

Application

PIONEER FAMILIES OF BROWN COUNTY, TEXAS

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATES</p> <p>PRICE: \$18.00, which must accompany the application</p> <p>JOINT: Only married couples may appear together on a certificate</p> <p>NAMES: All names to appear on a certificate (such as maiden and middle names) must be proven.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brownwood, Texas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mail application to: Museum Director P.O. Box 2006 Brownwood, TX 76804 325-641-1926</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BCHC USE ONLY</u></p> <p>Date Application Received: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fee Received?</p> <p>Date Certificate Issued: _____</p>
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INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT: Fill in blocks A and B on this page. List your main ancestral line on pages 2 and 3, beginning with yourself on #1. **Type or hand print all information.** Enter Recipient's name in Block A exactly as you want it on certificate. If you wish a husband and wife who are ancestors (and who both qualify) listed on the same certificate enter both their names in block C exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate.

A

Recipient's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Full Name of Husband or Wife: _____

Applicant's Name (If different from Recipient): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mail certificate to: ☐ Recipient ☐ Applicant

B

NAME OF ANCESTOR (As you would like it to appear on Certificate): _____

YEAR FIRST PROVEN IN BROWN COUNTY _____

STATE OR COUNTRY ANCESTOR ORIGINATED FROM _____

APPROVED BY:

Registrar: _____ Date: _____

Secretary: _____ Date: _____

Chairman, Brown County
Historical Commission: _____ Date: _____

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

2. I am the child of _____
Born on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
Died on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
and to _____ (his / her) (wife / husband)
Born on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
Died on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
Married on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
The said (name): _____ was the (son / daughter) of:

3. Name: _____
Born on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
Died on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
and to: _____ (his / her) (wife / husband)
Born on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
Died on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
Married on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
The said (name): _____ was the (son / daughter) of:

4. Name: _____
Born on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
Died on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
and to: _____ (his / her) (wife / husband)
Born on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
Died on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
Married on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
The said (name): _____ was the (son / daughter) of:

5. I am the child of _____

Born on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Died on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

and to _____ (his / her) (wife / husband)

Born on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Died on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Married on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

The said (name): _____ was the (son / daughter) of:

6. Name: _____

Born on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Died on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

and to: _____ (his / her) (wife / husband)

Born on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Died on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Married on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

The said (name): _____ was the (son / daughter) of:

7. Name: _____

Born on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Died on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

and to: _____ (his / her) (wife / husband)

Born on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Died on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Married on: _____ at City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

The said (name): _____ was the (son / daughter) of:

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PIONEER FAMILIES OF BROWN COUNTY

Any person who is a direct descendant of an individual who settled in Brown County, Texas on or before December 31, 1920, may become a member on the acceptance of an application with proof of such descent and the payment of an \$18.00 fee.

CERTIFICATE # _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT: You must submit, with your application, evidence to support both your descent from the ancestor and the fact that he/she resided in Brown County before the end of 1920. Give volume and page numbers for book references and include a photocopy or other facsimile copy of the pertinent pages and of all published and/or unpublished records used as proof. **Do NOT send original records.** Typed, hand printed, or written copies of documents – unless certified as "True Copies" – are not acceptable. Materials authored by the applicant or his family will not, of themselves, be accepted as proof. Information for additional ancestral lines should be given on a separate application.

PROOF OF SETTLEMENT IN BROWN COUNTY PRIOR TO THE END OF 1920 (Marriage records alone are not acceptable as proof of settlement.):

PROOF OF DESCENT (list and include copies as stated above.) **Each step must be proven.:**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

I, _____, do hereby swear that the statements set forth in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Permission is hereby given for BCHC to use information from this application for any future publications.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

This application and Accompanying Documents will be judged as follows:

- Primary or collateral evidence - including vital statistics, courthouse or other government records, church and school records – is considered excellent proof.
- Secondary evidence – including census records, county histories, newspaper clippings, old letters, bible or other family records, contemporary to the facts reported – is considered almost as authentic.
- Circumstantial evidence or hearsay is not considered as proof, unless backed up by primary or secondary evidence.
- Oral, written or published family traditions are very often wrong, and are not accepted as proof.
- All proof documents must – by themselves or in combination with other documents – actually state the fact to be proven. Implied evidence is not accepted as proof.