an event before 1912, will be considered when supported by other documents.
- 3. Provide proof of descent from your ancestor. There must be generation to generation documentation from the ancestor to the recipient of the certificate. This documentation should include vital records for the father and mother and for the descending child for each generation. If vital records are not available, other documentation will be considered.
- 4. Submit clear and legible copies. If the copy is not clear, submit a typed transcript of the pertinent information along with the copy.
- 5. When citing published sources, include on the document list, the author, title, volume, publisher, publishing date, and page number.
- 6. If you are citing a source that cannot be photocopied, please provide the name and address of the repository or person who owns the item.
- A short biographical sketch of your ancestor, including occupation, special stories, and names of family members is welcome.
- 8. A photograph, if available, will enhance the information provided in the application.

Some types of records that may be helpful to you in accumulating proof are: vital records (birth, death, marriage, and divorce); newspaper articles (include the name of the newspaper, the date, and page); land, probate, census, tax, and military records; Great Registers (voting lists); Bible records (include a photocopy of page as well as the title page, and information about where the original is located); school and church records; city or county directories; tombstone inscriptions, obituaries, funeral home and cemetery records; immigration, citizenship or naturalization records, as well as other court records.