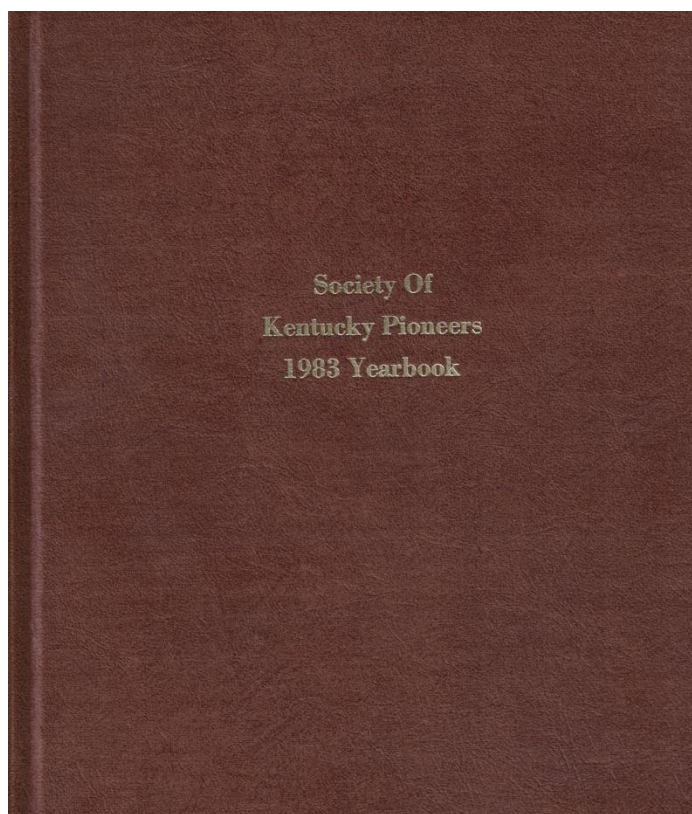


Society of Kentucky Pioneers (1982-1990)

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky.
Registrar of Society of Kentucky Pioneers
(1986-1990)

From book, Society Of Kentucky Pioneers 1983 Yearbook (The Society of Kentucky Pioneers, Utica, KY: McDowell Publications, 1985):



The Society of Kentucky Pioneers was formed in 1982 to honor our Kentucky pioneer ancestors and to further genealogy in general and Kentucky genealogy in particular. It is not our desire that it become a "snob" group but we do wish to limit it to those who can prove their qualifications.

To be eligible for membership one must document that he or she is descended from an ancestor who resided in Kentucky on or before 31 December 1800. A number of people have questioned that date as the cutoff time. Some have thought that we should have selected a date as late as 1850. We believe that our original selection of a cutoff date

is satisfactory for a number of reasons, By 1800, there were 40 counties in Kentucky. There were also more than 200,000 people living in Kentucky then. We don't know how many had lived there previously and had either died or had moved to other locations.

We believe that the potential for membership rivals that of the DAR. Kentucky has been called the "Daughter of the East and Mother of the West." The percentage of Caucasian Americans west of the Cumberland Gap who have Kentucky ancestry must be very high.

If you are interested in honoring your ancestor and joining this group, send a self addressed stamped envelope to Society of Kentucky Pioneers, Rte 4, Box 314, Utica, KY 42376, requesting an application. We expect this organization to accomplish great things in Kentucky genealogy and this is your opportunity to get, in on the ground floor.

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Application

THE SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY PIONEERS

An invitation to become a member

For those who have one or more direct ancestors who resided in Kentucky on or before 31 December 1800.

This Society, formed in 1982 allows recognition of those persons who have the proud heritage of a direct ancestor who resided within the limits of what is now the Commonwealth of Kentucky on or before 31 December 1800 Membership also provides knowledge among family researchers and historians of such ancestors of others and is an aid in developing your own family genealogy.

Upon acceptance, you will receive a large Certificate, certifying you are a direct descendant of a Kentucky pioneer. This will specify the details and will be suitable for framing. A new applicant applying on an ancestor that has already been proven is only required to document back to the connection in the proven line. This is why it is so important that you thoroughly document all of your data. Kentucky Pioneer Ancestors, a book documenting pioneer ancestry and connections to the member and considerable other genealogical information will be published as sufficient records are gathered from the files to justify it. These will be available to all members at a reduced price.

The Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy and Records is the official quarterly publication of the Society. It will be distributed to each applicant for membership and to each member in good standing. It is also available by subscription to non-members for \$12.00 per year.

The initial membership fee is \$15.00. Renewal is \$10.00 per year. Additional ancestors may be registered by a member in good standing for \$5.00 each. There is no renewal fee for additional ancestors.

If you are interested in joining the Society or you know someone who is, send your request for applications and a SASE to Society of Kentucky Pioneers, 11129 Pleasant Ridge Road, Utica, KY 42376.

Information and Instructions

1. The membership of the Society of Kentucky Pioneers is confined to persons who can prove that they have one or more ancestors in direct lineage, who settled or resided in what is now the limits of the Commonwealth of Kentucky on or before 31 December 1800.
2. This is a hereditary society without discrimination as to race, sex or age.
3. Applicant must submit completed application, neatly typed or printed, giving direct lineage and indicating what proof of residence in Kentucky by or before 1800 is basis for eligibility.
 - a. As a supplement to the application applicant must submit a documented family sheet for each generation of direct lineage. Photocopies are acceptable. A sample family sheet is enclosed. If applicant does not have such family sheets, the sample may be photocopied to provide sufficient copies to submit.
 - b. In providing proof of residence for pioneer generation, applicant should provide documentation by photocopy of original document. Proof of residence in Kentucky on or before 31 December 1800 need only be provided for the pioneer generation.

Family sheets and submitted proofs become the property of the Society and cannot be returned. Data from the Society files submitted by members or applicants for membership will be published in various Society publications at the discretion of the board. In all cases, be sure to identify the county or counties of residence as completely as possible.

4. A separate application must be used for each ancestor to be registered. If you are eligible for membership under more than one ancestor, request additional application forms and provide a self-addressed, stamped, long envelope (No 10 size)
5. Applications, with accompanying documentation, are to be mailed to: Margaret Alford, Registrar, 5215 Veach Road, Owensboro, KY 42301 for verification. Applications must be accompanied by initial membership fee of \$15.00 (renewal is \$10.00). Applications for registration of additional ancestors are \$5.00 with no renewal fee. Upon acceptance, a Certificate of Membership will be mailed to you.
6. An applicant who is not approved for lack of eligibility or lack of proof will be notified with reasons given and allowed one year from date of notification to submit additional documentation. If application still cannot be approved, 80% of the amount over \$15.00 will be refunded to the applicant. The balance of fees will be used to defray cost of processing application and distribution of quarterly to applicant.

Please examine your copies of the material you are submitting and see if the following requirements were fulfilled:

Documentation

If membership in the Society of Kentucky Pioneers is to be meaningful and if the membership files are to be of value to researchers now and in the future, it is vital that full documentation be provided.

Family Group Sheets

Each generation from yourself to your pioneer ancestor must be prepared with all information clearly documented. For example; if on one of your sheets you show:

John Green	born 25 Oct 1806	2
	died 18 Jul 1878	2
	married 28 May 1831, "Blank" Co, Ky.	3
	to Mary Brown etc	2
	died, etc	2

then below you must show your sources; such as:

2	tombstone,,. .location in detail (or) Family Bible.. copy attached (or) - ..etc (that is, your source for this date)
3	Recorded Book X, page 123 or photocopy attached.

Basic Guidelines

It is desired that photocopies of documents be attached, but if not, specific sources are required ie: book, page and county for public documents. If the record is not a public document e.g. Family Bible, cemetery, family genealogy book or other difficult to locate source, photocopies are required.

Pioneer Generation

It is required that you show documented evidence by photocopy of your pioneer ancestor's residence in Kentucky before 31 Dec 1800. This must be of an original document, if possible, (primary) rather than of a printed source (secondary).

Keep a copy of your application papers for your own records. Be sure your, name and address is on each sheet.

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Correspondence by Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky.

