

Menomonee Falls Historical Society
Pioneer Family Certificate

Eligibility: Applicant must directly descend from an ancestor who settled in the Village of Menomonee Falls (MF), or Menomonee Township, at least 100 years prior to the date of the application. E.g. descendents of 2016 applicants must have settled in MF by 1916. For 2017 applicants the settlement date would be 1917, and so on. Applicant must be able to prove descent by official record. All records must be verified by Historical Society personnel before certificate is issued. Applicant need not currently reside in MF.

Instructions:

1. Complete the attached questionnaire. Family tree pedigree **must** accompany questionnaire. (Ancestry.com pedigree is acceptable). Attach additional pages as needed to include the names of all known children, along with spouses, of each generation, up to your own. If you have more than one pioneer ancestor, complete a separate questionnaire for each.
 - a. You are encouraged to include additional family information such as military service, business involvement, church affiliation, location of residence or farm, family stories, pictures, etc.
 - b. Data furnished will be a valuable addition to the history of MF and become a permanent part of our local history research collection.
 - c. **Please advise if you have an ancestral connection to any of the buildings located in Old Falls Village.**

2. Documented evidence of ancestor's settlement and family decent must accompany application. Include copies **ONLY**. Application and accompanying documentation **WILL NOT BE RETURNED**. Acceptable sources of proof include (include **ONE** or more):
 - a. County Histories (*): Include title and page number. Examples: "History of Waukesha County, 1880", "Portrait & Biographical History of Waukesha County, 1894", "Memories of Waukesha County, 1907"
 - b. Census Records (*): Federal Census data must include dwelling house and family members as given in the census records.
 - c. Township and Village Plat Maps(*): Include photo copy

(*) Available in the Local History Research Collection of the Maude Shunk Public Library.

 - d. Birth, Marriage, Death and Land Records: Available from Waukesha County Register of Deeds Office, Waukesha County Courthouse. Include photo copy
 - e. Church or School Records: Include certification from pastor or principal
 - f. Dated Obituaries or Newspaper Clippings: Include photo copy

3. Mail completed application, to:
Pioneer Family Certificate
Menomonee Falls Historical Society
P.O. Box 91
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Contact the Menomonee Falls Historical Society with questions: 262-250-3901

Application for Pioneer Family Certificate

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Address (where certificate is to be mailed): _____

Telephone number (for questions): _____

Full Name of Pioneer Ancestor: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____ Place of Death: _____

Buried: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____ Place of Death: _____

Buried: _____

Date ancestor settled in Menomonee Falls / Menomonee Township (circle one): _____

If Township, give Section #: _____

I have additional historical and family materials, such as diaries, letters, ledger books, deeds, photos, etc. which I would be willing to make available to the Menomonee Falls Historical Society for copying.

Yes / No (circle one)

_____ I am a member of the Menomonee Falls Historical Society

_____ I am interested in becoming a member of the Menomonee Falls Historical Society