San Joaquin County
First Families Certificate Program

The San Joaquin Genealogical Society and The San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum have partnered together to offer the First Families of San Joaquin County Certificate Program.

We hope to identify pioneers and early residents and to honor their lasting contributions to the history of San Joaquin County by recognizing their descendants who submit their genealogical information.

All applications and documentation submitted will be housed in the San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum Library to preserve your family's history and will be made available for public research.

For each qualifying ancestor, a beautifully designed 8 1/2" x 11" certificate, suitable for framing, numbered and signed, will be issued. The name of the ancestor, date settled in San Joaquin County and the name of the applicant who descends from the ancestor will be inscribed.

We hope that you will join in our effort to enrich the historical records and preserve the history of San Joaquin County.

There are three categories of First Families:

- **Founding Families** – Settled in San Joaquin County before 1860
- **Pioneer Families** – Settled in San Joaquin County by 1860 but before 1880
- **Century Families –** Settled in San Joaquin County at least 100 years prior to application date

Anyone may apply. Applicants do not need to be residents of San Joaquin County.

Applications may be submitted at any time and will be processed throughout the year. A separate application is required for each certificate requested.

APPLICATION FEE: $10 for members of the San Joaquin Genealogical Society or San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum; $15 for non members. If you wish to become a member of either society, membership application forms can be found on each society's website.

San Joaquin Genealogical Society - http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sjgs/

San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum - http://www.sanjoaquinhistory.org

The application fee is non-refundable. Incorrect or incomplete applications cannot be processed. You will be notified if you need to provide corrections or

additions. To speed things up, please provide your E-mail, if you have one. Applications not approved will remain "Pending." You may reactivate your application without further application fees if in the future you provide the additional documents needed for approval.

SUBMITTED MATERIALS:

All applications and documentation become property of the San Joaquin Genealogical Society and the San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum and will be retained in the custody of the San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum library. In the future, either society may wish to include and/or reproduce the submitted lineage information in any of its publications, digitization projects, website database projects, or unknown future technologies. **NOTE:** Only the contact information of the applicant may be disclosed. Vital information (dates and places of birth and marriage) of living persons will not be made available.

HELPFUL HINTS:

1. Certified copies are not required, "Informational Copies" are acceptable.

2. Do not send original documentation, please send photocopies.

3. Always use maiden name of the female.

4. Circumstantial evidence WILL NOT be accepted as proof unless supported by primary or secondary evidence and/or a written proof argument.

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 proof on its own. All of the above must be submitted with additional documentation to support the claim.

7. County history or biographies and published transcriptions of records must include copies of page(s) establishing the fact claimed and a copy of the title page including publisher and date.

8. Please feel free to submit photos and biographical narratives of your ancestors in addition to the required lineage documentation.

First Families of San Joaquin County
Certificate Program Application

Please mail completed application, required documentation proving your descent and residency of ancestor in San Joaquin County and a check made out to San Joaquin Genealogical Society in the amount of:
$10 for members of either the San Joaquin Genealogical Society or the San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum
$15 for non-members

Mail to: San Joaquin Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 690243
Stockton, CA 95263-0243

Name of Ancestor: _____
Born: _____ at _____
Died: _____ at _____
Cemetery & Location: _____
Name of Ancestor's Father: _____
Name of Ancestor's Mother: _____
Married: _____ at _____
Name of Ancestor's Spouse: _____
Born: _____ at _____
Died: _____ at _____
Cemetery & Location: _____
Name of Spouse's Father: _____
Name of Spouse's Mother: _____

Date Settled in San Joaquin County: _____
Where: _____

The information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that all materials submitted become the property of the San Joaquin First Families Certificate Program.
Name of Applicant (please print):_____
Signature: _____Date_____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Lineage Worksheet

Please complete the application to the best of your ability. Make sure to print or type all information

Please write dates as “Day Month Year” - example: 1 January 2014

Please write places as “City, County, State” - example: Stockton, San Joaquin County, California

For the females please use their maiden name

For Documentation – Please list the documentation you are submitting for each generation to prove the names, dates and places you enter for each person. Some examples of acceptable documentation: Birth, marriage and death records; photos of headstones, wills, church records, probate records, court records, naturalization records, obituaries, census records, family bibles, land records, military records, newspaper articles.

Complete for each generation starting with you up to and including the pioneer ancestor.

GENERATION ONE – This is you

Full name:_____
Date of birth: _____ Place of birth:_____
Documentation submitted:

GENERATION TWO – Parents

Father's full name:_____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____

Date of marriage:_____ Place of marriage:_____

Mother's full name: _____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____
Documentation submitted:

GENERATION THREE – Grandparents

Either your father's parents or your mother's parents. Always list the male first, then the female using her maiden name.

Full name:_____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____

Date of marriage:_____ Place of marriage:_____

Full name: _____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____
Documentation submitted:

GENERATION FOUR – Great Grandparents

Either the male's parents or the female's parents from Generation 3. Always list the male first, then the female using her maiden name.

Full name:_____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____

Date of marriage:_____ Place of marriage:_____

Full name: _____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____
Documentation submitted:

GENERATION FIVE – 2ND Great Grandparents

Either the male's parents or the female's parents from Generation 4. Always list the male first, then the female using her maiden name.

Full name:_____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____

Date of marriage:_____ Place of marriage:_____

Full name: _____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____
Documentation submitted:

GENERATION SIX – 3RD Great Grandparents

Either the male's parents or the female's parents from Generation 5. Always list the male first, then the female using her maiden name.

Full name:_____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____

Date of marriage:_____ Place of marriage:_____

Full name: _____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____
Documentation submitted:

GENERATION SEVEN – 4TH Great Grandparents

Either the male's parents or the female's parents from Generation 6. Always list the male first, then the female using her maiden name.

Full name:_____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____

Date of marriage:_____ Place of marriage:_____

Full name: _____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____
Documentation:

GENERATION EIGHT – 5TH Great Grandparents

Either the male's parents or the female's parents from Generation 7. Always list the male first, then the female using her maiden name.

Full name:_____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____

Date of marriage:_____ Place of marriage:_____

Full name: _____
Date of birth:_____ Place of birth:_____
Date of death:_____ Place of death:_____
Documentation: