

Wayne County Pioneers Families

In 1985, members of the Wayne County Genealogical Society, a section of the Wayne County Historical Society became interested in developing a program to honor the earliest pioneers. The establishment of the lineage society known as the "Wayne County Pioneers Families." Any member of the Wayne County Genealogical Society, a chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, may apply for membership in the Wayne County Pioneers Families. The applicant needs to be a direct descendent of an individual who was a resident of Wayne County, Ohio by 31 December 1825. Applicants need to submit a complete WCPF application form, \$10 application fee, and all documents that provide evidence of direct ancestry.

The first pioneer was proven in 1986. Twenty-five years later, more than 130 pioneers have been proven. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Wayne County Pioneer Families and the 200th anniversary of the official organization of Wayne County, Ohio long time Life Member Esther J Strock has prepared this booklet providing some biographical information on each of the proven pioneers. The biographical information was compiled using the applications on file and several additional sources.

Sources may include the Federal Census Records; Wayne County, Ohio Quadrennial Enumeration for 1815, 1819, and 1823; court records such as wills, estates, and guardianships; land deeds and surveys; tax records; church records; vital records including birth, marriage and death records; obituaries; county history books; newspaper clippings; and personal records such as Family Bibles, journals, diaries and letters.

In this publication, pioneers are listed in chronological order in which they were proven. Date of induction into the Wayne County Pioneer Families and the section of property settled are part of the entry. At the end of each biographical sketch, the pioneer and the direct descendants are included.