Phone call : From Cathy Benningfield, McDowell Publications, Pleasant Ridge, KY, 275-4075, 19 February 2010:

Cathy said some of McDowell Publication's storage area at the Pleasant Ridge School building has recently leaked. They have decided to try to find a home for the files of Society of Kentucky Pioneers. She asked if I would be interested in the files are know some place that they could be stored. There are several file cabinets and many boxes of the periodicals. I told her I would think about it. She will call back next week.

Contact : Shelia Heflin, Kentucky Room Director, Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY, 16 March 2010:

I discussed with Ms. Heflin the Society of Kentucky Pioneers. I told her that the Society was looking for a place to store their files. She said that there was no way the library could accept them because of space limitation. She said the Board would never agree to it. I told her I thought it could a great promotional activity. To the Kentucky Room's Web page a link to a page about the society could be added. The Society did not have to continue as a subscription and independent organization. It could simply be a promotional activity sponsored by the library. People could be invited to document and submit their ancestor and their lineage. With the current funds of the Society honorary certificates could be mailed to those who qualified. A possible online database with abstracts similar to those used in the Society's 1983 Yearbook could be created. She re-iterated several times that there was no way the society could incorporate the files.

e-mail : To Don Rightmyer (don.rightmyer@ky.gov), Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY and carbon copy to McDowell Publications (sammcpub@aol.com), 22 March 2010:

Mr. Rightmyer:

My name is Jerry Long. I work in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro. We have communicated a couple of times previously when I donated some books.

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The society was established as a non-profit organization and has its own fiscal account. For some time the society has been essentially inactive. Like a lot of historical and genealogical groups they have faced maintenance problems after the depletion of its original volunteer workforce. Only one member of its initial board of directors now survives. This officer, the staff of McDowell Publications and myself have met and have discussed a future home for the Society's files. Six repositories have been suggested - West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Ancestral Trails Historical Society, McLean County Historical & Genealogy Museum, Daviess County Public Library, Kentucky Library at Western Kentucky University and the Kentucky Historical Society Library. As a 21-year veteran of the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library I presented the case there. Our library was quickly taken out of consideration when they said due to space problems the files could not be accepted.

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Your thoughts would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to call I can be reached at home today (270-684-6299) or at the Daviess County Public Library (270-684-0211 ext.4) on Wednesday (12-9), Thursday (12-9) or Friday (11-8), except for the supper hour of 4-5 pm.

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Kentucky Room
Daviess County Public Library
Owensboro, KY

e-mail : From Don Rightmyer (don.rightmyer@ky.gov) Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, 23 March 2010:

Dear Jerry,

Thanks for your email. I appreciate your consideration of the Kentucky Historical Society as the primary option for permanent housing of these records. As the editor of Kentucky Ancestors, I am not the person who would make the decision on your request but I will pass this along to the folks who deal with our research library and archival holdings.

Please do not hesitate to call me and as soon as I have determined who should receive this excellent summary of your materials, I'll let you know.

Best wishes,
Don Rightmyer
Editor, Kentucky Ancestors
Kentucky Historical Society
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Jerry,

A personal aside -- I mentioned yesterday when I attempted to return your voice mail that my own Rightmyer ancestors were in Daviess County back in the late 1800s. I really need to come to your facility and do some genealogical research on my Rightmyer forebears.

I didn't mention it but I appreciate your taking the time to write this extensive and in-depth email concerning your query. That's very helpful and will allow me to simply pass it along to those who will be able to deal with your request.

Don Rightmyer

Phone call : From Bill Morris, Library Technician, Kentucky Historical Society Library, Frankfort, KY, work phone 502-564-5135 ext. 411 and cell phone 502-209-0012, 23 March 2010:

He said Don Rightmyer had forwarded my letter concerning the Society of Kentucky Pioneers to him. He works in the Kentucky Historical Society's library. He said he would like to talk with me about the donation of the files. He asked if he could meet with me this Friday. We agreed on 10:00 a.m. in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library. He said he is also the current vice-president of the Kentucky Genealogy Society and the president of the KGS, Mike Peters, will be accompanying him. They would like to discuss other projects we may work on together.

e-mail : From Don Rightmyer (don.rightmyer@ky.gov) Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, 24 March 2010:

Dear Jerry,

As I mentioned yesterday, I passed along your inquiry to our KHS staff members who deal with accepting new materials, etc.

