

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.

As an inducted member into First Families of Highland County you may file a FFHC Relatives Application for a (**Brother, Sister, Son or Daughter**) for the same proven ancestors. They must be a member of SOGS and a \$20.00 application fee must be paid for each relative. They are then eligible for lifetime membership in First Families of Highland County. When approved, they may attend an installation banquet the second Thursday of June to be inducted and receive their **FFOHC Certificate and Membership Pin**.

DOCUMENTATION RULES OF EVIDENCE FOR RELATIVES OF FFOHC

- On the first page of the application, list the name and address of the relative seeking membership in FFHC.
- List your relationship to the applicant.
- List the full names of your proven common ancestors, the year proven and the ancestral numbers. This information is on your FFHC Certificate and also in the June banquet bulletin. If you lack this information, the committee will provide it for you.
- 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. Note the generation number and letter designation.
- Label each document with the Generation number and alphabetical letter on the bottom right corner. This helps the committee to review your application.

Accepted Primary Evidence Documents

1. Court House records
 - Birth certificates
 - Death certificates
 - Marriage certificates
 - Wills and administrations
2. Documents used as proof must, either stand alone or in conjunction with other acceptable documents, actually state the fact to be proven.
3. A direct line from the applicant to the FFHC Member must be proven at every generation. Adopted children do not qualify as a step in a lineage. Blood line descent only is acceptable.
4. Female ancestors must be proved by their maiden name.
5. To tie a female applicant to her family, a marriage certificate or license is required.
6. Documentation must be presented to differentiate between individuals with the same first and last names.
7. As a genealogical society, we encourage credible genealogical research and require legible copies of original documents,
8. Since documentation and applications become the property of SOGS, we recommend making copies of all documents and the application. Do not send the original documents.
9. A separate application and generational chart must be completed for each ancestral line submitted.
10. Applications must be complete, well organized and easily read before the FFHC Committee can accept them for review.
11. Be sure to include all documentation and helpful notes, a generational chart, a check or money order to cover the application fees and sign and date your application.
12. The cutoff date for applications is April 30 for the FFHC Banquet on the second Thursday of June.
13. Verification of applications is by committee and their decision is final.
14. You will receive notification of approval or disapproval of your application, once the FFHC Committee has evaluated it. If the application needs more documentation, you will be contacted for the additional documentation.
15. You may contact the FFHC Committee by E-mail: sogs414@sbcglobal.net