

THE ASHTABULA COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC., #83 OF OGS OF OHIO

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SETTLERS OF ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

PIONEER ANCESTOR – of Ashtabula County, Ohio
(Ancestor Settled on or before 31 Dec 1824)

EARLY ANCESTOR - of Ashtabula County, Ohio
(Ancestor settled between 1 Jan 1825 and 31 Dec 1860 incl.)

CENTENNIAL ANCESTOR – of Ashtabula County, Ohio
(Ancestor settled between 1 Jan 1861 and 31 Dec 1900 incl.)

HERITAGE ANCESTOR – of Ashtabula County, Ohio
(Ancestor settled between 1 Jan 1901 and 31 Dec 1930 incl.)

CONTEMPORARY ANCESTOR – of Ashtabula County, Ohio
(Ancestor settled between 1 Jan 1931 and 31 Dec 1970 incl.)

1. What is the ANCESTOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM for the
SETTLERS OF ASHTABULA COUNTY?

The Settlers of Ashtabula County Certificate Program has been established to honor and preserve the memory and spirit of the men/women who settled or lived in Ashtabula County, Ohio prior to 1971.

2. What are the purposes of the Certificate Program?

To honor and preserve the memory and spirit of the men/women who settled or lived in Ashtabula County, Ohio prior to 1971; thereby creating a lasting remembrance of our forefathers, along with their commitment, courage, and contributions that shaped and developed our County.

To encourage the recording of family histories, providing a lasting memory for your descendants.

To provide a documented source of historical information for the use and education of the general public.

3. Who may apply for Certificates?

Any person may apply who is directly descended from an ancestor who settled/lived in Ashtabula County, Ohio, prior to 1971 and can show proof of descent.

4. Do I have to be a resident of Ashtabula County in order to apply for a Certificate?

- NO -

5. Do I have to be a member of the Ashtabula County Genealogical Society?

- NO -

6. My Ancestor did not stay in Ashtabula County. May I still apply for a Certificate?

- Yes - as long as you can prove residency at some time prior to 1970.

7. Define the term “directly descended or direct descent.”

Direct descent is the bloodline child of, grandchild of, or great grandchild of, etc. of the ancestor who settled in Ashtabula.

8. When applying for a Certificate, how do I know which of the five Certificates to choose?

Each of the five Certificates is set for a specific time period. The goal of each certificate is to honor those particular people of that time period.

The earliest date that you can prove your ancestor settled in Ashtabula County will determine which Certificate you will be entitled to receive. ACGS retains the right to make the final decision.

9. Both of my grandparents lived in Ashtabula County, may I obtain a Certificate for both sets of grandparents?

Yes, if they both settled here in the same Certificate period. You may be eligible for more than one certificate.

10. What type of records do I need to show proof of my ancestry?

Your proof of bloodline parent to child relationship for each generation and date of residency in Ashtabula County must be selected from Primary Sources if it exists.

Examples: Birth, Marriage, Death Records, Deeds, Land Records, Liens, Mortgages, Military & Veteran Records, Tax, Church & Cemetery Records, Wills, estates and Guardianships, Court Records, some Bible records, Letters and firsthand diaries/journals, voting records, mortuary records and Federal, State & local Census Records.

Otherwise your proof of bloodline parent to child relationship for each generation and date of residency in Ashtabula County shall consist of two or more independently created Secondary Sources.

Examples: family histories, published genealogies, county and Biographical Histories, Some Bible Records, Obituaries, newspaper clippings, city/county Directories, personal papers and, tombstone inscriptions.

Circumstantial Evidence Sources are NOT accepted as proofs.

Examples: Family Group Sheets, Family Tree Charts, LDS, IGI or Family Search Records, Data obtained from commercially developed data bases on CDs and other electronic formats, Oral, handwritten or published family stories or traditions, Internet abstracts.

11. What happens to my application once it is submitted?

Submitted material will be reviewed by the Certificate Committee to establish eligibility awarding Certificates. All Application Forms and verifying materials will become the property of the Ashtabula County Genealogical Society.

12. What happens if my application is not accepted?

In the event of incomplete information because essential Forms or Proofs are missing or incomplete, the applicant will be informed of what is required and be encouraged to submit the missing or incomplete information. The ACGS will retain the application in an inactive status. Upon receipt of the data, the application will be reactivated. If requested, the application will be returned to the applicant. When further proof is required, the applicant will be informed and the application shall be retained by ACGS in a inactive status until the additional proof is received.

13. Who determines my application eligibility?

Your eligibility to receive a Certificate shall be determined by a committee appointed by ACGS. The committee's decision shall be final.

14. Where do I obtain the Application Forms?

Application forms may be obtained from ACGS by filling out the blank form on this flyer and returning it to the address stated.

It may also be obtained from the internet, with a computer with Adobe Acrobat reader installed, from <http://www.ashtabulagen.org> by clicking on Ancestor Certificate to download the multi-page application and instructions.

15. How much does it cost to receive a Certificate?

The Ancestor Certificate Application Fee is \$10.00. To order additional Certificates for other descendants of the same ancestor, a fee of \$3.00 per certificate will be necessary. However, these ancestors MUST BE PROVEN with the original APPLICATION.

Please send your Application fees with your COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS and your DOCUMENTATION MATERIAL.

DO NOT SEND MONEY when you request the Application Forms.

16. Do you wish more information regarding the SETTLERS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM?

E-mail the ACGS at acgs@ashtabulagen.org or write to the ACGS with your question.

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Geneva Public Library
860 Sherman Street
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Check Blanks below:

_____ Please send me more information about your SETTLERS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM.

_____ Please send me your Certificate Application.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Fill out the above form and send a SASE (long Self-addressed and stamped envelope for a 2 oz. return) for more information or with a computer with Adobe Acrobat installed, download the Application Forms and Instructions from the ACGS website, <http://www.ashtabulagen.org>, by clicking on Ancestor Certificate.

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142 West Main Street
Andover, Ohio 44003-9727
Phone: (440) 293-6792

ASHTABULA COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY
335 West 44th Street
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004
Phone: (440) 997-9341

GENEVA BRANCH
Ashtabula County District Library
860 Sherman Street
Geneva, Ohio 44041
Phone: (440) 466-43521

CONNEAUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
304 Buffalo street
Conneaut, Ohio 44030
Phone: (440) 593-1608

GRAND VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
1 North School Street
Orwell, Ohio 44076
Phone: (440) 437-1017

HARBOR-TOPKY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
1633 Walnut Blvd.
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004
Phone: (440) 964-96455

HENDERSON MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
54 East Jefferson Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047
Phone: (440) 576-8402

KINGSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
6006 Academy Street
Kingsville, Ohio 44048
Phone: (440) 224-0239

ROCK CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY
2988 High Street
Rock Creek, Ohio 44084
Phone: (440) 563-3340

COUNTY SEAT

ASHTABULA COUNTY COURT HOUSE
25 West Jefferson Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047-1027
Phone: (440) 576-3637

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