



NORWEGIAN STATEHOOD PIONEERS PRIMARY APPLICATION

*Recognizing Norwegian settlers who lived in Minnesota when it became a state in 1858. Applicants must be direct descendants of the pioneer.
One settler (or married couple) per application.*

Applicant Name* _____

Address* _____

City* _____ **State/Province*** _____ **Zip/Postal Code*** _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____

Pioneer Name(s)* _____

Other Names Used _____

Emigrated from _____ **Year** _____

Please provide the district in Norway, if known

Place of Residence in 1858* _____

Type of proof of residence attached* _____

1857 Census, 1860 Census, Land Patent, etc.

Line of Descent*:

Child of the Pioneer: _____

Proof of parentage _____

Grandchild of the Pioneer: _____

Proof of parentage _____

Great-Grandchild of the Pioneer: _____

Proof of parentage _____

Great-Great-Grandchild of the Pioneer: _____

Proof of parentage _____

Great-Great-Great-Grandchild of the Pioneer: _____

Proof of parentage _____

4th-Great-Grandchild of the Pioneer: _____

Proof of parentage _____

5th-Great-Grandchild of the Pioneer: _____

Proof of parentage _____

6th-Great-Grandchild of the Pioneer: _____

Proof of parentage _____

* Required

Brief biography of the Pioneer/Pioneer Couple (250 words or less): Attach a document if you wish:

___ Photo attached Caption: _____

___ Digital image emailed to email address listed at the bottom of this application

APPLICATION FEE (make checks payable to Telelaget of America):

Member of Telelaget of America application fee: \$15.00 \$ _____

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OR Non-member application fee: \$25.00 \$ _____

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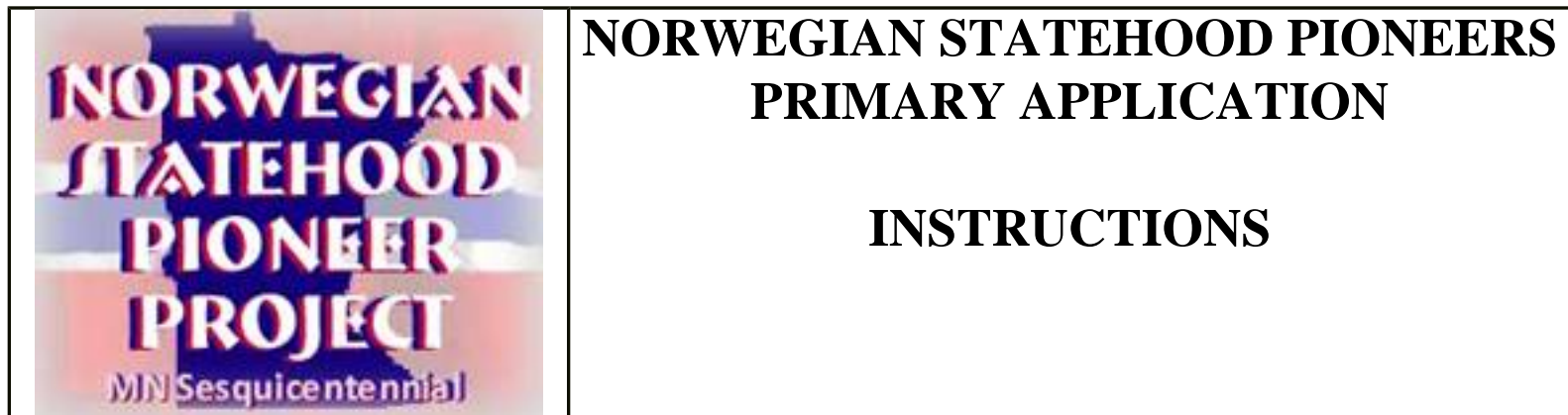
I understand that submitted documentation will not be returned. To my knowledge, the information on this application is accurate and photocopies of proofs have not been altered. I give my permission to the Norwegian Statehood Pioneer project to publish the biography and photo included in this application in the NSP Heritage Book. I understand that the NSP project has the right to edit the biographical entry for length and/or to combine information from multiple applications for a single pioneer. If multiple pictures have been submitted, NSP will choose one for publication.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

MAIL THIS APPLICATION, PHOTOCOPIES OF PROOFS, AND THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FEE TO:

**Shelley Jerviss
P.O. Box 292
Houston, MN 55943**



A primary application is required for each pioneer.

Pioneer Name: This is the pioneer's name or the names of a pioneer couple.

Additional Names Used: Many Norwegian immigrants used their patronymics, farm names, and variations before settling on the surname that is now associated with the family. Pioneers will be listed in alphabetical order in the NSP Heritage Book, and a cross reference will be included for each name supplied

Aslackson, Tarje see Grover, Theodore

Emigration information: Please include this information if known

Place of Residence in 1858/Type of Proof: The city, township, and/or county where the pioneer lived in 1858. Applicants must supply a photocopy of documentation that supports Minnesota residence on May 11, 1858. NSP will accept the following:

1857 Territorial Census

Land Patent filed on or before May 11, 1858

Marriage or Birth Record dated on or before May 11, 1858

Excerpt from a county history written within 50 years of statehood

US Census records that show Minnesota as the place of birth

for children born during or before 1858. The place of

birth for younger children will be considered. (If a child

was born in Minnesota in 1856 and a younger child was born in Iowa in 1858, this is not proof of MN residence.)

Church records – a photocopy of the record or a dated statement from the church’s pastor, secretary, or other church official verifying the content of the original record

Historic news articles or obituaries – The name of the periodical, date of publication, and page must be included

Letters or diary entries

A family story or history, even if it has been published, is not acceptable proof without its supporting documentation. The organization accepting the application has the discretion to determine whether documentation submitted provides valid proof of residence and descent.

Line of Descent: Proof of descent for each generation from the pioneer to the applicant can include photocopies of birth or death certificates, census records, church records, printed obituaries, and/or excerpts from a published history of a location or family. The proof must include both the name of the child and the parent(s).

Biography/Photo of Pioneer

The Norwegian Statehood Pioneer project will publish a book in the fourth quarter of 2008 that includes all of the biographies submitted during the course of project. During the year, participating organizations will publish special articles about life in Norwegian settlements at the time of statehood, and these will also be included in our Heritage Book.

Biographies should not exceed 250 words and should encompass the entire life story of the pioneer. They may include information about the pioneer’s birth and emigration from Norway, residence(s) in America, marriage, names of children, place of death and burial, community or church involvement, etc.

One photo may be included with the biography. A portrait of the pioneer/pioneer couple, photos of home, farm, business or family are acceptable. Copies of photos can be attached to the application. Submitted photos will not be returned, so please do not send originals. A digital image (any size or type) can be sent to the email address on the application. The name of the applicant and pioneer should be included in the email.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS:

You may wish to apply for recognition mementos for the same pioneer from multiple family members. The primary application must be completed in its entirety. Supplemental applications submitted at the same time require completion of only the applicant and line of descent sections.

When submitted together, the fee for second and any additional applications is \$10.00 for members and non-members alike.

EARLY BIRD DELIVERY:

All mementos will be available at the October Celebration. For those applicant-descendants not in attendance, mementos will be sent via USPS the Monday after the event.

If you would like to receive your memento earlier, submit an additional \$7.50. For applications processed by March 15th mementos can be mailed in May; those processed by May 15th can be mailed in July, and applications processed by July 15th will be mailed in September. Mementos for all applications processed after July 15th will be available for pick-up at the October Celebration/will be part of the bulk mailing the Monday after the event.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Direct any additional questions to the email address for Gene Estensen which is telelaget@gmail.com