

# ARIZONA PIONEER DESCENDANT CERTIFICATE

Application Form  
(Type or print all information.)

Please fill out the upper portion of this page and sign. On the next page is a description of the project with some helpful information. Following this is the ancestral chart and the document list that must be completed. If you need help filling out this application, more detailed instructions are on the last page. Mail the completed application and copies of supporting information along with the required fee (see next page) to the Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board: AzGAB Pioneer Certificate, c/o Mary M. Martin, 5619 East 3rd Street, Tucson, AZ 85711-1418.

## APPLICANT/RECIPIENT'S NAME

Name:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
E-Mail Address:	
Telephone Number:	( )

## QUALIFYING ANCESTOR (or couple, if both qualify)

Name:	
Year first in Arizona and place:	
Where ancestor came from:	

## PERSON WHO RESEARCHED THE PIONEER (if different than applicant)

Name:	
E-Mail Address:	

(For further information, contact the applicant.)

**I certify that the statements made in the application are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the application and its attachments become the property of Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board when submitted and may be used by AzGAB for any lawful purpose, including display, reproduction and/or publication.**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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APPROVED BY:

AzGAB Society: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office held)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

AzGAB Pioneer Certificate Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate Number \_\_\_\_\_ mailed/presented to Applicant on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

## Arizona Pioneer Descendant Certificate Project:

This certificate honors direct descendants of pioneers who lived in the geographical area of what is now Arizona prior to statehood, February 14, 1912. Many of these people have gone unnoticed in history. This project gives us an opportunity to honor them and add to knowledge about our state. Certificates will be awarded to a descendant who submits evidence acceptable to AzGAB (web site: [www.azgab.org](http://www.azgab.org)) of (1) the ancestor's or couple's residence in the area and (2) the applicant's relationship to the ancestor.

A \$25.00 fee for examination of the evidence is to accompany the submitted materials. If application is made at the same time for another descendant of the same ancestor a \$20.00 fee and evidence of the relationship will be required for each descendant. For any additional descendants, complete copies of all documentation for the initial application must be submitted, along with the additional documents needed to link the additional descendant to the pioneer. If an application is not approved, the fee will be returned minus \$10.00 processing fee. Please allow 6-8 weeks.

If you need assistance in documenting your application, AzGAB will provide, upon request, a list of professional genealogists in Arizona. You should contact a professional directly to determine availability and charges.

Upon approval of documentation, the names of the ancestor and the applicant will be printed on a certificate, suitable for framing. All materials submitted as evidence become the property of AzGAB and will not be returned; do not send original documents. Copies of the application and the supporting documents will be available to genealogists and family history researchers in the Genealogy Collection of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (see address below).

## Helpful Information:

In 1848, the portion of Arizona north of Gila River became part of the United States. In 1850, this area became part of the Territory of New Mexico, and in 1854 the southern part of present Arizona became part of this same territory. Many of these records are located at the National Archives Branch in Denver, Colorado. Arizona Territory was established in December 1863. Territorial records for this time period are at the National Archives Branch in Laguna Niguel, California and at the Arizona State Archives (see address below).

Birth and death records since March 18, 1909 are filed with Vital Records Section, Department of Health Services, P.O. Box 3887, Phoenix, AZ 85030-3887, Tel: (602) 364-1300 or (888) 816-5907. Early birth and death records (75 years for births and 50 years for deaths and earlier) are available from county offices or on microfilm at the Arizona State Archives. Most marriage and divorce records are on file with the Clerk of the Superior Court in each county and the State Archives has many also. From 1891 to 1912, clerks of probate courts issued marriage licenses. Many early divorces were granted by the territorial legislature and are published in the Territorial Statutes.

Citizenship or naturalization records were filed in the District Court of the county where the examination was conducted. From 1906 until 1912, these records were filed by the Clerk of the U.S. District Courts in Tucson, Tombstone, Phoenix, Prescott, and Solomonville. After 1912, these records were filed in the superior courts. The State Archives holds a number of these records.

The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records is located at the State Capitol: 1700 West Washington Street, 3rd floor, Phoenix, AZ 85007; Tel: (602) 926-3870 or 1-800-228-4710 (Az only). They have a web site at: [www.lib.az.us](http://www.lib.az.us). You can reach them also by e-mail: [archive@lib.az.us](mailto:archive@lib.az.us) or [research@lib.az.us](mailto:research@lib.az.us). The Genealogy Collection at the Arizona State Library has published genealogical material on Arizona and other states. Their catalog is searchable on the Internet at: [www.lib.az.us/index.html](http://www.lib.az.us/index.html). Pioneer Certificate documentation will be on file in the Arizona State Archives.

# Ancestral Chart

- b. date of birth (day, month, year)
- b.p. place of birth (city, county, state)
- m. date of marriage (day, month, year)
- m.p. place of marriage (city, county, state)
- d. date of death (day, month, year)
- d.p. place of death (city, county, state)



