

Application for Membership to

First Families

of

Gilmer County Georgia

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Enclosed is my \$10 check for each ancestor that I want included in the *First Families Program*. I will receive a certificate and pin once my information is approved.

I agree to have this information placed in the lateral family files for the Gilmer County Genealogical Society. In the event this information is used in a publication I will be informed if and when that would occur.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

This information is for contact purposes only and will not be made available to the public. Also, any birth certificates of living family members will be returned to you or destroyed at your request.

This information must be mailed to:

FIRST FAMILY COMMITTEE

Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc.

P. O. Box 919

Ellijay, GA 30540

First Families of Gilmer County Georgia

Program Explanation

The purpose of the First Families program is to honor the pioneers who were settled in the Gilmer County by 1840 or before and to recognize those descendants who become members of this program.

The proof that the applicants furnish in the application will be added to the history of Gilmer County, and become the property of the Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc., for research purposes.

Below are the requirements the First Families Committee found essential:

1. First Families program encourages those to apply who are directly descended from the early citizens listed on the 1840 Gilmer County Census records or before.
2. Applicants are not required to be currently residing in Gilmer County.
3. Those who apply should have proof without doubt to ties of an ancestor listed on the 1840 Census or before.
 - a. Primary Source Documents must be some sort of legal documentation that verifies lineage – generation to generation. Examples: Birth, Death, Marriage Certificates, Wills and/or Bible Records.
 - b. Secondary proof or supporting proof will be census records.
 - c. Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates.

County histories and similar hearsay documents **cannot** be accepted as proof **without** the Primary or Secondary documents.

4. Must Fill-out Check List for First Families Research - FORM 102 - CL. This form will help you, by providing check boxes to show which documents you are providing, for proof of lineage, between each generation—tracing **you to your** ancestor on the 1840 census or before.
5. Please **do not** submit original documents or original photographs, as they cannot be returned. Send only copies of documents and clear copies of photos, etc.

Address any questions to the FIRST FAMILIES COMMITTEE by: E-mail: FFCommittee@aol.com or Regular Mail.

1. Applications may be **dropped off** at the Gilmer County Georgia Library or **mailed** using a 9" x 12" envelope, clearly marked for the FIRST FAMILIES COMMITTEE.
 - a. Drop-off at Gilmer County Library
 - b. Mail:
FIRST FAMILY COMMITTEE
Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc.
P. O. Box 919
Ellijay, GA 30540

Check List for First Families Research

Applicant's name: _____ Date: _____

Born When: _____ Born Where: _____ Spouse: _____

FF Ancestor: _____ Researchers, FF Committee: _____

DOCUMENTS of PROOF CONNECTING EACH GENERATION:

1. Applicant is Generation one Name: _____

Generation two Name: _____ b. _____ d. _____ Spouse: _____

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Certificate
- Wills
- Bible Records
- Secondary Source proof, will be Census Records
- Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates
- Comments: _____

2. Generation two Name: _____

Generation three Name: _____ b. _____ d. _____ Spouse: _____

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Certificate
- Wills
- Bible Records
- Secondary Source proof, will be Census Records
- Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates
- Comments: _____

3. Generation three Name: _____

Generation four Name: _____ b. _____ d. _____ Spouse: _____

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Certificate
- Wills
- Bible Records
- Secondary Source proof, will be Census Records
- Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates
- Comments: _____

4. Generation four Name: _____

Generation five Name: _____ b. _____ d. _____ Spouse: _____

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Certificate
- Wills
- Bible Records
- Secondary Source proof, will be Census Records
- Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates
- Comments: _____

5. Generation **five** Name: _____

Generation **six** Name: _____ b. _____ d. _____ Spouse: _____

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Certificate
- Wills
- Bible Records
- Secondary Source proof, will be Census Records
- Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates
- Comments: _____

6. Generation **six** Name: _____

Generation **seven** Name: _____ b. _____ d. _____ Spouse: _____

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Certificate
- Wills
- Bible Records
- Secondary Source proof, will be Census Records
- Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates
- Comments: _____

7. Generation **seven** Name: _____

Generation **eight** Name: _____ b. _____ d. _____ Spouse: _____

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Certificate
- Wills
- Bible Records
- Secondary Source proof, will be Census Records
- Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates
- Comments: _____

8. Generation **eight** Name: _____

Generation **nine** Name: _____ b. _____ d. _____ Spouse: _____

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Certificate
- Wills
- Bible Records
- Secondary Source proof, will be Census Records
- Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates
- Comments: _____

9. Generation **nine** Name: _____

Generation **ten** Name: _____ b. _____ d. _____ Spouse: _____

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Certificate
- Wills
- Bible Records
- Secondary Source proof, will be Census Records
- Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates
- Comments: _____