



First Families of the Cherokee Nation

The Cherokee National Historical Society is please to offer lifetime memberships in the **First Families of the Cherokee Nation**. This unique organization is a means of recognizing the families who formed the Cherokee Nation.

Membership is limited to those persons who can document their ancestor as being a lawful resident of the Cherokee Nation prior to the ratification of the Cherokee Nation Constitution on or before 6 September 1839. The Cherokee National Historical Society (CNHS) will be responsible for certifying all applications and may request additional information when necessary.

Please complete the requested information forms with supporting documentation establishing proof of descent from qualifying ancestor. Examples of documents include birth, death, and marriage certificates, probate, land and census records, etc. Proof of relationship of each generation is required from applicant to qualifying ancestor.

All members of the FFCN will receive a certificate naming their eligible ancestor and an invitation to the FFCN Reunion held annually on the Sunday of the Cherokee National Holiday each Labor Day Weekend. Application certification cost for each ancestor is a \$25.00 *non-refundable* fee.

For further information or assistance, contact the Cherokee Family Research Center/Cherokee Heritage Center at: 1-888-999-6007 or genealogy@cherokeeheritage.org.

Applicant's Full Name _____

(Maiden name) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Your name as it would appear on Certificate _____

Name of Qualifying Ancestor _____

(The name of the ancestor who was a lawful resident of the Cherokee Nation on or prior to September 6, 1839)

Complete the application form and return with supporting documents and fee. Please utilize as many charts as necessary. Return forms to:

Cherokee Family Research Center
PO Box 515
Tahlequah, OK 74465