



Swan River Pioneers 1829 – 1838

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF DESCENDANCY

I, _____ (full name of applicant – block letters)

of _____ (address)

State/Country _____ Postcode _____ Telephone (0) _____

E-Mail address: _____

I wish to apply for a Certificate of Descendancy
I am a member of the W A Genealogical Society Inc., Yes / No WAGS Membership No: _____

I wish to join the Swan River Pioneer Group

I wish to have my certificate presented at the Annual Foundation Day Dinner in May/June

(tick applicable boxes)

DETAILS OF PIONEER FROM WHOM DESCENT IS CLAIMED:

Surname: _____

Given Names: _____

Arrival or earliest date known in the Swan River Colony:

- date _____

- ship _____

DESCENDANCY STATEMENT:

I am a direct descendant of: _____ who resided in the Swan River Colony of Western Australia prior to 31st December 1838.

Relation to applicant as shown in statement of lineal descent on page 2 of the application.

Attached to my application is an outline of the proofs required and I declare that the statements made by me are true and correct.

In the event of my application being approved, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Swan River Pioneers Group for the time being in force.

I give permission for information in my file to be photocopied or used for research by authorised Swan River Pioneer Research Officers.

Yes / I do give permission
No / I do not give permission (cross out applicable)

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

For Examiners & Convenors use only:

Application No: _____ Date: _____ Receipt No: _____

PROOFS ACCEPTED: _____ Date: _____

CERTIFICATE/S NUMBERS: _____

Statement of Lineal Descent

Details of Members of each generation through whom the descent is claimed

No 1, being the Pioneer. In the columns Birth, Marriage and Death, state evidence held – certificate number etc., in the row provided.

Generation	Full Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Date of Marriage	Marriage - To Whom & Place	Date of Death	Place of Death
1.							
Certificates							
2.							
Certificates							
3.							
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Certificates							

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A Special Interest Group of the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.

1. AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

- (a) To perpetuate and honour the memory of the early settlers for their enduring hardships and difficulties of the early years of the colony.
- (b) To complete biographical and genealogical data of the pioneers and their families.
- (c) To collect and preserve material of any nature which illustrates any aspect of pioneer settlement in the Swan River Colony of Western Australia.

2. GROUP MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Membership of the Group is restricted to Members of the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc., whose ancestors settled in the Colony between 1st June 1829 and 31st December 1838.
- (2) Associate Membership of the Group will be granted to Members of the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc., who have an interest in the pioneers.
- (3) Certified Membership shall be determined by the Convenor of the Swan River Pioneers Group and upon the recommendation of an Examiner of Proofs.

3. CERTIFIED MEMBERSHIP & CERTIFICATES FOR NON-MEMBERS

- (a) Will be available only to persons who can claim direct descent through proof in the form of certificates from the Registrar General and/or proofs in the form of manuscripts or other material relating to the arrival in the Colony.

PROOFS REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATES OF DESCENDANCY

- (a) Evidence of descent from the pioneer should be in the form of certificates from an official registry of births, deaths & marriages but wills, manuscripts or other material relating to settlement in the Colony can be submitted if certificates are not available. Documents submitted should be forwarded with the application and will be filed for our records. Photocopies are acceptable, provided they are legible, full size and complete.
- (b) Evidence of settlement in the Swan River Colony may be in the form of authenticated information from the Registrar General or family papers. In the case of secondary sources such as published records, specific reference must be provided.
- (c) In the event of any such proofs not being available circumstantial evidence should be put before the Examiner of Proofs, for consideration. Acceptance of any such evidence will be at the discretion of the Examiner of Proofs.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THESE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please be sure to sign the form before forwarding.
2. Documents must be legible.
3. Photocopies should be clear, full size and complete.
4. Married ladies please remember to show evidence of change of name, by including marriage certificate
5. Would applicants kindly forward \$20.00 (\$15.00 if current subscription fee of \$15.00 has been paid) which will cover the cost of your certificate, badge and an annual (4 issues) subscription to the Newsletter. (Cheques made payable to the 'Swan River Pioneers) together with your forms to:
**Examiner of Proofs, Swan River Pioneers Group
Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.
6/48 May Street, Bayswater, Western Australia 6053**
6. **Members of the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.**, who wish to become a member but who cannot claim direct descendancy will be subject to a subscription fee of \$10 per annum, due and payable on 1st April of each year. **Certified Members** – the first year's subscription will be at no further charge but a subscription fee of \$15.00 per annum (to cover costs and postage of Newsletter) will be payable after the first year.
7. **A non-certified or associate WAGS Member** will be able to purchase a Swan River badge at a cost of \$7.50.
8. Where a Certificate of Descendancy recipient has more than one ancestor arriving in the Swan River Colony during the specified period and can prove direct descendancy – then extra certificates are awarded to this recipient at a cost of \$6.00 per additional ancestor.