You mentioned the boxes of back issues of Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy and Records. I would love to obtain a complete set of the published issues for my own research and reference. We have a bound set in the KHS Research Library so it is available for library

patrons. Just wondering. If it's possible to procure a set of that, I would love to do so.

Thanks again for offering these materials to KHS. Best wishes for your week.

Don Rightmyer
Editor, Kentucky Ancestors

e-mail : From Don Rightmyer (don.rightmyer@ky.gov) Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, 24 March 2010:

Dear Don, Thanks for your assistance. If the KHS decides to not accept the boxes of the periodicals "Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy & Records" I will try to get you a set. Keep up the great work! Best wishes, Jerry Long

e-mail : From Bill Morris (billmorris@ky.gov), 24 March 2010:

Jerry,

I do have some questions from KHS staff about the Society of KY Pioneers collection. Do you think it would be possible for Mike and me to get a brief glimpse of the collection at McDowell's either on the way into town or on the way out?

Bill Morris
Library Technician
Kentucky Historical Society
Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet
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Frankfort, KY 40601
P: 502-564-1792 ext. 4411
F: 502-564-4701
bill.morris@ky.gov
<http://history.ky.gov>

e-mail : To Bill Morris (billmorris@ky.gov), 25 March 2010:

Bill,

I am sorry to report that McDowell Publications is only open four days a week. Their hours are 7 - 3 Monday thru Thursday. Tomorrow there will be no one there. I should have asked when you called. It is fine with me if you would like to setup a new meeting day.

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Kentucky Room
Daviess County Public Library
Owensboro, KY

e-mail : From Bill Morris (billmorris@ky.gov), 25 March 2010:

Jerry,

Thanks for checking anyway. That's really just a small element of our trip there tomorrow. Our schedule was pretty full already, so you could probably answer many of our preliminary questions about the collection. Someone from KGS is already planning to visit McDowell's on another matter in the next few weeks, so they should be able to get some photographs & measurements at that time. Looking forward to seeing you at the Library tomorrow morning.

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e-mail : From Don Rightmyer (don.rightmyer@ky.gov) Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, 26 March 2010:

That would be very much appreciated. I wish I had known that those back issues were available and I would have inquired about them earlier. Please keep me in mind if KHS doesn't have an interest in them. I would think there would be genealogical and local historical groups who would love to have a set of those. I don't know if you're familiar with the Center for Kentucky History's building layout. I'm a "walker" but I actually sit on the far eastern side of the building and the research library is on the far western end so it would be nice to have that publication on my shelves where I could reference it if I needed to. Thanks for your offer and please keep me in mind. Don Rightmyer

Contact : Bill Morris, Library Technician, Kentucky Historical Society Library, Frankfort, KY, work phone 502-564-5135 ext. 411 and cell phone 502-209-0012, 23 March 2010 and Mike Peters, President of the Kentucky Genealogical Society, Frankfort, KY, 26 March 2010:

Met with Bill Morris and Mike Peters in the Kentucky Room of the Daviess County Public Library for 90 minutes. We discussed the Society of Kentucky Pioneers files. They are interested in accepting the files and talked of their interest in digitizing the

collection. Brian Harney will stop at McDowell Publications within the next couple of weeks and take down info on the dimensions of the collection. They also asked for my support and assistance in a proposal promotion that is being considered for the 2011 Kentucky Genealogical annual seminar. They wanted to incorporate a workshop that will have representatives from various societies and organizations across the state that will be able to assist people with research in their particular area. It will be a program that seeks to encourage donations to causes of genealogy and preservation. I told them if their proposal is accepted I would be more than happy to help in getting the word out in our area.

