

**Application for Eligibility
Register of Lineal Descendants of the Signers
of the Texas Declaration of Independence**

What is the Register?

A register is an official list. This register will contain the names of documented lineal descendants of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence and will be maintained by the Star of the Republic Museum at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

What is a lineal descendant?

A lineal descendant "is a person who is in direct line to an ancestor, such as child, grandchild, great-grandchild and on forever. A lineal descendant is distinguished from a "collateral" descendant which would be from the line of a brother, sister, aunt or uncle" (<http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com>).

Why should I have my name on this register?

Once your lineage has been documented, that information will be maintained by the Museum in perpetuity. Your descendants will only have to prove their relationship to you to have their names listed.

How do I document my lineage?

Each individual in a lineage must be documented with birth, death, and marriage records to establish the direct descent. You should first check the family trees on our website to determine how many generations you need to document. A lineage worksheet is available to help you record these generations and the supporting documents. Once your *application* and *lineage worksheet* are submitted, we will notify you if further information is required.

What else do I need to do?

Please submit a \$50 one-time fee to cover our research and administrative costs. If submitting two or more applications from one family, the fee will be \$40 each. If your name is verified as a lineal descendant of a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, your name will be placed on the official registry maintained by the Star of the Republic Museum.

You will receive a certificate with your name and that of your ancestor as well as a pin designed just for descendants. To view the certificate and pin, please go to the Museum's website at www.starmuseum.org and follow the Descendants of Signers link to the Registry. Also, you will receive a free one-year membership to the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park Association, a friends group of the park and museum. If your name is not verified, your application fee will be returned to you.

Please make check payable to: Star of the Republic Museum
P.O. Box 317, Washington, TX 77880

PLEASE PRINT

Title	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Mailing Address			
City		State	Zip Code
Telephone	Telephone (cell)	Fax	E-mail
Birth Date		Maiden Name	
I am a direct descendant of:	(1)	(2)	
Name as I would like it to appear on certificate:			