

# Arkansas Ancestry Certificate Application

Arkansas Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 26374

Complete this form to apply for a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry, a form of recognition for the descendants of Arkansas settlers in four categories: \_\_\_ Colonial (a resident before 1 January 1804; \_\_\_ Territorial (a resident before 15 June 1836); \_\_\_ Antebellum (a resident before 6 May 1861); \_\_\_ Nineteenth Century (a resident before 31 December 1900). The certificate category will depend on the proof of residency document submitted with this application.

Applicants must submit: (1) proof of direct descent from an ancestor who resided in Arkansas in the period of the category claimed; (2) a family group sheet for the ancestor for whom the certificate is claimed; (3) a copy of an original document proving Arkansas residency for the ancestor; (4) a check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 payable to AGS for the certificate. Add \$10.00 for each additional copy of the certificate for the same ancestor in the name of the same applicant.

Submit one application for one certificate in one person's name. If you want to prove other ancestors or additional descendants, use separate applications.

## Part 1: Applicant and Proof of Qualification

Submitter (may be different from Applicant):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the application and the material submitted will become the property of the Arkansas Genealogical Society, and I give my permission to AGS to publish information from this application, editing as necessary, at some future date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Submitter Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's name

for my/his/her/their direct ancestor, \_\_\_\_\_ who lived in

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ancestor's Name AR, on or before \_\_\_\_\_  
Ancestor's city and county residence in Arkansas Cutoff date for desired certificate

Source number(s) for evidence of Arkansas residency: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitter \_\_\_ is \_\_\_ is not a member of the Arkansas Genealogical Society. (Membership in AGS is not required to apply for a certificate.)

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**Instructions for Completing the Forms**

**General instructions:**

- Please read all the instructions and review the entire form before completing it.
- Because changes may be required, keep a working copy of the form and all sources.
- Record dates as “4 Nov 1842” in the form.
- Write place names with the locality, county, and state; i.e., Benton, Saline Co, AR.
- Use maiden names for all women. If the maiden name is not known, leave it blank.
- All blanks on these forms do not need to be completed for the application to be accepted.
- Sufficient sources must be supplied to confirm the lineage, the ancestor’s identity, and the data included on the family group sheet and the ancestor’s Arkansas residency.
- If any sources or data items require further explanation, use the last page.
- If any information in the lineage, family group sheet, or proof documents cannot be verified or is unclear, you will be given an opportunity to amend or clarify it.
- If you have questions about completing this application, please write to the above address or email [AskAGS@agsgenealogy.org](mailto:AskAGS@agsgenealogy.org).
- Mail completed forms, proof documents, and payment to AGS at the address on page 1.
- If you have not received the certificate or correspondence from AGS within eight weeks, please write to or email us to inquire about the status of your application.

**Lineage and Family Group Sheet instructions:**

- Start with the applicant as Number 1 and work backward to the ancestor that qualifies the applicant for a certificate.
- If you do not have the exact dates of births, deaths, and marriages, use approximate dates from the source materials you have found. Use “abt.” or “circa.”

**Source instructions:**

- Every fact (name, date, place, relationship) appearing on the application must be supported by a source. At least one source must connect the individual to the generations before and after.
- List the documents or evidence you have that prove the facts about each ancestor’s life and which prove the links between parents and children. (Similarity of names is not sufficient for identification.)
- Number each source document in the list of sources and refer to it by number in the application.
- Please list sources in the order in which they first appear in the application. Duplicate references to a single source need not be duplicated in the source list.)
- Submit legible copies or transcriptions of all source documents. Do not send an original.
- Do not write on the front of the copies of sources or alter them. On the reverse of the copy, write your name and address with the complete reference or citation for the source, as well as the source number in the list of sources.
- Citations must allow the reviewing genealogist to locate the source. Examples: “Marriage Book B, page 213, Stone County, Arkansas,” or “1900 US Census, Stone Co., AR, Clay Twp, ED #47, household 72” or “Family Bible in possession of John Smith, 123 Main St., Anytown, AR, 72xxx.”
- Primary sources – records created at or about the time the event occurred – are preferred. If possible, submit two independent secondary sources when no primary source is available (e.g., a death certificate is not primary evidence of a birth or parentage; an 1850 census record showing the birthplaces as Arkansas may be considered as secondary evidence of birthplace or residency).

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Part 2:
Direct Lineage of Applicant

No. 1: Applicant's full (maiden) name born Date
in City, County, State and was married
in Marriage date Marriage place
to Spouse's full (maiden) name born Spouse's birth date
in Sources:
City, county, and state of spouse's birthplace

Applicant is the son daughter of:

No. 2:
born in
died in
AND (spouse)
born in
died in
marriage in
Sources:

No. 2 was the son daughter of:

No. 3:
born in
died in
AND (spouse)
born in
died in
marriage in
Sources:

No. 3 was the son daughter of:

No. 4.
born in
died in
AND (spouse)
born in
died in
marriage in
Sources:

No. 4 was the son daughter of:

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No. 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
AND (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
marriage \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

No. 5 was the \_\_\_ son \_\_\_ daughter of:

No. 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
AND (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
marriage \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

No. 6 was the \_\_\_ son \_\_\_ daughter of:

No. 7. \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
AND (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
marriage \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

No. 7 was the \_\_\_ son \_\_\_ daughter of:

No. 8. \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
AND (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
marriage \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

No. 8 was the \_\_\_ son \_\_\_ daughter of:

[Attach an additional sheet, following this format, to record more generations.]



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SOURCE CITATIONS: The numbers of the sources must correspond to references in Parts 1-3.

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**Supplemental Information and Explanations**

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**For Society Use**

Received \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Verification: Part 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Part 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Part 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Inquiry sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Re: \_\_\_\_\_

Response rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Re: \_\_\_\_\_

Action : \_\_\_\_\_

Committee action: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate issued \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Notice of Information Not Proved \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Notes :





## Supplemental Family Group Sheet of Ancestor

Arkansas Ancestor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] in: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] in: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
 Burial location: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
 Occupation, including military or public service: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

Father: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
 Other marriages: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

Spouse of Ancestor: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
 Married: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] in: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] in: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
 died \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] in: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
 burial location: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
 Father: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
 Spouse's other marriages: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

**Children of this marriage:**

Name	Birth date	Birthplace	Spouse	Sources
	Death date	Death place	Marriage date/place	

Additional children of this marriage: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
 Additional children of another marriage: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If there are additional children of this marriage, continue them on a separate family group sheet. If the ancestor had children with a different spouse, complete a separate family group sheet for that family.

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SOURCE CITATIONS CONTINUED. Please number the sources for reference.

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Supplemental Lineage

No. \_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
AND (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
marriage \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_ was the \_\_\_ son \_\_\_ daughter of:

No. \_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
AND (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
marriage \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_ was the \_\_\_ son \_\_\_ daughter of:

No. \_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
AND (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
marriage \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_ was the \_\_\_ son \_\_\_ daughter of:

No. \_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
AND (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
marriage \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_ was the \_\_\_ son \_\_\_ daughter of: