



Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CIVIL WAR FAMILIES of GALLIA COUNTY

**Descent Chart for Direct/Collateral Line Ancestors**

- You must include supporting documentation for each statement below. This might be
- A. 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.
  - B. SECONDARY EVIDENCE. SUCH AS CENSUS RECORDS, NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, OLD LETTERS, BIBLE OR OTHER FAMILY RECORDS, CONTEMPORARY TO THE FACTS REPORTED, ARE CONSIDERED ALMOST AS AUTHENTIC.
  - C. CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, OR HEARSAY IS NOT CONSIDERED AS PROOF, UNLESS BACKED UP BY PRIMARY OR SECONDARY EVIDENCE.
  - D. ORAL, WRITTEN. OR PUBLISHED FAMILY TRADITIONS ARE VERY OFTEN WRONG. AND ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS PROOF
  - E. ALL PROOF DOCUMENTS MUST BY THEMSELVES, OR IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS. ACTUALLY STATE THE FACT TO BE PROVED. IMPLIED EVIDENCE IS NOT ACCEPTED AS PROOF
  - F. LIST THE DOCUMENTS AND THEIR DOCUMENT NUMBER ON THE "DOCUMENT" PAGES PROVIDED. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE DOCUMENT FOR AN EVENT, PLEASE NUMBER THEM: 1A, 1B, 1C, etc. BE SURE TO PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE BACK OF EACH PAGE OF EVERY DOCUMENT.

**1** I, (Enter your name) \_\_\_\_\_ am the (relationship) \_\_\_\_\_

**2** of (Specify the Civil War relatives name here) \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge papers: \_\_\_\_\_ Pension papers: \_\_\_\_\_, Muster Roll papers: \_\_\_\_\_, Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

who was born on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

died on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

wife/husband name \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

born on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

died on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

married on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

**3** The Said \_\_\_\_\_ was the son \_\_\_\_/daughter \_\_\_\_/brother \_\_\_\_/sister \_\_\_\_/parent \_\_\_\_ (please check one)

of \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

who was born on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

died on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

wife/husband name \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

born on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

died on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

married on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

**4** The Said \_\_\_\_\_ was the son \_\_\_\_/daughter \_\_\_\_/brother \_\_\_\_/sister \_\_\_\_/parent \_\_\_\_ (please check one)

of \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

who was born on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

died on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

wife/husband name \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

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born on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_

died on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

married on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

**5** The Said \_\_\_\_\_ was the son \_\_\_\_/daughter \_\_\_\_/brother \_\_\_\_/sister \_\_\_\_/parent \_\_\_\_ (please check one)

of \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

who was born on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

died on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

wife/husband name \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

born on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

died on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

married on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

**6** The Said \_\_\_\_\_ was the son \_\_\_\_/daughter \_\_\_\_/brother \_\_\_\_/sister \_\_\_\_/parent \_\_\_\_ (please check one)

of \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

who was born on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

died on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

wife/husband name \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

born on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

died on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

married on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

**7** The Said \_\_\_\_\_ was the son \_\_\_\_/daughter \_\_\_\_/brother \_\_\_\_/sister \_\_\_\_/parent \_\_\_\_ (please check one)

of \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

who was born on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

died on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

wife/husband name \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

born on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

died on \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

married on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_

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

This application and the accompanying documentation will be evaluated as follows: Primary or Collateral evidence from vital statistics, courthouse, or other government records, church and school records, etc., is usually considered to be beyond doubt, and excellent proof. Secondary evidence, such as census records, newspaper clippings, old letters, Bibles or other family records contemporary to the facts reported are considered almost as authentic. Circumstantial evidence, or hearsay, is not considered as proof unless backed up by primary or secondary evidence. Oral, written, or published family traditions are very often wrong and are not accepted as proof. All proof documents must by themselves or in combination with other documents actually state the fact to be proved.

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### Requirements for Civil War Families of Gallia County

Any member of the GALLIA CO. HISTORICAL/GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY who is a direct or collateral descendent relative of an individual who served in the Civil War, for the Union or Confederacy, is eligible to become a member of Civil War Families of Gallia County. The person must have lived in Gallia County at some time. Service does not have to have occurred in Ohio. "Squirrel Hunter" and "Spies", male or female, are eligible, also.

On the acceptance of an application, the application and all accompanying documentation becomes the property of the Gallia County Historical and Genealogical Society. The application fee is \$15.00, non-refundable, and due on submission of the application. Membership must be approved by the Civil War Families Committee. Applications along with accompanying documents and fees should be sent to The Gallia County Historical and Genealogical Society, c/o Civil War Families, 412 Second Avenue, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

Please read and use the specifications and Rules of Evidence when preparing this page of documentation. information for additional ancestral lines may be included on a blank page(s), showing a relationship to the line on the basic applicatic You must include a five generational chart for each person you submit, to show the inter-connection.

Authorities as to military service: (List below: documentation of the individuals Civil War service in any military unit and the individuals residency in Gallia County.)

