

## Application Guidelines

On February 14, 2009, the state of Oregon will celebrate its sesquicentennial. To honor this anniversary, the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. (GFO) is recognizing the "First Families" of Multnomah County by issuing three types of certificates to qualifying descendants.

<u>Certificate Title</u>	<u>Resident Before:</u>	<u>The date of:</u>
Pioneer	22 December 1854	Formation of Multnomah County
Early Settler	11 September 1883	Transcontinental railroad completion to Portland
Lewis & Clark Expo	15 October 1905	Close of the Lewis & Clark Exposition

Applications for a certificate will be accepted from anyone who can prove direct descent from an individual residing within Multnomah County before 15 October 1905. Once verified by standard genealogical rules of documentation, certificates will be issued by mail to the applicant.

The certificate fee is \$20 and is non-refundable. The applicant may request additional certificates for documented descendants of a previously submitted settler for an additional \$15 each.

All verified material *may* be published and made available for purchase. Descendants, including certificate holders, born after 1930 (the date of the last public federal census) will be listed only as "Living". Any supporting documents dated after 1905 will be shredded.

Additional application forms are available on the GFO website ([www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org)) or may be requested by sending a #10 sized SASE to "First Families of Mult. Co.", GFO, PO Box 42567, Portland, OR 97242-0567. Forms may be photocopied if certificates are being requested for more than one settler or for more than one descendant. A separate application must be submitted for each ancestor for whom a certificate is requested, including one primary or two secondary proofs of the earliest date of residency within Multnomah County. All applications and documentation becomes the property of the GFO and will not be returned. Send only photocopies of documentation, do NOT submit original documents.

Please see the reverse side for an explanation of the supporting documents that are acceptable for submission as well as what constitutes a complete application.