

## **TDAI Policy for Approval of New Members.**

**Approved at AGM on 25.01.2001**

1. The application must be on our approved 'Application Form'.
2. The application can only be received by the TDAI Membership Secretary. Attached to the application must be material evidence, as requested on the back of the application form, of the applicant being a direct descendant of William Tunks and Sarah Lyons, plus a copy of the applicant's full birth certificate.
3. The burden is on the applicant to do the research to provide enough evidence to warrant membership of the TDAI.
4. If the applicant is not an immediate relative of a current member the secretary must ask the applicant for a copy of documentation, the material evidence, proving a direct line of descent that can be traced either from Len Chalmer's 'Tunks Family Tree' or Marian Perrem's Brothers Keeper 'Tunks Family Tree 2001' records. When checking an application care must be taken to keep an open mind. With absolute respect to our past and present Family Tree publications, new information that may prove our existing records incorrect or slightly in error must be thoroughly investigated and brought to a Committee Meeting for resolution.
5. If the applicant is an immediate descendant of a current member the material evidence is a full birth certificate.
6. On completion of the necessary research regarding an application, details must be put to the next available committee meeting for approval or rejection.
7. A letter informing the applicant of the Committee's decision regarding their application must be sent to the applicant as soon after the committee meeting as possible, by the Membership Secretary, provided such an officer has been appointed, or alternatively by the TDAI Secretary.
8. When assessing the direct line of a descendent for TDAI application the following "Guidelines" have been agreed.
  - a) An adopted child cannot be considered as a direct descendant.
  - b) Where a birth certificate for a child born of a relationship clearly lists either the father or mother and that the father or mother can prove by material evidence such as certificates that they are Tunks descendants this applicant is to be considered a direct descendant.

Note: The 8th. October meeting recommended that an alteration to rule 8. of the "TDAI rules" should be put to the next AGM (25th. March 2001) to allow applicants whose applications are not accepted to become Associate Members? (the FFF has such a rule)