

**Sioux Valley Genealogical Society**  
200 West 6th St. Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
PIONEER APPLICATION

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING DAKOTA TERRITORY PIONEER  
CERTIFICATE APPLICATION**

The SIOUX VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY proudly announces issuance of a **DAKOTA TERRITORY PIONEER CERTIFICATE** to any person showing direct descent from any person living in DAKOTA TERRITORY prior to November 1889. The beautiful certificate is 8 1/2 x 11 inches, suitable for framing. What an asset to anyone's family records!

**ELIGIBILITY:** To obtain a DAKOTA TERRITORY PIONEER CERTIFICATE, the applicant must descend directly from an ancestor who settled in DAKOTA prior to statehood in November 1889. The applicant must be able to prove descent from the ancestor by an official dated record or acceptable source of proof. The applicant need not presently live in North or South Dakota.

**STEP 1:** Please complete the forms to the best of your ability. If you need additional room to record the information of the children or on the pedigree chart, please use a separate sheet. If you have more than one DAKOTA TERRITORY PIONEER ANCESTOR and desire a certificate for each, obtain additional applications by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the above address. A separate application must be filled out for each certificate desired. You may have a husband and wife (ancestors) on a certificate together.

We are hoping to build the files of our early DAKOTA TERRITORY PIONEERS, and with that in mind, we hope you will furnish as much information as you can.

**STEP 2:** Fill in the pedigree chart on the bottom of this application. The numbering system is quite simple:

1. Applicant	8. Father of number 4
2. Applicant's Father	9. Mother of number 4
3. Applicant's Mother	10. Father of number 5
4. Father of number 2	11. Mother of number 5
5. Mother of number 2	12. Father of number 6
6. Father of number 3	13. Mother of number 6
7. Mother of number 3	14. Father of number 7
	15. Mother of number 7

Abbreviations are: b = born; m = married, d = died, p = place.

**STEP 3:** Choose one or more of the following sources of proof that your DAKOTA TERRITORY PIONEER ANCESTOR was in DAKOTA prior to November 1889. You will need to make copies of some of the sources. DO NOT SEND YOUR ORIGINAL RECORDS. The acceptable sources are:

- Census Records, Federal and/or State: We need the year, volume and page number.
- County Histories: Give publication, date and page number.

- Land Records: We must have a copy of land deed.
- School Records: We need a copy of certification from a school official.
- Church Records: We need a copy of certification from a church official.
- Marriage Records: We must have a copy.
- Will or Probate Record: We must have a copy.
- Obituaries: Please send a copy.

**STEP 4:** Mail all the materials needed to complete the application to:

**SIoux VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
200 WEST 6TH STREET  
SIoux FALLS, SD 57104-6001**

**For members include \$10 and for non-members include \$15 for each certificate desired.**

The certificate will be mailed as soon as ready, usually 2 to 3 weeks after we receive the application. We thank you for helping us obtain information about our DAKOTA TERRITORY PIONEER ANCESTORS and the many descendants they produced. The DAKOTA TERRITORY PIONEER file will become one of our society's most prized possession in the years to come. Be proud to say you have contributed to it and will leave to all future genealogists some vital family! history of your DAKOTA TERRITORY PIONEER. Thank you.

**DAKOTA TERRITORY PIONEER CERTIFICATE APPLICATION**  
**Please type or print clearly!**  
**(Download and save to your computer first and then fill it in.)**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:**Click or tap here to enter text.  
(As it is to appear on the certificate)

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE:Click or tap here to enter text.

ZIP:Click or tap here to enter text.

**NAME OF DAKOTA TERRITORY PIONEER:**Click or tap here to enter text.

DATE OF BIRTH:Click or tap here to enter text.

PLACE OF BIRTH:Click or tap here to enter text.

DATE OF DEATH Click or tap here to enter text.

PLACE OF DEATH Click or tap here to enter text.

BURIAL SITE (Cemetery, Location) Click or tap here to enter text.

FATHER OF PIONEER Click or tap here to enter text.

MOTHER OF PIONEER Click or tap here to enter text.

NAME OF SPOUSE OF THE PIONEER Click or tap here to enter text.

DATE OF MARRIAGE Click or tap here to enter text.

PLACE Click or tap here to enter text.

DATE OF BIRTH Click or tap here to enter text.

PLACE OF BIRTH Click or tap here to enter text.

DATE OF DEATH Click or tap here to enter text.

PLACE OF DEATH Click or tap here to enter text.

BURIAL SITE (Cemetery, Location) Click or tap here to enter text.

FATHER OF SPOUSE Click or tap here to enter text.

MOTHER OF SPOUSE Click or tap here to enter text.

PLACE IN DAKOTA TERRITORY WHERE PIONEER SETTLED [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

DATE PIONEER SETTLED (or BORN) IN DAKOTA TERRITORY [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**CHILDREN OF DAKOTA TERRITORY PIONEER:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>DOD</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Date Married</b>	<b>Spouse</b>
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8.	<a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>					
9.	<a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>					

List any additional children on a separate sheet. If you have any additional information about your ancestor (military service, occupation, other spouses, etc.) that you would like to include with your pioneer/ancestor information, please include it with this application form and your acceptable source of proof. Please fill in this form as completely as possible as well as the Pedigree Chart on the back side of this application. No. 1 should be the name of the person applying for the certificate. Omitted information will only delay the processing and verification of your application.

Please fill out an application for each pioneer ancestor for which you desire a certificate. For each certificate, send the completed application, the acceptable source of proof, and the completed pedigree chart, along with your remittance in the amount of \$10.00 for each certificate for members and \$15 for non-members

**YOUR SOURCE(S) OF PROOF**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

Other certificates this pioneer

Date Issued

# Family Pedigree Chart - 4 Generations

