

MCHENRY COUNTY ILLINOIS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
MCHENRY COUNTY EARLY SETTLER CERTIFICATE

The McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society is issuing McHenry County Early Certificates to direct descendants of early settlers of McHenry County.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To qualify for an Early Settler Certificate, the applicant must be a direct descendant from an ancestor who settled in McHenry County between 1834 and 1880. Applicant need not be a resident of McHenry County. The cost of a certificate will be \$5.00 for the first ancestor and \$2.00 for each additional ancestor. Certificates for ancestors who settled in McHenry County before 1850 will have a gold seal. The ones for 1851-1880 will have an embossed seal.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

(1) When completing the Ancestor Chart, please use the maiden name where applicable. If you are unsure of any dates or information, place a question mark behind the data.

(2) Documented evidence for each generation must accompany the application, such as: census records; birth, death, marriage records; school or church records; Bible records; military records; obituaries; estate records; newspaper clippings; land records; tombstone inscriptions (give location of cemetery); county histories, etc. **DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS** - Please submit **PHOTOCOPIES ONLY**, as all applications and verifying material will become the property of the McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society.

(3) Please submit as much additional information about your ancestor as you wish. You may use the "additional information" section provided on the application or a separate piece of paper.

(4) A check made payable to MCIGS (McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society) in the amount of \$5.00 for the first certificate and \$2.00 for each additional ancestor should be included with the application form and photocopies of proof. Send to: Mrs. Alice Wagner at P.O. Box 184, Crystal Lake, IL 60039

(5) Family group sheets and pedigree charts are not proof.