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 unbroken biological bloodline 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 FAMILIES COMMITTEE. (If emailing applications, please mail your documentation along with your application fee.)

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

gilmergenealogy@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 unbroken biological bloodline descendants 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 acceptable legal documentation that verifies lineage from generation to generation. Examples: Birth, Death, Marriage Certificates; Wills; Bible records with title pages; Court Records; Church and Cemetery Records.
   b. Secondary or supporting proof may be census records.
   c. Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates. Give the name of cemetery and location.
   d. County histories and similar hearsay documents **cannot** be accepted as proof without the Primary or Secondary documents.
   e. Sources that are currently NOT ACCEPTED for proof are:

Heritage Book Articles	Family Group Sheets
Pedigree/Ancestor Charts	DNA Test Results

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 or mail to the address below.

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Checklist for First Families Membership Application

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Birth Date & Location: _____ Death Date & Location: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Birth Death & Location: _____ Death Date & Location: _____

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: _____

Generation 2 Spouse: Birth Date & Location _____

Death Date & Location _____

_____ Birth Certificates
_____ Death Certificates
_____ Marriage Certificate
_____ Wills
_____ Bible Records
_____ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records
_____ Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates

2. Generation Two Name: _____

Generation Three Name: _____

Birth Date & Location: _____

Death Date & Location: _____

Generation Three Spouse Name: _____

Generation 3 Spouse: Birth Date & Location _____

Death Date & Location _____

_____ Birth Certificates
_____ Death Certificates
_____ Marriage Certificate
_____ Wills
_____ Bible Records
_____ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records
_____ Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates

3. Generation Three Name: _____

Generation Four Name: _____

Birth Date & Location: _____

Death Date & Location: _____

Generation Four Spouse Name: _____

Generation 4 Spouse: Birth Date & Location _____

Death Date & Location _____

_____ Birth Certificates
_____ Death Certificates
_____ Marriage Certificate
_____ Wills
_____ Bible Records
_____ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records
_____ Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates

4. Generation Four Name: _____

Generation Five Name: _____

Birth Date & Location: _____

Death Date & Location: _____

Generation Five Spouse Name: _____

Generation 5 Spouse: Birth Date & Location _____

Death Date & Location _____

_____ Birth Certificates
_____ Death Certificates
_____ Marriage Certificate
_____ Wills
_____ Bible Records
_____ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records
_____ Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates

5. Generation Five Name: _____

Generation Six Name: _____

Birth Date & Location: _____

Death Date & Location: _____

Generation Six Spouse Name: _____

Generation 6 Spouse: Birth Date & Location _____

Death Date & Location _____

_____ Birth Certificates
_____ Death Certificates
_____ Marriage Certificate
_____ Wills
_____ Bible Records
_____ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records
_____ Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates

5. Generation Six Name: _____

Generation Seven Name: _____

Birth Date & Location: _____

Death Date & Location: _____

Generation Seven Spouse Name: _____

Generation 7 Spouse: Birth Date & Location _____

Death Date & Location _____

_____ Birth Certificates
_____ Death Certificates
_____ Marriage Certificate
_____ Wills
_____ Bible Records
_____ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records
_____ Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates

5. Generation Seven Name: _____

Generation Eight Name: _____

Birth Date & Location: _____

Death Date & Location: _____

Generation Eight Spouse Name: _____

Generation 8 Spouse: Birth Date & Location _____

Death Date & Location _____

_____ Birth Certificates
_____ Death Certificates
_____ Marriage Certificate
_____ Wills
_____ Bible Records
_____ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records
_____ Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates

5. Generation Eight Name: _____

Generation Nine Name: _____

Birth Date & Location: _____

Death Date & Location: _____

Generation Nine Spouse Name: _____

Generation 9 Spouse: Birth Date & Location _____

Death Date & Location _____

_____ Birth Certificates
_____ Death Certificates
_____ Marriage Certificate
_____ Wills
_____ Bible Records
_____ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records
_____ Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates

5. Generation Nine Name: _____

Generation Ten Name: _____

Birth Date & Location: _____

Death Date & Location: _____

Generation Ten Spouse Name: _____

Generation 10 Spouse: Birth Date & Location _____

Death Date & Location _____

_____ Birth Certificates
_____ Death Certificates
_____ Marriage Certificate
_____ Wills
_____ Bible Records
_____ Secondary Source Proof: Census Records
_____ Tombstone photos are acceptable to verify birth and death dates