

Instructions for Completion of Application

READ THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION.

This application is designed as a tab-and-type document, using fields, and should be completed on your computer using Microsoft WORD. If you have a MAC, it will be necessary to convert the document so that it is useful in your software. If you need to convert the document, please refer to your software instructions.

Do not attach documents to the application.

The qualifying ancestor on the first page of the application is a settler, male or female, who resided in the Massachusetts Bay Colony for at least one year. That the ancestor may have lived in more than one settlement during that year is immaterial. Settlement must have occurred before the year 1650. Settlements in the Plymouth Colony were NOT part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony until 1692. A list of qualifying settlements is found below.

Provide full names wherever possible. Do not use initials unless necessary. Women should be listed with their maiden names, not their married names. All dates should be given as 04 Oct 1734. If information is unknown or not applicable for a specific blank, leave the blank empty; **do not use designations such as "N/A" or "living" or "-0-."**

Complete the genealogical portion of the application so that it resembles the following paragraph, and use proper bibliographic citations when you define your proofs (as shown below).

- 4.** James Falsinghampton
b. 23 Jan 1641/2 at New Haven, CT
d. 07 Dec 1728 at Duxbury, MA
m. 12 Oct 1668 at Boston, MA
to Mehitable Cromwich
b. 25 Feb 1643/4 at Fairfield, CT
d. 02 Nov 1723 at Rehoboth, MA

Proofs: TAG, Vol. 22, pp. 88-96; *Massachusetts Death Rec. to the Year 1850*, E.P. Rice (Boston: New England Press, 1992), pp. 70-71; *Boston Marriages Before 1900*, L.L. Commoner (Boston: Harvard Publishers, 1922), p. 313.

If you are using a copy of an application for membership to another society (such as Colonial Wars, Colonial Governors, Mayflower Society, Colonial Dames, etc.) as your documentation, **all documentary proofs shown on that society's application must be listed on this application**. It is not necessary, then, to include copies of the actual proofs with this application; however, a record copy of the referenced application, bearing the signature of the approving Registrar, the date of approval, and the applicant's membership number(s), must be supplied. DO NOT merely refer to the other society's application as proof of your lineage, as doing so will cause your application to be rejected by First Families of Massachusetts.

If you are proving a connection to an ancestor whom you have not used for membership in another society, you must submit one copy of each piece of documentation for each name, date and place on this application sufficient to prove the blood-line. Acceptable documentation includes: birth, death and marriage certificates or records, federal and state censuses, Social Security death index transcriptions, tombstone transcriptions, photographs of tombstones (with the name and location of cemetery stated on

reverse of photograph), bible records (must be notarized and must include copyright page), and similar documentation. A copy of the title page from all published sources must be provided. Family histories that do not cite to original source materials are not acceptable. In addition, GedComs, regardless of their source, are not acceptable.

Number your proofs according to the generation(s) they support, and highlight the pertinent information on each page.

Even if using a record copy of an application to another society to support your lineage, you **MUST** supply documentation supporting the qualifying ancestor's presence in a Massachusetts Bay Colony settlement on the stated date. If this evidence does not accompany the completed application, it will not be approved.

When completed, print the document on plain, white paper, and staple the pages of the application together in the top left-hand corner. Three (3) generations should appear in their entirety on each printed page, and all references to documentation should appear with their respective lineage paragraphs. This may require eliminating blank lines between lineage paragraphs, or, on rare occasions, changing the font from 12 point to 10 point for the references. **Retain the document on your computer until you are notified that your application has been approved.** This is requested so that, if there are program errors, your application can be corrected without retyping.

Upon completion, send this application to the Genealogist General with your proof documents and your check, payable to "First Families of Massachusetts," in the amount of EITHER \$65 (for application fee, annual dues and membership certificate) OR \$290 (for application fee, life dues and membership certificate). Supplemental applications may be filed for a fee of \$45. If you have questions or any portion of these instructions is unclear, please contact the Genealogist General, Jean (Mrs. William) Hacker by mail at 13810 Via Mañana, Sun City West, AZ 85375-2068, by phone at 623/584-7035, or by e-mail at whacker@cox.net.

Settlements that Comprise the Massachusetts Bay Colony by 1650

<u>Settlement Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Settlement Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Settlement Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Andover	1634	Ipswich	1633	Salisbury	1640
Boston	1630	Lynn	1632	Springfield	1636
Braintree	1635	Lancaster	1643	Sudbury	1639
Cambridge	1632	Malden	1649	Topsfield	1648
Charlestown	1629	Manchester	1645	Watertown	1630
Concord	1635	Marblehead	1630	Wenham	1643
Dedham	1636	Medford	1630	Weymouth	1622
Dorchester	1630	Newbury	1635	Woburn	1647
Gloucester	1642	Reading	1642		
Haverhill	1641	Rowley	1639	Exeter, NH	1638
Hingham	1634	Roxbury	1630	Hampton, NH	1638
Hull	1630	Salem	1626	Portsmouth, NH	1630
				Dover, NH	1623