- 1. Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby swear that the statements set forth in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I agree that this application and all documentation given with it become the property of the Gallia County Historical & Genealogical Society.

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

Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List documents used for each generation on the ascending/descending (Direct/collateral) Chart.

Doc # 201 Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Doc # 202 Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Doc # 203 Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Doc # 204 Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Doc # 205 Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Doc # 206 Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Doc # 207 Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Doc # 208 Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_

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Doc # 234 Description of Document: \_\_\_\_\_

# Civil War Families of Gallia County

## Specifications and Rules of Evidence

Any member of the Gallia County Genealogical Society who is a direct descendant, or a collateral relative, of any person who served in the Civil War, for the Union or the Confederacy, is eligible to become a member of Civil War Families of Gallia County. The person must have lived in Gallia County at some time. Service does not have to have occurred in Ohio. 'Squirrel Hunter' and 'Spies', male or female, are also eligible.

You must submit an application and the documents that prove the relationship. There must be documentation for each generation, including yours, your parents, grandparents, etc. The application fee is \$15.00, one dollar of which is due when you pick up an application. The remainder is due when the application is submitted. Approval will come from the Civil War Families of Gallia County Committee.

### Rules of Evidence

Please take the time to read, and become familiar with the Rules.

Follow them carefully when you prepare your papers

The rules of evidence applying to membership follow and are the standards by which all CWFGC documentation will be judged. There are no exceptions.

The dates of service must be between 12 April 1861 (the bombardment of Fort Sumter) and 18 April 1865 (when Joseph E. Johnston (C.S.A.) surrendered to General William T. Sherman at Durham Station, NC.).

The nature and extent of the evidence submitted as documentation shall be sufficient to show that the applicant is a direct descendant or collateral relative of the person or persons who performed for the Union or the Confederacy. Documentation must be sufficient to differentiate between any two persons of the same name.

Each document submitted, whether primary or secondary evidence must include a full citation with volume and page number, e.g., Marriage Records, Gallia County, Ohio, Volume 10, page 137. Copies of vital records are acceptable, if the seal is visible on the copy (See #13).

If there is no vital record, we require two secondary proofs that support the same event or date, such as a newspaper clipping, county history or family record. (See # 3)

1. Proof of Military Service can be found in enlistment, discharge, pension or other federal, confederate, or state government documents.
2. Primary or collateral evidence from vital statistics, courthouse or other government records, such as discharge or pension papers, usually is considered excellent documentation. Other primary evidence might include Bible records (which must be contemporary with the publication date of the Bible or events), or diaries or letters written by the serviceman or woman.
3. Secondary evidence such as census records, newspaper clippings (applicant must give the name of the paper, location, page and date of publication) might be used *as* corroborative evidence. County histories and family records CONTEMPORARY TO THE FACTS REPORTED are considered as supporting evidence only.
4. Circumstantial evidence WILL NOT be accepted as documentation unless supported by primary or secondary evidence.
5. Oral, written, or published family traditions may be in error and CANNOT be accepted as documentation.
6. Printed or manuscript genealogies, genealogical records or compilations, family group sheets and charts, family reunion records and similar material are not considered documentation.
7. Lineage papers from other patriotic or hereditary societies will not be considered as documentation.
8. Documents must, either alone or with other acceptable materials, actually STATE THE FACT TO BE DOCUMENTED. Unnamed individuals specified in court records as "heirs" or "heirs-at-law," unless it is known that applicable Laws at the time included only collateral line descendants, cannot be assumed to be the person in question.
9. Documents written or presented in a foreign language must be accompanied by a translation into English and the translation certified as a "true translation" by the translator (not the applicant or a family member).
10. Old letters, diaries or family records can be accepted as documentation only for the facts that the writer could logically know FIRST HAND. Identification of the writer and the date is necessary.
11. Female ancestors named on the application must be identified by their maiden names and, if married, their marriages proved.
12. A collateral line relationship must be documented *at each* step, parent to child, or sibling to sibling. You must prove siblings are children of the same parents. Half-siblings will be considered if you and the candidate are descended from a common ancestor.
13. All documents must include a full citation and the volume and page number must be written on the copy itself! Bible records must include a photocopy of the title page, with publication date, and the current owner's name.
14. Married female applicants, who use their husband's surname, must include a copy of their marriage record to document their change of name. Each legal name change must be documented.

15. Photographs of tombstones might be acceptable for birth and death dates and for relationships stated on the stone, if legible. We require a transcription of the stone also as, sometimes, the dates in a photo are difficult to read. The stone must be a contemporary style in line with the death date.. Cemetery burial records or funeral home records are acceptable.
16. Typed, handwritten or printed copies of original documents must be certified as a "TRUE COPY" by a courthouse or other official, newspaper employee, cemetery employee, etc. An applicant or member of his or her family cannot certify a document as a "TRUE COPY.": Photocopies of original documents are acceptable if there *are* no changes on the original.
17. REMINDER: A statement is not necessarily true just because it's in print!