

# Joining a Lineage Society/Heritage Organization

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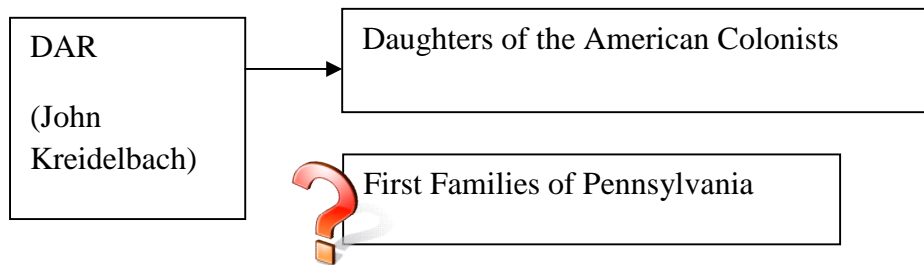
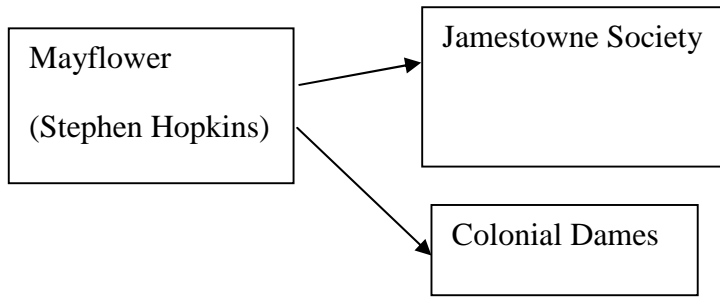
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## The Hunt

### 1. First Stop: First Families

State	Requirements	Fee	URL
Ohio	Any member of The Ohio Genealogical Society who is a direct descendant of an individual who settled in the area now encompassed by the State of Ohio by the end of <b>1820</b>	\$40 plus OGS membership	<a href="http://www.ogs.org/about/lineage.php">http://www.ogs.org/about/lineage.php</a>
Kentucky	Direct descent from pioneer families in Kentucky before <b>June 1, 1792</b> . By invitation only.	?	
Maryland	Descent from (1) Sir George Calvert, The First Lord Baltimore, who was granted the Palatinate of Maryland by King Charles I of England, or (2) an ancestor who aided in the establishment of the Palatinate of Maryland or who was an office holder, real property owner or resident in Maryland prior to <b>December 31, 1734</b> .  Note: Eligible ancestors listed at <a href="http://www.suite101.com/content/maryland-lineage-society-95-eligible-ancestors-a67530">http://www.suite101.com/content/maryland-lineage-society-95-eligible-ancestors-a67530</a>	\$25	<a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdoffmd/application.htm">http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdoffmd/application.htm</a>
Pennsylvania	Any GSP member who can prove descent from a resident of what is now Pennsylvania during the time periods listed below:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Colony and Commonwealth: 1638–1790</b></li> <li>• <b>Keystone and Cornerstone: 1791–1865</b></li> <li>• <b>Pennsylvania Proud: 1866–1900</b></li> </ul>	\$40 plus GSP membership	<a href="http://www.genpa.org/FirstFamPA.html">http://www.genpa.org/FirstFamPA.html</a>
Tennessee	Descent from an ancestor who was a resident of any part of what is now Tennessee by <b>1796</b> .	?	<a href="http://www.easttnhistory.org/content.aspx?article=1272&amp;parent=1267">http://www.easttnhistory.org/content.aspx?article=1272&amp;parent=1267</a>
Virginia	Lineal descent from an ancestor who aided in the establishment of Virginia, <b>1607-1624</b> . Note: Membership is by invitation; requests for membership are considered inappropriate and are not answered.	?	Doesn't matter!
Washington	<i>Pioneer Certificates</i> are still being issued to those whose ancestors were in Washington prior to statehood, <b>11 November 1889</b> .	\$10	<a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/wsgsproj.htm">http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/wsgsproj.htm</a>

## 2. Double Dipping



## 3. Resources for Lineage Societies Search and Application

<http://www.genealogy-quest.com/collections/lineagesoc.html>

<http://www.cyndislist.com/soc-lineage.htm>

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohmcogs2/Lineage%20Society%20Guidelines.pdf>

<http://www.hereditary.us/>

## 4. Most Unusual Lineage Societies

- Descendants of the Illegitimate Sons and Daughters of the Kings of England (the Royal Bastards)
- Associated Daughters of Early American Witches (by invitation only)
- The Flagon and Trencher: Descendants of Colonial Tavern Keepers
- The Society of Descendants of the Colonial Clergy
- Descendants of Whaling Masters
- Presidential Families of America

# The Application

## 1. Tips for a Successful Application

By Kimberly Powell, About.com Guide

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If the paperwork to apply for lineage society membership sounds entirely too daunting there are several options available to you for help:

1. Search through the application records of the society for information regarding your family. You may be pleasantly surprised to find a member who descends from the same ancestor and whose lineage documentation can serve as the basis for yours.
2. Contact the society's registrar or genealogical records chair to determine what types of aid (if any) which they offer. Many offer the services of volunteers who will help answer questions about the application process.
3. You may hire the services of a professional genealogist, especially one who specializes in lineage society applications. The Web site of the Association of Professional Genealogists allows you to sort their member directory by specialty, so you can easily find those who specialize in lineage societies

### The Application

1. Follow the directions/guidelines specified in the application word-for-word, especially as they pertain to the format of your lineage documentation.
2. Use genealogical format for dates (day, month, year)
3. Label your documents with your name and a very brief summary of what they contain.
4. Underline pertinent sections of documents (never use a hi-lighter)
5. Number your documents and provide an outline or index.

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## 2. Labels for lineage applications (place back of each sheet)

Albaugh George Beery Ohio # _____ Generation ____
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## 3. Genealogical Standards of Evidence

- Original sources are usually superior to derivative sources.
- Primary information is usually superior to secondary information.
- Direct evidence is preferred by most researchers; but indirect evidence may be used to build a circumstantial case, if the results meet the Genealogy Proof Standard
- All submitted proof and proof arguments are judged by the Genealogical Proof Standard.

*For example, a death certificate generally provides direct evidence of a death. The same death record provides secondary birth information.*