

# The Territorial Guard Society of Indiana

## Application Cover Sheet

### Part One: Applicant's Information

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part Two: Ancestor's Information

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

Date became Indiana resident: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Part Three: Certification

I certify that I am a paid member of the Indiana Genealogical Society at the time of my application.

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 out this Application Cover Sheet. Please print or type, and use only black or blue ink.

--Document your ancestral line as specified in the instructions.

--Include a check or money order for US \$20.00 made payable to Indiana Genealogical Society. This application fee is not refundable.

Mail this application cover sheet, your documentation and \$20 check or money order to:

**TGSI Chair  
Ron Darrah  
8126 Bittern Ln.  
Indianapolis, IN 46256**

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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, 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 the Indiana Genealogical Society.

A non-refundable \$20 application fee must accompany the application form. Indiana Genealogical Society must receive applications no 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.
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.
15. 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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## Instructions for Documenting Ancestors

- A. Create a word processing file using the format pattern below.
- 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 TGS I Application Cover Sheet, and mail it to the address specified with the nonrefundable \$20 application fee.
- D. Applicants will be notified by the TGS I 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 TGS I at the following IGS Annual Conference.

## Format for Documenting Ancestors

- 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 March 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, Indiana, Book A, page 34"  
Include this list with the proof documents.