



ALAMO DEFENDERS DESCENDANTS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

The ADDA application is found on the ADDA website at www.alamodescendants.org/Membership.

The ADDA membership consists of Lineal and Lateral (collateral) members. All applicants must prove their relationship to a defender, non-combatant, courier, or survivor of the Alamo.

Lineal members must prove their direct bloodline to the defender, non-combatant, courier, or survivor of the Alamo.

Lateral (collateral) members must prove their bloodline to the defenders, non-combatant, courier, or survivor's brother or sister. (Any other relationship will not qualify for membership.) **Proof of Relationship**

Each generation must be linked with documentation to prove the applicants lineage. Proofs for eligibility are census records, wills, deeds, old letters, pension records, church records, tombstones, etc. Proof must be certified copies of birth, marriage, or death certificates. Include County volume and page number when using courthouse documents such as wills. **The ADDA does not accept newspaper articles, family histories or information published in books of any kind.** Preferred proof is census records. The census records can be copied. Underline your information in these documents with a **red pencil**. All applicants must submit their birth certificate, marriage certificate, spouse's birth certificate, first page of divorce, if applicable, and if remarried, those records. Including this information will insure any children from these unions would be able to join with all information necessary in his parents file. Prove relationships from one generation to the next using **as little proof as possible**. Please limit the amount of paper submitted. Only include proof that is necessary. Please do not include family histories with your application. Although interesting we are limited on space available for storage. (Print page 2&3 of the application to use as worksheets.)

Documentation from approved ADDA member may be used when applying for membership on the same the defender, non-combatant, courier, or survivor of the Alamo. As an example if the applicant is joining under his mother's line, the applicant only needs to furnish his first generation proof. All other proof is in his mother's file and does not need to be duplicated. On the third page of the application where proof is listed refer to the mother's file. **Example:** See Mary Smith file, (Mother), Cert. #1111. **Guidelines**

1. **Do not use** white correction fluid or highlighters on proof. These are corrosive over time.
2. **Underline** pertinent proof with a **red pencil**.
3. **Do not use staples, pins, or tape**. A paper clip may be used to hold material together.
4. **Make TWO (2) copies of your proof on LEGAL SIZE paper**. We need two complete sets of your proof. One copy will stay with your application and will be placed in a fireproof safe. The second is for the registrars file.

PLEASE limit the amount of documentation you submit as proof. We do not need four or five documents per generation. Only the bare minimum is needed to relate one generation to the next.

Filling Out the Application

The application link is found on the ADDA website at <http://www.alamodescendants.org/Membership>. At the bottom of that page click on "DOWNLOAD ADDA Application". Read the application carefully. Much of it is self-explanatory.

Page 1. Enter your full name and list spouse's name if applicable. Give your complete address, including zip + 4.

In the center of the page check the box that applies, lineal or lateral, and fill in the name of the defender, noncombatant, courier, or survivor in the space provided.

Page 2. Fill out all blanks at the top of the page concerning your birth. Give all dates, as month, day, and year.
Example: Mar 11, 1990.

Continue down the page filling in each generation. If an exact date is not known, it can be approximated by using "CA" with the date. **Please do not** go beyond the ancestor the paper is proving.

Check the box at bottom of the page to indicate if you give permission for others to have access to the documentation in your application.

Page 3. Proofs for eligibility are census records, wills, deeds, old letters, pension records, church records, tombstones, etc. When listing proof, list each generation to correspond with the number of that generation, for example:

Gen. 1 (Applicant) birth certificate, marriage certificate, etc.

Gen. 2 (Parents) death certificate, marriage certificate, etc.

Label your proof in acid free ink. Print on the back of each page in the lower right corner, your name and the generation that document refers to. Example: Mary Smith, Gen. 1 or Mary Smith, Gen 5 & 6 if proof is for several generations.

We do not accept newspaper articles, family histories or information from published in books of any kind.

Page 4. Family history. This is where you put family tradition, interesting stories which are not necessarily documented. Or, you may list data of applicant's family. Type in your ancestor's name at the bottom and sign both copies in permanent black ink.

When you have completed the application, click on the "Submit" button on the top right of page 1. The application will automatically prompt an e-mail to the Registrar. Some browsers (like Chrome) may not support the "Submit" button functionality. If clicking the button does nothing, please save your completed form and e-mail as an attachment to registrar@alamodescendants.org.

Upon receipt the registrar will print an application packet and mail it to you with instructions to complete your application process. The registrar will reply within two or three days to let you know your application was received.

Membership Packet

The application you submitted online will be sent to the registrar. The registrar will print two copies of the application on acid free legal paper. Applicants will receive a packet in the mail with final instructions to complete the application approval process. These two copies of the application should be signed in acid free ink. Please provide two copies of your documentation proof **on legal size paper**. This documentation to prove your relation to the defender, non-combatant, courier, or survivor of the Alamo, should be mailed back to the registrar along with the two signed applications and your check. The payment amount due is the application processing fee of \$15.00 **plus** the first year Lineal dues (\$25.00) **or** Lateral dues(\$15.00), which ever applies.(Example: A Lineal member will pay \$15.00+\$25.00=Total of \$40.00 due)

Application processing fee: \$15.00

Lineal Member Dues \$25.00

Lateral (collateral) Member Dues \$15.00

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions at registrar@alamodescendants.org.