Phone call : Bill Morris, Library Technician, Kentucky Historical Society Library, Frankfort, KY, work phone 502-564-5135 ext. 411, 15 April 2010:

Asked me to send a proposal for the Society of Kentucky Pioneers donation to Louise Jones, Director of Special Collections and Library, Kentucky Historical Society, 100 West Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601. The representatives for the Society of Kentucky Pioneers need to sign the proposal.

18 April 2010

Louise Jones
Director of Special Collections and Library
Kentucky Historical Society
100 West Broadway
Frankfort, KY 40601

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Your thoughts would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to call I can be reached at the Daviess County Public Library (270-691-1883) or at home (270-684-6299).

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Kentucky Room
Daviess County Public Library
Owensboro, KY

Signed by representatives of the Society of Kentucky Pioneers:
Sandra Slaton, Treasurer
Jerry Long, Registrar

e-mail to Louise Jones (louise.jones@ky.gov), Director of Special Collections and Library, Kentucky Historical Society, 28 May 2010:

Ms. Jones: I sent the letter below on 18 April 2010. I would like to confirm that you received it. The postal service in recent years has lost several books that I mailed and I am no longer confident about their services. Thank you for your time and best wishes, Jerry Long, Kentucky Room, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica St., Owensboro, KY 42301, Phone 691-1883

e-mail from Louise Jones (louise.jones@ky.gov), Director of Special Collections and Library, Kentucky Historical Society, 11 June 2010:

Dear Mr. Long:

Let me first apologize for the delay in responding to your letter and email. Suffice it to say that since starting at KHS three months ago, things have been hopping along and I have been running to catch up.

I and my colleagues here at KHS, are quite interested in the records and publications you describe as the archives of the Society of Kentucky Pioneers. I have brought it before our Collections Committee and we are agreed that such an archive would be of immense importance to researchers on Kentucky history, early statehood and to family historians. I tremble at the thought of the size of the collection but we will find room if you decide to place this at KHS.

Now, the archives are different from continuing the program and the mission of the organization. At the moment, the KHS has included in our strategic plan for the 2011-2013 period to commence a program on Kentucky Civil War ancestors. Getting this program up and running is going to occupy most of the time and energy of the staff delegated to this project. While we would not be able to take on the continuation of the Kentucky Pioneers program at this time, I cannot speak to plans beyond 2013. I would imagine that when the Civil War program is up and running, adding another layer, so to speak, might be feasible.

If you and Mrs. Slaton do decide on KHS for the final resting place of the archives, please contact me and we can discuss the details of our coming out there to retrieve the materials.

Thank you for thinking of KHS. It is through donations such as this that we are able to continue the mission of KHS to collect, preserve and make accessible the evidence of Kentucky history.

Sincerely,

Louise T. Jones

Director, Special Collections and Library

Kentucky Historical Society

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e-mail : From Don Rightmyer (don.rightmyer@ky.gov), Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, 31 August 2010:

Jerry, Where did the various records of the Kentucky Pioneers organization end up? Just curious where they are now residing. Again, thanks for sending me the copies of the publication. I have really been enjoying having ready access to them. Don Rightmyer, Editor, Kentucky Ancestors

e-mail : To Don Rightmyer (don.rightmyer@ky.gov), Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, 1 September 2010:

Don: The committee representing the Society decided to store the records at the library room of the West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association here in Owensboro. I had my reservations about this because West-Central is facing a very indefinite future and very few people will ever have access to them. Others on the panel, however, were more interested in seeing them remain in the Western Kentucky Area. Best wishes, Jerry Long, Kentucky Room, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica St., Owensboro, KY 42301, Phone 691-1883 jlong@dcplibrary.org

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In 2011 the organization, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, moved from Owensboro, KY to Calhoun, McLean County, KY. The group had been organized in Owensboro in 1968. In addition to the group's files, the collections of the Society of Kentucky Pioneers and of the McDowell Publications (materials of the late Samuel McDowell) were relocated to Calhoun. In 2014 the West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association ceased to exist. The organization had published a wealth of genealogical data in their long time publications, The Bulletin and the Kentucky Family Records. The group's collections subsequently became part of the McLean County History & Regional Family Research Center (540 Main Street, P.O. Box 291, Calhoun, KY 42327).