

**The Territorial Guard Society of Indiana**  
**P. O. Box 10507, Fort Wayne, IN 46852-0507**

**Application Cover Sheet**

**Part One: Applicant Information**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Part Two: Ancestor Information**

Ancestor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Indiana Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Indiana County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part Three: Certification**

My IGS Dues are paid for the year \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that this application and all document copies tendered with it become the property of the Indiana Genealogical Society.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part Four: Instructions**

Fill in Parts One through Three above. Document your ancestral line as specified. Please type all information except signatures. Please use black or blue ink.

A check or money order for \$20.00 U.S. payable to IGS must accompany this application. This application fee is not refundable. Send all materials to the above address.

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### **Specifications**

Any Indiana Genealogical Society member who is a direct descendant of any person who lived within the present boundaries of the State of Indiana on or before the day of statehood, December 11, 1816, or served in the military forces in the Indiana Territory at the Battle of Tippecanoe, or served in the military forces in the Indiana Territory during the War of 1812, may apply for membership in the Territorial Guard Society of Indiana.

Interested members must complete an approved TGSi application and must provide copies of documentation proving the bloodline ancestor of each generation. The application and document copies become the property of IGS.

A non-refundable \$20 application fee must accompany the application form. IGS must receive applications not later than December 31 of each year in order for potential members to be approved for induction during the following annual conference.

The TGSi Evaluation Committee must approve the application and the IGS Board of Directors must concur. Standard genealogical rules of evidence will be observed. The TGSi Evaluation Committee will hold applications requiring additional proof until the applicant provides the documentation required.

### **Rules of Evidence**

1. Applicants must prove Indiana ancestral residence on or before December 11, 1816, or prove the military service specified above.

2. The nature and extent of the evidence submitted must be sufficient to show that the applicant is a direct descendant of the named person residing in Indiana. Documentation must differentiate between any two persons of the same name.

3. Each document submitted, primary or secondary, must include a full citation with volume and page number [As: Marriage Records, Allen County, Indiana, Vol. 1, Page 33] Copies of vital records must be from the appropriate government agency.

4. In the absence of a vital record, two secondary proofs are required, as a newspaper entry, contemporary county history, or family Bible record.

5. Proof of any military service must be from official sources, as enlistment, discharge, pension, or other government documents.

6. Documents, either alone or with other acceptable materials, must actually state the fact to be proved. Assumed relationships, unnamed individuals, and generic terms are not acceptable as proof.

7. Female ancestors must be identified by their maiden names, and, if married, their marriages proved. Each legal name change must be documented.

8. Tombstone photographs may be acceptable if the inscription is legible and the stone is contemporary with the inscription. Cemetery burial records and funeral home records are acceptable.

9. Bible records must include a photocopy of the title page, the publication date, and the current owner's name and address.

10. Secondary evidence used, such as census pages, newspaper articles, county histories, must include full citations. These materials must be used in supporting roles only and must be combined in ways to convincingly support the relationship being documented.

11. Documents presented in a foreign language must be accompanied by a full translation, certified as true by an impartial translator.

12. Old letters, diaries, or family records can only be accepted as documentation for the facts the writer could know first hand. The writer must be sufficiently identified.

13. Printed or manuscript genealogies, family group sheets and charts, personal pedigree charts, family reunion records and similar compiled materials will not be considered as documentation.

14. Approved lineage applications from the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution, the Society of Indiana Pioneers, or the Society of Civil War Families of Indiana will be accepted as proof of Indiana residence. Applicants must prove any Indiana generations not listed on the lineage form.

14. The judgment of the TGSi Evaluation Committee as regards sufficient and proper evidence will be final. The Committee will notify applicants regarding which relationships are insufficiently proven, and applicants will be allowed to correct errors and submit additional required documentation.

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Lineage Application Instructions

- A. Create a word processing file using the below format pattern.
- B. Mark each proof document with the specific generation number and order, as Proof 1A, 1B, etc., and attach them in order at the back of the application file. Proof documents should be identified as to source. Each Name, Date, and Place of the bloodline ancestor must be documented.
- C. Sign and date the completed application with the TGSi Cover Sheet, and send it to the above address with the specified application fee.
- D. Applicants will be notified by the TGSi Evaluation Committee if any additional proofs are required. Applicants will be notified when their application is approved.
- E. Successful applicants will be inducted into the TGSi at the following IGS Annual Conference.

Lineage Application Format

- F. Applicants will create a paragraph for each generation of their ancestry back to the qualifying ancestor. Each generation will be numbered in order, with the Applicant's generation being Generation One.
- G. Sample for Generation One: (All dates should be in the pattern: 02 Mar 1940)

Generation One I am [Your Name], born on [Date] at [City, County, State]. I was married to [Spouse's Name] on [Date] at [City, County, State].

- H. Sample for Generation Two (And Beyond):

Generation Two The said [Bloodline Ancestor Name] is the [Son-Daughter] of [Name], born [Date] in [City, County, State] and his wife [Name], born [Date] in [City, County, State]. They were married on [Date] in [City, County, State].  
*(Repeat as necessary)*

- I. Following the last required generation, complete this statement:  
"I am qualified to become a member of the Territorial Guard Society of Indiana because ..."
- J. Sign and date the application beneath the above statement.
- K. Create a list of proof documents in generational order, as  
"Proof 1A Marriage Record, Marion County, Book A, page 34"  
Include this list with the proof documents.