

Application Pioneer Families, Kosciusko County Indiana
Basic Rules of Evidence

Applicants must prove that ancestor(s) lived within Kosciusko County in 1850 or before and that they are a direct descendant of said person(s). All proof documents must, by themselves or in combinations with other documents, actually state the fact to be proven. Implied evidence is not acceptable as proof. The Kosciusko County Genealogical Society shall be the final authority as to proofs.

PROOF OF DESCENT:

1. If your ancestral name is the same as yours, you need only to prove descent.
2. If ancestral name is not the same as yours, marriage records can be used to show relationship.
3. If you wish to join and someone has already proven part of your ancestral line, for the common ancestor refer to P.F.K.C. No. _____ or P.F.K.C. II No. _____ and generation No. _____, and then prove the rest of your descent.
4. It is permissible to prove descent from more than one ancestor within the same application. In such instance, an ancestral chart should be included to show the inter-connections. Maiden name of maternal ancestor should be proven to be included: however, to honor the women who bore more than their share to toil and privations (i.e., the Civil War period), proof that she was of the area may be based on proving a child was born there. (A father is not proved as being in the area just because a child was born there.)

ACCEPTABLE PROOFS: (COLLATERAL AND /OR UNACCEPTABLE PROOFS)

1. Primary or collateral, from courthouse or other Government records (Land deeds, assessment or taxes), Church and school records, are considered beyond doubt and are excellent proof.
2. Secondary evidence, i.e. Census, newspaper clipping, Bible or family records (submitted with copy of Title page and publication date). Old letters or records can be accepted as proof for only the facts the writer would logically know, of his own knowledge, and cannot be accepted as proof of facts the writer could only have obtained by hearsay from older generations or other sources.
3. Copies of 1850 Census showing ancestor(s) should include proper I.D. No.
4. Obituaries are acceptable only as collateral evidence. Early county histories (include source, publication date and page number) may be accepted as collateral evidence along with primary records.
5. Oral, written or published family traditions are often wrong, and are not considered acceptable proof. Printed or manuscript genealogies, genealogical compilations or family group sheets are not considered acceptable proof unless they are documented and proved in themselves.
6. Material authored by the applicant, or his family, cannot be considered as proof.

**Application for Membership
Pioneer Families of Kosciusko County, Indiana (P.F.K.C.)**

Instructions to applicant: Type or legibly hand print in ink, all information. Complete sections A and D. On the attached forms list your ancestral line(s), beginning with applying member's name as No. 1. A check for \$5.00 must accompany this application, along with proof documents (see acceptable proofs below).

Full name of applicant	Full name of spouse
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Street Address

City	State	Zip Code
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D. Ancestors of the applicant who are proven to have settled in Kosciusko County before 1850

Ancestor's name	Settled/year	Township	Country or state ancestor came from
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This application, information, and all supporting documents and date become the property of the Kosciusko County Genealogical Society.

I, _____ do hereby swear that the statements set forth in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of applicant: _____

Date _____

Please enclose long, self-address, stamped envelope with application and fee and mail to:

Genealogy Section, KCHS
Pioneer Families
PO Box 1071
Warsaw, IN 46581-1078

Please make check payable to: KCHS Genealogy Section

Approved by:

P.F.K.C. Chairman

P.F.K.C. (or) Genealogy Section Chairman

Authority as to proof of descent from ancestral line(s):

1. I, _____ was born on _____ at _____
_____ City or Twp. _____ County _____ State _____

2. I am the child of _____ born _____
at _____, died _____
at _____, and his wife _____
born _____ at _____
died _____ at _____
married _____ at _____

3. The said _____ was the (Son) or (Daughter)
of _____, born _____
at _____, died _____
at _____, and his wife _____
born _____ at _____
died _____ at _____
married _____ at _____

4. The said _____ was the (Son) or (Daughter)
of _____, born _____
at _____, died _____
at _____, and his wife _____
born _____ at _____
died _____ at _____
married _____ at _____

5. The said _____ was the (Son) or (Daughter)
of _____, born _____
at _____, died _____
at _____, and his wife _____
born _____ at _____

died _____ at _____

married _____ at _____

6. The said _____ was the (Son) or (Daughter)

of _____, born _____

at _____, died _____

at _____, and his wife _____

born _____ at _____

died _____ at _____

married _____ at _____

7. The said _____ was the (Son) or (Daughter)

of _____, born _____

at _____, died _____

at _____, and his wife _____

born _____ at _____

died _____ at _____

married _____ at _____

8. The said _____ was the (Son) or (Daughter)

of _____, born _____

at _____, died _____

at _____, and his wife _____

born _____ at _____

died _____ at _____

married _____ at _____

Explanation of Proof Documents

Proof as to settlement in Kosciusko County, Indiana between 1850-1870 upon whom eligibility is based. List and include facsimile copies as needed.

- # _____
- # _____
- # _____
- # _____
- # _____
- # _____
- # _____
- # _____

Proof of descent: List documents for each generation, include facsimile copies as needed. Each step must be proved.

- #1 _____
- #2 _____
- #3 _____
- #4 _____
- #5 _____
- #6 _____
- #7 _____
- #8 _____
- #9 _____
- #10 _____
- #11 _____