

Where in Gladwin County did your ancestor settle? _____

Emigrated from _____
(if known) (Township) (County) (State, Province/County)

Proof of arrival date _____

This application, information, all supporting documents and data will become the property of
The Gladwin County Genealogy Society, and will remain in the Society files. The information may be
shared with others doing genealogy research and duplicated.

I hereby grant the Gladwin County Genealogical Society permission to print the information on this
application, for possible future publication.

YES ____ **NO** ____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

List yourself in Part 1. List your parent whose line you are following in Part 2, etc. If you are proving your MATERNAL ancestor's line, then you put her name at the start of the appropriate part. If you are following your mother's and father's line, make a second copy and complete the generations required; you may have two number 2's or 3's etc.

The reference number in the left column refers to the proof/reference list, which follows. (A reference or proof is required for each fact (parentage, date, place, and relationship.) One document could prove more than one fact.

Reference

1. I _____ was born on _____ day/month/ year
 at _____
 city/township county state
 Spouse _____

Married on _____ at _____
 day/month/year city/township county state

2. I am the child of _____

Born on _____ at _____
 day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
 day/month/year city/township county state

Spouse _____

Born on _____ at _____
 day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
 day/month/year city/township county state

Married on _____ at _____
 day/month/year city/township county state

3. The said _____ was the _____
 Son/Daughter

of _____

Born on _____ at _____
 day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
 day/month/year city/township county state

Spouse _____

Born on _____ at _____
 day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
 day/month/year city/township county state

Married on _____ at _____
 day/month/year city/township county state

4. The said _____ was the _____
Son/Daughter
of _____

Born on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Spouse _____

Born on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Married on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

5. The said _____ was the _____
Son/Daughter
of _____

Born on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Spouse _____

Born on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Married on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

6. The said _____ was the _____
Son/Daughter
of _____

Born on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Spouse _____

Born on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Married on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

7. The said _____ was the _____
Son/Daughter
of _____

Born on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Spouse _____

Born on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Married on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

8. The said _____ was the _____
Son/Daughter
of _____

Born on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Spouse _____

Born on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Married on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

9. The said _____ was the _____
Son/Daughter
of _____

Born on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Spouse _____

Born on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Died on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

Married on _____ at _____
day/month/year city/township county state

For Genealogical Society use only:

Date Applied: _____

Certificate Fee Received: _____

Gen. Soc. Dues Paid: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

Descendants Certificate Number: _____

Chairman of Descendants Comm.: _____

President of Gladwin Co. Gen. Soc.: _____

DESCENDANTS OF GLADWIN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Descendants of Gladwin County is a project of the Gladwin County Genealogical Society. Its purpose is to collect and record data about early Gladwin residents and their descendants. This information will be a valuable addition to the history of Gladwin and will provide a source of genealogical information for years to come. The society will recognize descendants of early families with certificates at our annual Award Ceremony.

One of the objectives of the Descendants of Gladwin County is to identify and honor the memory of the earliest settlers of Gladwin County. The research necessary is intended to stimulate increasing interest in the pioneers of this county, their genealogy and history, and to awaken the descendant to the sacrifices and contributions of their ancestor.

This program will honor many courageous Pioneers, Settlers and Residents of Gladwin County.

WHERE DO YOU BEGIN? BEGIN WITH YOURSELF

On the last page of this application is ancestor charts, use them as your guide. Using a pencil and hand print your name, then your father and mother, grandfathers and grandmothers, great-grandparents, etc. Follow the family line back to the ancestor that lived in Gladwin County within the dates listed for Pioneer, Settler, or Resident. Now fill in the birth dates, marriage dates and death dates. Then type or hand print the names and dates on the application, **MAKE PHOTOCOPIES OF BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DEATH, AND/OR OTHER MATERIALS USED AS PROOF** and mail with your completed application. List **ALL** of your direct ancestors that were in Gladwin County.

PLACES TO LOOK FOR RECORDS:

Library-census records, county atlases, military records, obituaries, genealogies, city or county directories, etc.

Court House-birth, death, marriage records, deeds, wills, military records, maps and plats, tax records, etc.

Michigan Dept. Of Public Health-birth, marriage and death records since 1867 to present (PO Box 30035, Lansing, Michigan 48909)

ELIGIBILITY: To qualify, an applicant must be directly descended from an ancestor who settled in one of the current Gladwin County Townships, during one of the following time periods:

A "Pioneer" certificate will be issued for the period-1861-1935

A "Settler" certificate will be issued for the period-1892-1912

A "Resident" certificate will be issued for the period -1913-1935

These time lines are easily researched.

The fifteen townships that make up Gladwin County are: Sherman, Butman, Clement, Bourret, Sage, Gladwin, Secord, Grim, Grout, Buckeye, Hay, Beaverton, Tobacco, Billings, Bentley and Sheridan.

The applicant must be able to prove descent from the ancestor by an official record for each generation, including the applicant. Current Gladwin County residency is not required.

If a family member or relative has been accepted as a member of Descendants of Gladwin County. You may refer to their certificate number and need only submit proof showing the connection, to their proofs. No need to duplicate proofs already submitted.

