



**Application for Membership in  
*First Families of Gilmer County, Georgia***



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is my application and \$20.00 payment for each ancestor found on the 1834 or 1840 Gilmer County Census that is in my lineage and that I am using in my application for membership in the *First Families of Gilmer County, Georgia* organization.**

**I agree to have this information placed in the lateral family files used for research with the Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc. If this information is used in a publication, I understand that I will be informed when it occurs.**

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**This information is for contact purposes only and will not be made available to the public. Birth certificates will be returned to you or destroyed per your request.**

**Please mail and/or email to the FIRST FAMILY COMMITTEE. (If emailing applications, please mail your documentation along with your application fee.)**

**FIRST FAMILY COMMITTEE  
Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc.  
P. O. Box 919  
Ellijay, GA 30540**

**[ffcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ffcommittee@gmail.com)**

## ***First Families of Gilmer County, Georgia*** **Program Explanation**

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

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

Below are the requirements for membership:

1. Applicants must be directly descended from the early citizens listed on the 1834 or 1840 Gilmer County Census records.
2. Applicants are not required to be currently residing in Gilmer County.
3. Those who apply must 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 from generation to generation. Examples: Birth, Death, Marriage Certificates; Wills; Bible records.
  - b. Secondary 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. Checklist must be completed for confirmation research. (FORM 103 CL) This form will be of assistance to you, the applicant, and to the First Families Committee to verify which documents are being provided for proof of lineage between each generation. (This list will be a way of tracing yourself to your ancestor who is found on the 1834 or 1840 Gilmer County Census.)
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.

If you have questions, please email [ffcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ffcommittee@gmail.com) or mail to the address below.

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**Ellijay, GA 30540**

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## Checklist for First Families Membership Application

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Death Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth/Death Dates & Locations: \_\_\_\_\_

FF Ancestor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(FF Committee Only: Researchers' Names) \_\_\_\_\_

### DOCUMENTS OF PROOF CONNECTING EACH GENERATION

**1. Applicant is Generation One. Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Two Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Two Spouse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gen. 2 Spouse:** Birth Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Death Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Certificate

\_\_\_\_\_ Wills

\_\_\_\_\_ Bible Records

\_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records

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**2. Generation Two Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Three Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Three Spouse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gen. 3 Spouse:** Birth Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Death Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Certificate

\_\_\_\_\_ Wills

\_\_\_\_\_ Bible Records

\_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records

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**3. Generation Three Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Four Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Four Spouse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gen. 4 Spouse:** Birth Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Death Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Certificate

\_\_\_\_\_ Wills

\_\_\_\_\_ Bible Records

\_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records

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**4. Generation Four Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Five Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Five Spouse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gen. 5 Spouse:** Birth Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Death Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Certificate

\_\_\_\_\_ Wills

\_\_\_\_\_ Bible Records

\_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records

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**5. Generation Five Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Six Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Six Spouse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gen. 6 Spouse:** Birth Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Death Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Certificate

\_\_\_\_\_ Wills

\_\_\_\_\_ Bible Records

\_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records

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**5. Generation Six Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Seven Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Seven Spouse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gen. 7 Spouse:** Birth Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Death Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Certificate

\_\_\_\_\_ Wills

\_\_\_\_\_ Bible Records

\_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records

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**5. Generation Seven Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Eight Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Generation Eight Spouse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gen. 8 Spouse:** Birth Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Death Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Death Certificates

\_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Certificate

\_\_\_\_\_ Wills

\_\_\_\_\_ Bible Records

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