



First Families of Western Pennsylvania Instructions

Qualifications

- The applicant must be a member of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society.
- The first family ancestor must have been a resident of one of the 26 Western Pennsylvania counties (or in the appropriate section of the parent county) by 31 December 1810.
- The applicant must provide proof of blood line descent (birth, marriage, death, and relationship) for each generation to the first family ancestor. See [Rules of Evidence](#) for more information.

Instructions for completing the application and submitting documentation

Be sure to also see the [Additional Tips for a Successful Application](#)

- All names (including maiden names) and dates should be entered on the application as completely as possible.
- Supporting documentation must be provided for each generation and date listed on the application.
 - Unproven names and dates should be enclosed in parentheses ().
- Applicants are encouraged to submit proof of birth and death, if applicable, for one's spouse to preserve your family history. However, applications will be accepted if documentation for one's spouse is not submitted.
- A married female applicant must include a copy of her marriage record if she uses her husband's surname.
- Dates should be entered as follows: 15 Nov. 1842.
- Document numbers should be entered in numerical order on pages 3 and 4 of the application with a short description (example: Jane Doe Birth Certificate). The corresponding number should be placed on the front of the document. If there is more than one page, each page of the source should be given the same number.
- A document may be used to prove more than one fact; a fact may have more than one document number.
- Each document submitted must include a complete citation on the front of the document, including a layer for digital versions, if applicable. Applications without citations will be returned.
- All documentation must be legible. Photocopies of original documents are acceptable. If an original or facsimile is not available, a transcript certified as a "true copy" by a courthouse official, cemetery employee, etc., is acceptable.
- Tombstone photographs must be legible and accompanied by a transcription of the stone.
- Documents written in a foreign language must be accompanied by a translation certified as a "true translation" by the translator (not the applicant or a family member).
- Each document submitted must be identifiable to you: include your name and member number or address in the footer or label the back of each document.
- Please do not use staples, paperclips or highlighters.
- Applications are due by 30 November of each year. Members will be inducted annually.
- A non-refundable fee of \$40 must accompany the completed application. You may enter as many ancestors as you can prove in a direct line. Supplemental applications may be submitted additional lines with a \$10 application fee once you are a member of the First Families of Western Pennsylvania. A short form and \$10 application fee is available for [immediate family members](#) of a member of the First Families of Western Pennsylvania.
- The signed, completed application and documentation may be mailed to:
 - First Families of Western Pennsylvania
 - c/o WPGS,
 - 4400 Forbes Avenue
 - Pittsburgh, PA 15213-4007.
- The applicant agrees that the submitted application and supporting documents shall become the property of WPGS.

Please feel free to email firstfamilies@wpgs.org with any questions or concerns prior to submitting your application.



First Families of Western Pennsylvania Application

Name of Applicant _____
 (including maiden name) _____ WPGS Member # _____

If this is a supplemental application or short form, please include the First Families Member # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email address _____

I, (print name) _____

do certify that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this application and the enclosed documents will become the property of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

| Name(s) of Ancestor Residing in Western Pennsylvania by 31 December 1810 (If more space is needed, include on a separate page) | Year First Proved in Western Pennsylvania | County | Document # Proving Residency in Pennsylvania | FF Ancestor Number (WPGS Use Only) |
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WPGS Use Only

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| Date Application Received | Acceptance Date | WPGS Member? Year? | Fee Paid? |
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First Families Member Number _____

Mail completed application, documentation, and the appropriate application fee*, check made payable to WPGS-FFWP to:
 First Families of Western Pennsylvania, c/o WPGS, 4400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213-4007

*\$40 an initial application or \$10 for a supplemental or short form application

I, _____

 First Middle (Maiden) Surname
was born _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
I married _____

 First Middle (Maiden) Surname Document #
on _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #

*Birth and death documentation may be included for your spouse, but they are not required for your lineage society application

2. I am the child of

 (father) First Middle Surname Document #
who was born _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
who died on _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
And

 (mother) First Middle (Maiden) Surname Document #
who was born _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
and who died on _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
They married on _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
The said _____ Is a Son ___ Daughter ___ of

 First Middle Surname Document #

3. Father

 First Middle Surname Document #
who was born _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
who died on _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
And Mother

 First Middle (Maiden) Surname Document #
who was born _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
and who died on _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
They married on _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
The said _____ Is a Son ___ Daughter ___ of

 First Middle Surname Document #

4. Father

 First Middle Surname Document #
who was born _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
who died on _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
And Mother

 First Middle (Maiden) Surname Document #
who was born _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #
and who died on _____ **at** _____

 Date City County State Document #

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| The said | _____ | | | Is a Son___ Daughter___of | _____ | |
| | First | Middle | Surname | Document # | | |
| 5. Father | _____ | | | | | |
| | First | Middle | Surname | Document # | | |
| who was born | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | | City | County | State | Document # |
| who died on | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | | City | County | State | Document # |
| And Mother | _____ | | | | | |
| | First | Middle | (Maiden) | Surname | Document # | |
| who was born | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| and who died on | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| 6. Father | _____ | | | | | |
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| who died on | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| And Mother | _____ | | | | | |
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| and who died on | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| | Date | | City | County | State | Document # |
| The said | _____ | | | Is a Son___ Daughter___of | _____ | |
| | First | Middle | Surname | Document # | | |
| 7. Father | _____ | | | | | |
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| who died on | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| And Mother | _____ | | | | | |
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| | Date | | City | County | State | Document # |
| and who died on | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| They married on | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | | City | County | State | Document # |

Applicant's Name:

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| 8. Father | _____ | | | | | _____ |
| | First | Middle | Surname | | | Document # |
| who was born | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | | City | County | State | Document # |
| who died on | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| And Mother | _____ | | | | | _____ |
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| and who died on | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| They married on | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | | City | County | State | Document # |
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| | First | Middle | Surname | | | Document # |
| 9. Father | _____ | | | | | _____ |
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| who died on | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | | City | County | State | Document # |
| And Mother | _____ | | | | | _____ |
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| who died on | _____ | at | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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