PROOFS: To insure that the certificate issued is the result of credible genealogical research, the following **PRIMARY SOURCES** are acceptable; birth, death, marriage records, mortuaries, sexton records, and court records. Census records, probate, land and tax records, military and church records.

The inclusion of **SECONDARY SOURCES** is encouraged but may or may not be accepted as proof: bible records(with title page and publication date of the Bible), obituaries, and newspaper clippings (dated and identified) tombstone inscriptions/photos, published family histories, published county histories, published biographical records, city and county directories, private papers and personal records, i.e., letters, diaries and journals.

Proof of each step shown on the application **MUST** be submitted with the completed application, use Photocopies of the proofs. Volume and page of book references including a copy by copy machine, photo or other facsimile copy of the pertinent pages, and all published or unpublished records used for proof. **TYPED, HAND WRITTEN or PRINTED** copies of documents, not certified as "True Copies" are not acceptable as proof. Published or manuscript material authored by the applicant or his family will **Not** be accepted proof. Information for additional ancestral lines may be included on additional paper showing how they tie in with the lines on the basic application. If more than two families lines are submitted, include an ancestral chart to show the interconnections.

Eligibility shall be determined by a committee of: The Gladwin County Genealogical Society. The committee's decision will be final.

Since all material submitted becomes the property of the Gladwin County Genealogical Society **NO ORIGINAL COPIES OF DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SENT.** No materials furnished will be returned.

Complete the lineage chart, send **PHOTOCOPIES** only of proofs for each generation. Each date must have a proof. Use extra sheets of paper to include, when known, the names of all children in all generations in direct descent and when they married, including your own family.

Certificate Project Committee Members of the Gladwin County Genealogical Society are available to assist with your application if you have questions. A Descendant Certificate will be awarded to each accepted applicant at a specified annual Certificate Awards dinner; if so desired, the Certificate can be mailed if you are unable to attend the program. Send your applications, proofs, check or money order for \$10.00 (non-refundable) **PER ANCESTOR** to: (Make all checks payable to Gladwin County Genealogy Society.)

402 James Robertson Drive
Gladwin, Mich. 48624 Att: Certificate Comm. Gen. Soc.

The fee for each application is \$10.00. There is no limit to the number of certificates an applicant may request, however, each name requires separate proof and a separate fee.

We welcome all new members to Gladwin County Genealogical Society and when you apply for your ancestors certificate, we would like to offer you a membership at half off for the 1st year. You could become a member for \$5.00, and enjoy some great times. After the 1st year your dues would be \$ 10.00 per year per family.

PRIMARY SOURCES

1. Birth Records

2. Marriage Records

3. Death Records-Michigan official records began in 1867. Available at Gladwin Co. Clerk's Office, Gladwin Co. Court House or Michigan Dept. Of Public Health P.O. Box 30035, Lansing Mich 48909.

4. Census Records

5. Probate records-Wills/estates (estate-with will, estate-without will) Guardianships, Lists of heirs and relationships. Name changes, and sometimes transfer of real-estate. Records begin at the formation of the county and are found in the Probate Court where the event occurred.

6. Land Records and Plats-Purchase and sale of property often shows residency and marital relationship. Available from the county where the land was owned. Records may be maintained -by the Register of Deeds.

7. Tax Records-Taxes were paid on property owned on a yearly basis. Records are available from the time of the county's formation. Records may be located in the Register of Deed's and/or Treasurer's office.

8. Military Records-Available from the National Archives Records Service, 8th & Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20408 or Michigan History Division, 717 W. Allegan, Lansing, Mi. 48918. Indexes of Michigan Civil War soldiers are available at most major libraries.

9. Church Records-Often obtain birth, death, marriage and funeral information of their membership.

10. Cemetery Records-Actual records of church, city or township sextons.

11. Mortuary Records-Actual records of funeral home may include death dates, burial dates, location of interment, obituaries, and misc.
12. Burial/Transport-Permits found in village, city and township halls or county health departments. Information varies from death date to personal comments.
13. Court Records-Civil, criminal, divorce and naturalization records begin from formation of the county and may be located in circuit court or superior court where the event occurred.

SECONDARY SOURCES are any source in print that do not come from a contemporary or government record. These records may not be acceptable as proof.

1. Bible Records-Dated and/or undated. Include a photocopy of the page showing the publisher, date of publication and the actual pages showing names, dates and events. Identify current owners of the Bible when known.
- 2.Obituaries-Dated and identified, when known, name of newspaper and location. Newspapers can be ordered on microfilm from some libraries.
3. Newspaper Clippings-Dated and identified, when known name of newspaper & location. Clippings may include anniversaries, biographical sketches, awards, marriages notices, reminiscences, etc.
4. County Histories/Portrait
- 5.City/County Directories-The Library of Michigan has an extensive stat-wide collection
6. Family/History/Genealogies-When submitting this type of material, include a copy of the title page, photocopies showing direct ancestral descent and state location of the book.
7. Personal Papers-Unpublished written data include letters, diaries, journals, reunion records and manuscripts. Please include dates when known.
8. Tombstone Inscriptions-Submit photographs or transcriptions of the stone.
9. Atlas/Landowners-Local libraries may be able to help in locating these.