

**APPLICATION**  
**FIRST FAMILIES OF LIMESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**ARRIVING DURING OR PRIOR TO 1896**

Early settlers who lived in the area that is now Limestone County during or prior to 1896 can be honored with a **FIRST FAMILIES OF LIMESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS** certificate. To receive a certificate, a person must prove that their ancestor settled in Limestone County sometime during or prior to 1896 and that they are a descendant of the early settler.

This project is sponsored by the **Limestone County Historical Commission**.

This is an ongoing program and applications may be submitted anytime after November 1, 2015.

Mail applications and the \$10.00 fee (check or money order payable to LCHC) to: Limestone County Historical Commission, P. O. Box 612, Groesbeck, Texas 76642.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT:** There are three parts to this application. The information requested in Part A will be used to print the certificate and contact the applicant. Part B is used to provide proof that your ancestor lived in the area that is now Limestone County during or prior to 1896. Part C is where the recipient of the certificate provides proof that he/she is a descendant of the early settler.

**PART A:**

Recipient's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

[All names to appear on a certificate (such as maiden and middle names) must be proved.]

Applicant's Name (If different from Recipient) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Certificate to: Recipient \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name Of Ancestor (As you would like for it to appear on the Certificate)

Year(s) Lived In Limestone County (i.e. 1860 - 1880) \_\_\_\_\_

State or Country Ancestor Came From \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Completed by the Limestone County Historical Commission only:**

Date application received: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee received: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:**

First Families Committee Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

President, LCHC: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date certificate issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART B --- INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT:** You must submit with your application evidence to prove that your ancestor/first settler resided in the area that is now Limestone County during or prior to 1896. Give volume and page for book references and include a photocopy of the pertinent pages, and of all published or unpublished records used for proof. Do NOT send original records as they will not be returned. Typed, hand-printed, or written copies of documents must be certified as "True Copies". Materials authored by the applicant or his family will not of themselves be accepted as proof. Information for additional ancestral lines should be given on a separate application.

**PROOF OF SETTLEMENT IN LIMESTONE COUNTY DURING OR PRIOR TO 1896:**  
(marriage records alone are not acceptable as proof of settlement):

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**PART C – PROOF OF DESCENT:**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ was born on \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

City

County

State

2. I am the child of \_\_\_\_\_

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

City

County

State

died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

City

County

State

and \_\_\_\_\_ (his, her) (wife, husband)

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

City

County

State

died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

City

County

State

married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

City

County

State

The said \_\_\_\_\_ was the (son, daughter) of

3. \_\_\_\_\_

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

City

County

State

died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

City

County

State

and \_\_\_\_\_ (his, her) (wife, husband)

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

City

County

State

died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

City

County

State

married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

City

County

State

The said \_\_\_\_\_ was the (son, daughter) of

4. \_\_\_\_\_

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

and \_\_\_\_\_ (his, her) (wife, husband)

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

The said \_\_\_\_\_ was the (son, daughter) of

5. \_\_\_\_\_

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

and \_\_\_\_\_ (his, her) (wife, husband)

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

The said \_\_\_\_\_ was the (son, daughter) of

6. \_\_\_\_\_

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

and \_\_\_\_\_ (his, her) (wife, husband)

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

The said \_\_\_\_\_ was the (son, daughter) of

7. \_\_\_\_\_

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

and \_\_\_\_\_ (his, her) (wife, husband)

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

died on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

**List of documents used to prove descent.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby swear that the statements set forth in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Permission is hereby given for Limestone County Historical Commission to use information from this application in any future publications and to share the information with public libraries in Limestone County.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This application and accompanying documents will be evaluated as follows:**

- i. Primary or collateral evidence from vital statistics, court house or other Government records, church and school records, etc., is considered usually to be beyond doubt, and excellent proof.
- ii. Secondary evidence such as census records, county histories, newspaper clippings, old letters, Bible or other family records, contemporary to the facts reported, are considered almost as authentic.
- iii. Circumstantial evidence, or hearsay is not considered as proof, unless backed up by primary or secondary evidence.
- iv. Oral, written, or published family traditions are not accepted as proof.
- v. All proof documents must themselves, or in combination with other documents, actually state the fact to be proved. Implied evidence is not accepted as proof.

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR FIRST SETTLERS OF LIMESTONE COUNTY**

Any person who is a direct descendent of an individual who settled in the area that is now Limestone County, Texas during or prior to December 31, 1896, may receive recognition on the acceptance of an application with proof of such descent and the payment of a \$10.00 fee.

