

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
NAPA COUNTY PIONEER CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

Instructions to applicant: Fill out all blanks, beginning with you at #1. Type or print all information. A check or money order for a \$10.00 donation for each certificate must accompany this application.

For NVGS Use Only

PRE STATEHOOD CERTIFICATE
(Resident Prior to 9 Sep 1850 thru
31 Dec 1899)

POST STATEHOOD CERTIFICATE
(Resident after 9 Sep 1850 thru
31 Dec 1899)

A. Applicant's Name

_____ (as is to appear on certificate)

_____ (mailing address)

_____ (city, town, state, zip code)

B. Name of Pioneer (as it is to appear on certificate)

_____ (name of qualifying ancestor who was in Napa County by 31 December 1899 or before:

Birth _____ (date) _____ (place) Death _____ (date) _____ (place)

Baptism _____ (date) _____ (place) Buried _____ (date) _____ (place)

Marriage _____ (date) _____ (place)

Spouse of Pioneer _____ (name—maiden where applicable)

Birth _____ (date) _____ (place) Death _____ (date) _____ (place)

Baptism _____ (date) _____ (place) Buried _____ (date) _____ (place)

C. Where in Napa County did ancestor settle: _____ (city, town, township, valley, area)

Emigrated from _____ (if known) _____ (town/township, county, state, province or country)

Occupation of Pioneer Ancestor: _____

Proof of arrival in Napa County prior to 31 December 1899: _____

File/Cert Number _____
_____ Pre SH _____ Post SH
Date Received _____
Date Returned _____ (for further data)
Date Completed _____
Date Issued _____
Comments _____

Perm. Rel. Signed Y _____ N _____
Indexed _____
Processed by _____

Children of Pioneer:

1. Name _____
M Born _____ Place _____
F Died _____ Place _____
Spouse _____
Married _____ Place _____

2. Name _____
M Born _____ Place _____
F Died _____ Place _____
Spouse _____
Married _____ Place _____

3. Name _____
M Born _____ Place _____
F Died _____ Place _____
Spouse _____
Married _____ Place _____

4. Name _____
M Born _____ Place _____
F Died _____ Place _____
Spouse _____
Married _____ Place _____

5. Name _____
M Born _____ Place _____
F Died _____ Place _____
Spouse _____
Married _____ Place _____

6. Name _____
M Born _____ Place _____
F Died _____ Place _____
Spouse _____
Married _____ Place _____

7. Name _____
M Born _____ Place _____
F Died _____ Place _____
Spouse _____
Married _____ Place _____

8. Name _____
M Born _____ Place _____
F Died _____ Place _____
Spouse _____
Married _____ Place _____

PERMISSION RELEASE:

I hereby give permission to the Napa Valley Genealogical Society to reproduce the material herein submitted for the Pioneer Certificate for their publication and or microfilming projects.

Signed this ___ day of _____ 20__.

(Signature)

LINE OF DESCENT CHART

Name of Pioneer: _____

- 1. I, (name) _____ was born on (date) _____
at (place) _____ (county) _____ (state) _____
married to (spouse) _____.
- 2. Child of _____ married to _____
Born _____ Place _____
Married _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
- 3. Child of _____ married to _____
Born _____ Place _____
Married _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
- 4. Child of _____ married to _____
Born _____ Place _____
Married _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
- 5. Child of _____ married to _____
Born _____ Place _____
Married _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
- 6. Child of _____ married to _____
Born _____ Place _____
Married _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
- 7. Child of _____ married to _____
Born _____ Place _____
Married _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
- 8. Child of _____ married to _____
Born _____ Place _____
Married _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____

List sources of proof as to descent by generation (Please number photocopied proofs to correspond to generation numbers).

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____

REMINDER: Each step MUST BE PROVEN

Date Sent _____

(Signature of Applicant/Submitter)

(Address if different than of application)

**NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
NAPA COUNTY PIONEER CERTIFICATE**

The Napa Valley Genealogical Society will issue Pioneer Certificates to direct descendants of early settlers. Many of these pioneers have gone unnoticed in our history. This is a way to gather information about them. In addition to receiving a pioneer certificate, applicants will be helping to preserve the history of our county.

ELIGIBILITY: To qualify for a pioneer certificate, the applicant must prove DIRECT descent from a person who was in Napa County prior to 31 December 1899. The ancestor need not have been BORN here—your actual pioneer ancestor is the person or couple who first resided in the county. They need not have stayed here but you must clearly prove that they were here.

Applicants need not be a resident of Napa County. Anyone may apply. A separate certificate will be issued for each ancestor proven. Proof of descent needs to be sent only once, but if you make subsequent requests for certificates using the same pioneer, you must be sure to fill out additional applications and refer to the proofs previously sent.

COST: A \$10.00 donation is required for each certificate. If you are ordering multiple certificates at one time one check for the total number of certificates is acceptable.

INSTRUCTIONS: There are four steps involved to complete the application.

1. Fill in the application to the best of your ability.
2. Fill in the pedigree chart enclosed, starting at the top of the page with you and going back generation by generation.
3. Make COPIES of your acceptable sources of proof, including census records.
4. Make check in the amount due, payable to “Napa Valley Genealogical Society”. Mail to 1701 Menlo Avenue, Napa, CA 94558. ATTN: Pioneer Certificate Program.

Always use the maiden names of all females.

Attach one copy of proof document per generation to prove lineage.

Acceptable proofs are:

- A. Census, showing year, county, volume or enumeration district and page number as well as a copy of the census itself.
- B. Copy of land records or plat books showing dates and places.
- C. Birth record, certificate, baptism record, church record, bible entry.
- D. Death record, certificate, mortuary record, tombstone or cemetery record with name of cemetery, newspaper notice.
- E. Marriage record, copy of certificate, newspaper notice with date, etc.
- F. Tax or school records.
- G. Immigration or Naturalization papers.
- H. Obituaries, newspaper clippings if dated, published family histories, county histories or published genealogies, personal papers, diaries, letters, journals, with dates and places noted.

NEVER SEND ORIGINALS – WE CANNOT RETURN SOURCE DOCUMENTATION

NOTE: Family group sheets and pedigree charts are not proof unless accompanied by documented proofs.

DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Napa Valley Genealogical Society

Be sure to indicate the address to which you wish the certificates to be mailed; if it is different from your own. Any applications not accompanied by this information will be sent to whoever mails it in.

Certificates will be processed promptly but a delay of up to six weeks is possible. Anyone requesting faster service will be accommodated to the best of our ability.

TO ASSURE PROMPT SERVICE PLEASE MAIL ALL APPLICATIONS TO:

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Pioneer Certificate Program
1701 Menlo Avenue
Napa, CA 94558