SETTLER & EARLY FAMILY CERTIFICATES

Clinton County was organized in 1839. In honor of that occasion, the Clinton County Historical Society is proud to offer two distinctive commemorative certificates to eligible person.

ELIGIBILITY:

To qualify for a CLINTON COUNTY EARLY SETTLER CERTIFICATE, the applicant must directly descend from an ancestor [male or female' who settled in Clinton County prior to 31 December 1865. To qualify for a CLINTON COUNTY EARLY FAMILY CERTIFICATE, the direct descent must be from a family who resided in Clinton County prior to 31 December 1899. The applicant must be able to prove descent from the ancestor by official or approved records for each generation, including proof for applicant. Current residence in Clinton County is not required. There is a non-refundable fee of $25 which must accompany each application. If brothers/sisters/children/grandchildren of the applicant wish a certificate on this same line and apply in the same packet, on a separate sheet, with proof of relationship to the main applicant, the additional fee is $10 for each. Checks should be made payable to the Clinton County Historical Society.

INSTRUCTIONS:

If you have more than one qualifying ancestor, you must complete each application separately. Only one name will be inscribed on each certificate. All information on charts must be typed or clearly printed in black ink. Each page submitted must have applicant's name and the name of ancestor printed on the back. Each page of proofs must also have the generation number on the back.

Write all dates as 3 May 1950 (NOT as 5/3/50) to prevent confusion. If exact date is unknown, write c 1880; if date or month unknown, leave blank or write cMay, etc.

Use only maiden names for the female lines.

Do NOT send original documents as any information submitted becomes the property of the Clinton County Historical Society and cannot be returned.

If you do not wish to correspond with anyone about this family, clearly print "NO CORRESPONDENCE" on top right of lineage chart page.

PROOFS:

Each proof should be the result of credible genealogical research. Acceptable PRIMARY sources are: vital records [birth/marriage/death], land, court, tax, military, church, cemetery, and miscellaneous county records and federal/state/county census. The following SECONDARY sources may or may not be acceptable: Bible records [must have copy of title page with publication date], obituaries and newspaper articles [must include name of paper, date published and page], clear photos of tombstones [must have name/location of cemetery and tombstone therein], local histories, state pioneer records, city and county directories, private papers etc. NOT ACCEPTABLE: LDS <familysearch.org> or other internet records.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY PRIOR TO 1866: Acceptable proofs are: Land records, various county records, census records.

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CLINTON COUNTY EARLY SETTLER or EARLY FAMILY APPLICATION

A Applicant's name as it should appear on certificate

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B Name of qualifying ancestor as it will appear on certificate

_____

NAME OF QUALIFYING ANCESTOR _____
birth: date_____ place_____
marriage: date_____ place_____
death: date_____ place_____
burial: place_____ occupation_____
military service_____ other spouses_____
father: _____ mother: _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____
Given Middle Maiden Prior married birth:
date_____place_____
death: date_____place_____
burial: place_____ occupation_____
other spouses_____
father:_____mother_____

Exact location in Clinton County where ancestor settled [give settlement, township, range, section & lot number if possible] _____
Emigrated from: _____
Arrival date and source_____

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File #_____
Ancestor name_____
Date rec'd_____
Date ret'd_____
[for further info]
Date processed_____
Date cert issued_____
Comments:

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LINEAGE CHART

Start the first generation with you, the recipient of the chart.

1 I,[name]_____born on_____
At_____[place, county, state]
Married to_____on_____
Who is child of_____&_____
At_____occupation_____
Other spouses_____military service_____

Continue with other direct line ancestors back through qualifying ancestor.

2 parent _____
Born_____at_____
Married to_____
Who is child of _____&_____
On_____at_____
Died_____at_____
Buried_____occupation_____
Military service_____other spouses_____

3 grandparent_____
Born_____at_____
Married to_____
Child of_____&_____
On_____at_____
Died_____at_____
Buried_____occupation_____
Military service_____other spouses_____

4 g-grandparent_____
Born_____at_____
Married to_____
Child of_____&_____
On_____ at_____
Died_____at_____
Buried_____occupation_____
Military service_____ other spouses_____

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5 gg-grandparent_____
Born_____at_____
Married to_____
Child of_____&_____
On_____at_____
Died_____ at_____
Buried_____occupation_____
Military service_____ other spouses_____

6 ggg-grandparent_____
Born_____at_____
Married to_____
Child of _____&_____
On_____at_____
Died_____at_____
Buried_____occupation_____
Military service_____ other spouses_____

7 gggg-grandparent_____
Born_____at_____
Married to_____
Child of_____&_____
On_____at_____
Died_____at_____
Buried_____occupation_____
Military service_____ other spouses_____

All supplemental information/documentation concerning other children of any generation, ancestors of qualifying ancestor and any biographical/photographic material is very welcome. MAIL APPLICATION, PROOFS AND $25.00 APPLICATION FEE TO: Clinton County Historical Society Archives, PO Box 174, St Johns, MI 48879.

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Signature of applicant

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Name to whom certificate is to be mailed

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Address for mailing certificate