



# CIVIL WAR SOCIETY OF LORAIN COUNTY

## RULES & GUIDELINES

Please refer to the general rules and guidelines for the Lorain County Lineage Societies. The rules and guidelines presented here are for the Civil War Society of Lorain County. The basic application rules are contained in the general rules and guidelines for the other Lineage Societies.

- The applicant must be a member of the Lorain County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society.
- The initial application fee of \$25 must accompany the application. There is a \$10 fee for supplemental applications.
- The applicant must prove the residency of the Civil War ancestor in the area of present-day Lorain County.
- The applicant must prove a bloodline descent from the Civil War Ancestor and to the collateral relative.

Your Civil War ancestor(s) and/or collateral relative(s) must have served in the Civil War, for the Union or the Confederacy. The ancestor(s) must have, at some point, lived in or served from Lorain County Ohio. Dates of service must be between 12 April 1861 and 18 April 1865. Service is not limited to an Ohio outfit. Squirrel Hunters, spies, those with documented civilian service and female ancestors who served in some capacity (e.g. nurses) are eligible.

A brief biographical sketch for each ancestor claimed would be appreciated, and is optional. With new histories not being written, this might be your only chance to tell their story.

For military service evidence, include only those documents necessary to prove service.

### Evidence Citations

- **All documents must include a full citation to the original source.** This requirement is true for electronic form, internet and traditional source documents. Other researchers should be able to use the citations to find the document themselves. Citations may be written in any accessible location on the front of the photocopy. Some citation requirements:
  - **Compiled Military Service Record (CMSR):** List soldier's name, unit, state and repository where the record is stored (NARA, state archives, etc.). If the record is on microfilm, cite publication and roll numbers.
  - **Pension file:** List soldier's name (or widow's or other dependent's name if filed by other than the soldier) and certificate number.
  - **Other Military Records:** Give all identifying information such as packet number, publication series and, if on microfilm, roll number. Cite the repository. Include any additional pertinent citation information.

### Evidence Types

Proof of military service can be found in enlistment, discharge, pension, Compiled Military Service Records, or other Federal, Confederate, or state government documents.