



Muskogee County, Oklahoma First Families

The Muskogee County Genealogical Society honors the memory of our early residents by offering a special certificate. This program is designed for:

- **Recognition:** To formally acknowledge descendants of Muskogee County's early residents, celebrating their family's historical roots in the county.
- **Encouragement for Research:** To inspire individuals to engage in genealogical and historical research, delving into their family's past and uncovering stories of their ancestors.
- **Resource Sharing:** To aid in the provision of resources for genealogical research, thereby supporting other researchers in their quest to uncover family histories.



Descendants of the early residents of Muskogee County, Oklahoma may qualify for one of the following certificates:

Territorial: Ancestors proven to have resided in Muskogee County on or before statehood November 16, 1907

Early Family: Ancestors proven to have resided in Muskogee County anytime between and including November 17, 1907, and December 31, 1920

Applications and instructions are available:

- on the MCGS website at: <https://www.muskogee-county-genealogical-society.org/first-families.html>
- at the Muskogee Public Library Genealogy & Local History room
- by email: research.mucogeso@yahoo.com

Application Instructions (Please write legibly)

1. A non-refundable \$25 fee is required for each certificate requested.
2. The name of only one ancestor or married couple will be shown on a certificate.
3. Print and completely fill out the top portion of the Release Form and sign it.
4. Print and completely fill out the Application form beginning with the Applicant as Generation 1 and using appropriate genealogical format:
 - Dates: day month year (example: 27 March 1922)
 - Places: city or town county state country (example: Muskogee, Muskogee Co., Oklahoma)
 - Always use a woman's birth name
5. A direct line from applicant to ancestor must be proved at each step, including the spouse in each generation. Only biological descent is acceptable. Collateral descent is not acceptable.
6. Proof is required for each date and place listed for both people in each generation. All documents must include a full source citation written on the copy itself. Publications, including Bible records, must include a photocopy of the title page with publication date and current owner's name and address.
7. Submit CLEAR LEGIBLE COPIES of documentation. If the copy is not clear, submit a typed transcript of the pertinent information along with the copy. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. COPIES ONLY!**
8. Proof of residence in Muskogee County must be provided:

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<u>Early Family:</u>	Must have resided in Muskogee County, Oklahoma anytime between and including November 17, 1907, and December 31, 1920

Rules of Evidence:

- Primary information from original sources is preferred. These documents would include birth, marriage and death registrations from state or county vital records.
- Secondary information may be used as corroborative evidence.

- Unacceptable materials:
 - Oral, written, or published family traditions may be in error and cannot be accepted as documentation.
 - Printed or manuscript genealogies, genealogical records, or compilations.
 - Family group sheets or charts.
 - Lineage society applications accepted or unaccepted from other patriotic or hereditary societies by themselves are not considered proof.
 - “Family Trees” or “Family Data Collections” from the Internet.

Your completed application should include:

1. Signed Release Form including documentation of ancestor’s residence.
2. Ancestor Chart showing direct line.
3. Completed Application Form
4. Photocopies of all documentation with source citations.
5. \$25 check payable to Muskogee County Genealogical Society.
6. Keep a copy for your records.

If you need assistance in completing your application, send an email to:
research.mucogeso@yahoo.com

Mail completed application to:
Muskogee County Genealogical Society
PO Box 444
Muskogee, OK 74402-0444



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Please legibly print, filling out the upper portion of this page and sign it.

Applicant

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
E-Mail	
Phone Number	

Qualifying Ancestor or Couple

Name:	
Date first in Muskogee County:	
Came to Muskogee County from:	

Person Who Did the Research (If different from applicant)

Name:	
E-Mail or phone #	

I certify that the statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this application and its attachments become the property of the Muskogee County Genealogical Society when they are submitted and may be used by the Society for any lawful purpose, including display, reproduction and/or publication. Any information about living persons will be redacted.

Signature of Applicant: _____
Date: _____

APPLICATION APPROVED BY MCGS:

Date: _____ By: _____

Certificate Type: _____
Certificate Number: _____
Sent to Applicant on: _____
(date)

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Applicant's Name:	
Address:	City: State: Zip:
Phone:	
Email:	
I make this application by virtue of my descent from	
who resided in Muskogee County, Oklahoma on	
Proof of Residence:	(attach documentation)
GENERATION 1: (Applicant)	List documents that prove each of the events in the left column.
Applicant Legal Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Marriage Date:	
Marriage Place:	
Name of Spouse:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
GENERATION 2: (Parents)	List documents that prove each of the events in the left column.
Father's Legal Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	
Mother's Birth Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	

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GENERATION 3: (Grandparents) (Add as many generations as needed)	List documents that prove each of the events in the left column.
_____ was the child of	
Grandfather's Legal Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	
Grandmother's Birth Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	
GENERATION 4: (Great-Grandparents) (Add as many generations as needed)	List documents that prove each of the events in the left column.
_____ was the child of	
Great-Grandfather's Legal Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	
Great-Grandmother's Birth Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	

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GENERATION 5: (2nd Great-Grandparents) (Add as many generations as needed)	List documents that prove each of the events in the left column.
_____ was the child of _____	
2nd Great-Grandfather's Legal Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	
2nd Great-Grandmother's Birth Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	
GENERATION 6: (3rd Great-Grandparents) (Add as many generations as needed)	List documents that prove each of the events in the left column.
_____ was the child of _____	
3rd Great-Grandfather's Legal Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	
3rd Great-Grandmother's Birth Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	

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GENERATION 7: (4th Great-Grandparents) (Add as many generations as needed)	List documents that prove each of the events in the left column.
_____ was the child of _____	
4th Great-Grandfather's Legal Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	
4th Great-Grandmother's Birth Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	
GENERATION 8: (5th Great-Grandparents) (Add as many generations as needed)	
_____ was the child of _____	
5th Great-Grandfather's Legal Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	
5th Great-Grandmother's Birth Name:	
Birth Date:	
Birthplace:	
Death Date:	
Death Place:	