



FIRST FAMILIES OF NOBLE COUNTY, OHIO

A Lineage Society

Lineal Descent is in a direct line, such as from parent to child, or (great) grandparent to (great) grandchild.

Collateral Descent is indirect, i.e., “up” to one ancestor, and then “down” again, such as from brother to brother, cousin to cousin, uncle to nephew, etc.

Basic Rules of Evidence

Primary or collateral evidence from Vital Statistics, courthouse or other government records, church and/or school records, etc., are usually considered to be excellent proof.

Secondary evidence (copies of originals, not transcribed) such as Census records, newspaper clippings, bible and/or other 1st hand family records which are relevant to the facts reported, are considered almost as authentic as Primary documents.

Circumstantial evidence, or hearsay, is not considered as supporting documents, unless backed up by primary or secondary evidence.

Oral, Written, or Published Family Traditions are very often wrong, and are not accepted as proof.

All documents must by themselves, or in combination with other documents, state the fact to be proved. No assumptions will be considered.

Guidelines to Submitting Application

At the end of each fact line you will see a place to note the Document # supporting the fact. We ask that you note that Document # at the top front corner of the relevant supporting document. On the back of every document, please print your name and the source of the document, if it is not obvious on the front side.

Do not send original documents; Please mail two (2) copies; Letter or Legal sized copies, no double-sided copies; and do not use staples or labels. Social Security #s began use in 1936...be sure your copies have them blacked out.

If a family member previously applied and was approved for 1st Families status, and you seek to use their documentation to support your application, we would need their permission to offer access to their file. For any deceased members, we could offer the sources of their documentation.

It is very important that these directions be followed, as the application may be returned, causing a delay in the subsequent review. Applications will be considered in the order they are received intact.

Mail the completed application and attachments to:

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Attn: Research Committee