

# First Families of Highland County

First Family Committee - SOGS  
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First Families of Highland County is a nonprofit adjunct organization under the jurisdiction of the Southern Ohio Genealogical Society, was founded in 1992 to recognize, honor and perpetuate the memory of early pioneers who were residents of

Highland County, Ohio before January 1, 1831.

If another family member, such as a brother, sister, son or daughter, wishes to register through a proven ancestor, you should request the form, **Brother, Sister, Son or Daughter Application Form for FFOHC**, complete it and submit with a non-refundable \$30.00 application fee. May be downloaded from SOGS web site: [www.sogs.info](http://www.sogs.info)

## Documentation Rules of Evidence for Relatives of FFOHC

- On the first page, list the name and address of the relative seeking membership in FFHC.
- List how you are related.
- List the full names of your proven common ancestors, the year proven and the ancestral numbers. If you do not have this information we will provide. This information would have been in your FFHC Banquet Program.
- On the second page, in the right hand column list the name of the document you are using to prove the statement on the left.
- Label each document with the Generation Number and Alphabetical Letter on the bottom right corner. This helps the Committee to identify your documents.

Accepted Primary Evidence Documents - SOGS, FFOHC Committee will primarily accept evidence from the following list of documents: **Label the source of all documents submitted.**

- A. Court House Records and Published Abstracts
  1. vital statistics
  2. wills and administrations
  3. marriage records
  4. death certificates
  5. birth records
- B. Documents used as proof must, either stand alone or in conjunction with other acceptable documents, actually state the fact to be proved.
- C. A direct line from applicant to the FFHC Member must be proved at every generation. Adopted children do not qualify as a step in a lineage. Blood line descent only is acceptable.
- D. Female ancestors must be proved by their maiden name.
- E. To tie a female applicant to her family, a marriage certificate or license is required.
- F. Documentation must be presented to differentiate between individuals with the same first and last name.
- G. As a genealogical organization, we encourage credible genealogical research and require legible copies of original documents as proof of lineage. If you are not familiar with standard genealogical practices concerning documents, you may want to research this at your local historical society, genealogical society or public library.
- H. Photocopies should be made of all your documentation and the application for future reference. Send copies of original documents. Documentation and applications become property of SOGS.
- I. A separate application and generational chart must be completed for each ancestral line submitted.
- J. Applications must be complete, well organized and easily read before the FFOHC Committee can accept them for review.

- K. Be sure to include all documentation and helpful notes, a generational chart, include a check to cover the application fee and sign and date your application, before mailing it to SOGS.
- L. The cutoff date for applications is April 30 for the FFOHC Banquet on the second Thursday of June.
- M. Verification of applications is by committee and their decision is final.
- N. You will receive notification of approval or disapproval of your application, once the FFOHC Committee has evaluated it. If the application needs more work it will be returned to the applicant and may be resubmitted once it is complete or the committee may ask for additional specific documentation.
- O. You may E-mail your questions to: [sogs414@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sogs414@sbcglobal.net)