



LINEAGE SOCIETIES OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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In 1964, a lineage society, First Families of Ohio, was created to honor those OGS members who descended from pre-1821 Ohio settlers. Another lineage society, the Society of Civil War Families of Ohio, was formed in 1997 with Jocelyn Wilms as the first chair. Sunda Peters was the first chair of Settlers and Builders of Ohio, a third lineage society which accepted its first applications in 2003. In 2009 Century Families of Ohio was formed with Margaret Cheney as the first chair. In 2016 The Society of Families of the Old Northwest Territory was formed with Eric Johnson as the chair. In 2021, the Military Order of Daughters and Sons of Ohio was created by Eric Johnson with the first certificates awarded in 2022 with Tara Bentley as the first chair. Each of these lineage societies honors Ohio ancestors in different time frames.

Reading Rules and Guidelines before you start.

www.ogs.org – about – lineage societies – Rules and Guidelines

They are there for a reason – familiarize yourself with what is required before you start.

The program today is to familiarize you with the different lineage societies. There will be future programs to aid you in submitting an application and what is required.

We are going to start with the Military Lineage Societies in today's program.



Military Order of the Daughters and Sons of Ohio (MODSO)

Open to any resident of the State of Ohio or direct descendants of any resident of the State of Ohio who served in the armed forces.

Any member of OGS who can prove satisfactory lineal descent from a resident of the State of Ohio who served in the armed forces of the United States or the British colonial forces of the original thirteen colonies prior to the American Revolutionary War, according to the Society's rules and guidelines, is eligible to become a member of the Military Order of the Daughters and Sons of Ohio (MODSO).

Any member of OGS who can prove satisfactory service in the armed forces of the United States as veterans or are current military service members and residency of the State of Ohio, according to the Society's rules and guidelines, is eligible to become a member of the Military Order of the Daughters and Sons of Ohio (MODSO).

All MODSO society applications must be accompanied by proof of descent and the payment of a non-refundable \$40 application fee. Applications must first be approved by the appropriate lineage society committee and then by the Ohio Genealogical Society's Board of Trustees.



Society of Civil War Families of Ohio (SCWFO)

Open to direct descendants, or collateral relatives, of any person with Ohio ties who served in the Civil War.

Any member of OGS who is a direct descendant, or a collateral relative, of any person with Ohio ties who served in the Civil War, for the Union or the Confederacy, is eligible to become a member of The Society of Civil War Families of Ohio (SCWFO). The person must have lived or died in Ohio or served in an Ohio unit. Service is not limited to an Ohio outfit. "Squirrel Hunters" and "Spies," male or female, are also eligible.

All SCWFO society applications must be accompanied by proof of descent and the payment of a non-refundable \$40 application fee. Applications must first be approved by the appropriate lineage society committee and then by the Ohio Genealogical Society's Board of Trustees.



Century Families of Ohio (CFO)

Open to direct descendants of any person residing in Ohio from 1861 to 100 years prior to the current year.

Any member of OGS who is a direct descendant of any person residing in Ohio from 1861 to 100 years prior to the current year, or year of application is eligible to become a member of The Century Families of Ohio. In 2014, your ancestors would have had to have been in Ohio by the end of 1914; in 2015, by 1915 and so on.

All CFO society applications must be accompanied by proof of descent and the payment of a non-refundable \$40 application fee. Applications must first be approved by the appropriate lineage society committee and then by the Ohio Genealogical Society's Board of Trustees.



Settlers and Builders of Ohio (SBO)

Open to direct descendants of an individual who settled in the area now encompassed by the State of Ohio between 1 January 1821 and 31 December 1860.

Any member of OGS who is a direct descendant of an individual who settled in the area now encompassed by the State of Ohio between 1 January 1821 and 31 December 1860 may become a member of Settlers and Builders of Ohio (SBO).

All SBO society applications must be accompanied by proof of descent and the payment of a non-refundable \$40 application fee. Applications must first be approved by the appropriate lineage society committee and then by the Ohio Genealogical Society's Board of Trustees.



Society of the Families of the Old Northwest Territory (SFONT)

Open to direct descendants of any person who lived in the Old Northwest Territory prior to 3 March 1803.

Any member of OGS (or non-member) who is a direct descendant of any person who lived in what is now Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin or eastern Minnesota (east of the Mississippi River) between 13 July 1787 and 7 May 1800 (when Indiana Territory was created) or your ancestor lived in what is now Ohio or Michigan between 13 July 1787 and 3 March 1803 (Ohio Statehood) or your ancestor lived in what is now Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin or eastern Minnesota prior to 13 Jul 1787 as a citizen of either France or Great Britain, or as a

Native American, you may qualify for this new Society. Please check the SFONT Rules and Procedures for additional qualifications for membership.

All SFONT society applications must be accompanied by proof of descent and the payment of a non-refundable \$40 application fee for OGS members or \$60 for non-OGS members. Applications must first be approved by the appropriate lineage society committee and then by the Ohio Genealogical Society's Board of Trustees.



First Families of Ohio (FFO)

Open to direct descendants of an individual who settled in the area now encompassed by the State of Ohio by the end of 1820.

Any member of OGS who is a direct descendant of an individual who settled in the area now encompassed by the State of Ohio by the end of 1820 may become a member of the First Families of Ohio (FFO).

All FFO society applications must be accompanied by proof of descent and the payment of a non-refundable \$40 application fee. Applications must first be approved by the appropriate lineage society committee and then by the Ohio Genealogical Society's Board of Trustees.

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TERMS USED IN LINEAGE APPLICATIONS

Initial Application – Your first application to a lineage society

Supplemental Application – An application made in a subsequent year after your initial application has been accepted. This is not an application for children, or siblings. Each individual applying for a lineage society must first submit an Initial Application

Collateral Relative – Collateral Relatives are allowed only in the Military Lineage Societies. The definition of a Collateral Relative is: A collateral relative is **any blood relative who is not your direct ancestor**. Your ancestors are your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc., and your collateral relatives are cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, siblings, etc.

Source Citations – A Who, What, Where and When of the document your are submitting. See Rules and Guidelines for examples.