

Hamilton Heritage Hunters Genealogical Society
2209 350th Street
Stanhope, IA 50246-7518



HAMILTON COUNTY PIONEER CERTIFICATE

The Hamilton Heritage Hunters Genealogical Society will issue Pioneer Certificates to direct descendants of early settlers living in Hamilton County, Iowa in 1899 or earlier.

PURPOSE: To recognize pioneer families with Hamilton County roots

GOAL: To encourage people to undertake genealogical research

Note: Please remember that the pioneer certificate is not a lineage group; it is the effort of the Hamilton Heritage Hunters Genealogical Society to recognize pioneers living in Hamilton County prior to 1900.

To apply for a Hamilton County Pioneer Certificate:

1. **A separate application is required for each certificate requested.** The name of only one ancestor can be identified on a certificate. Type or print all entries. Legibility is important.

**The person applying for a certificate need not be a resident of Hamilton County nor have ever lived in Iowa.*

2. **A complete application consists of the following:**

- a. An application form

Pedigree Chart (showing the applicant relationship to the ancestor)

- b. Proof of direct descendancy must be submitted. **One proof for EACH generation is needed.**

All proofs, of descendancy, need to be extracted from a primary source, such as an original document that was created at the time of the event (i.e., marriage, census, birth record, etc.).

Accepted sources:

- Census records: copy of the record with year, volume and page number
- Land records: copy of the land deed
- Marriage/birth records: copy of the record
- Will or probate records: copy of the record
- Death record: copy of the record

Sources that are NOT Accepted

- County histories; Published or unpublished genealogies; family histories or family group sheets
- Obituaries
- Tombstone pictures

3. **A check**, payable to the Hamilton Heritage Hunters Genealogical Society, for **\$5.00** must be submitted for each Pioneer Certificate requested.

4. Send Pioneer Certificate application to:

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