

## PART I

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

#### GENERAL

Applications **must be in a typed format** with a good black ribbon. **No hand-written applications.** Computer generated applications must conform to the same standards as the pre-printed application available from the National Society, which is a one page double-sided form on 8 1/2 x 14 SAR watermarked paper. No other format is acceptable.

Submit **only one copy** of each piece of evidence with the original application. Attach no papers to the application form by staple, glue, tape, thread, pin, or other means.

#### INITIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SPONSOR, CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND CHAPTER REGISTRAR-GENEALOGIST.

It is suggested that the applicant's Sponsor or the Chapter Membership Chairman give one copy of the worksheet for membership and this folder to the applicant.

After the applicant returns the worksheet and a copy of each piece of evidence, the Chairman of the Membership Committee or the Chapter Registrar / Genealogist checks to ensure that the worksheet is completed correctly and documented thoroughly before the application is typed in final form. (Only current forms printed 1990, or later, will be accepted.)

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT

1. Give Chapter, if applicable, and name of State Society.
2. List only one Revolutionary War ancestor; give his complete name after "descent from"; indicate his Generation Number.
3. Give a brief record of service of the patriot ancestor after "capacity of" (eg. Capt., Washington County Militia, Pennsylvania Troops)
4. Give Applicant's complete name, no initials.
5. Give Applicant's place of residence (for mailing address). Give telephone number.
6. List living and deceased children by bloodline and not adoption. Give middle names, son or daughter, date and place of birth, and mother of each if more than one wife had children.
7. Give all dates by **day, month, and year (e.g. 01 Jan 1900)**. Use three letter abbreviation for month without period (e.g. Jan, Feb, May, Jun, Sep, Dec).
8. Generation 1. (Applicant's) note space for two wives. Complete section if applicable.
9. Complete "CITY/COUNTY/STATE" column as completely as possible in order to provide added value of application for record purposes. Space is limited. Use two letter state abbreviation and slashes only to divide without periods or commas.

**Examples:** Boston/Suffolk/MA or  
/Suffolk/MA or (if city not given)  
Boston/ /MA (if county not given)

10. Use full names, not initials, and the maiden names of wives. If a widow, show her maiden name in parentheses.

11. A copy of the applicant's birth certificate showing parentage shall be furnished. If not available, a hospital or church baptismal certificate showing parentage, date of birth, and certification may be furnished.

12. In accordance with By Law No. 1, Section 5, an applicant who is a lineal descendant of a member or former member of the SAR need only establish his descent from that member; however, he must copy the complete lineage to the patriot ancestor and the references listed on the former member's application.

Direct descendants of current or former SAR members, including sons, grandsons, nephews and great nephews only, may apply using only a copy of their ancestor's SAR membership approved application and no additional proof may be required of the applicant to be approved for membership provided the ancestor's patriotic service is not in question and is fully documented. When his membership certificate is sent to him, he may be requested to submit additional information about those ancestors listed on his SAR ancestor's application form.

Until and unless any requested additional proofs deemed necessary by the Genealogist General are provided, the line will be acceptable to direct descendants, including sons, grandsons, nephews and great nephews only, of the original SAR member, and will not be useable by third parties for either original applications or supplemental applications.

13. When applications are based on old SAR or DAR papers which did not provide spaces for dates and places, the applicant shall complete those spaces and provide acceptable documentation. **All** such applications are subject to review and updating of proofs, if necessary.

14. An applicant who is a lineal descendant of a DAR Member or former member must complete his application back to the Patriot Ancestor's generation. An approved DAR application may also be used as proof of the Patriot Ancestor's service. Check the approved DAR paper to be sure acceptable proofs are cited. **Only copies of DAR papers requested from the Registrar General NSDAR, 1776 D Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 are acceptable for consideration.** Only those items verified by the DAR on Record Copy applications will be considered as proof. **Please note: State copies of the same paper are not acceptable.**

15. Proofs (documentation) must be furnished with the application to prove the **bloodline** parent to child relationship of each generation and also the service of the patriot ancestor.

16. The lineage should **not** be completed beyond the Patriot Ancestor generation.

17. After completing the lineage, repeat the generation number of the patriot ancestor and burial place, if known, in space shown on the form.

## STATEMENT OF BLOODLINE TO PATRIOT ANCESTOR

Submit and mark evidence for each generation by underlining in red and placing the generation number in the margin next to the pertinent data. Do not use highlighter or attach notes.

Full birth or baptismal records showing the names of the parents should be submitted whenever possible. If the town or church records have not been published, a certified transcript or photocopy must be obtained.

An applicant who is a blood descendant of a qualifying ancestor, but who has been adopted by another family, must provide proof of the adoption procedure.

Where birth or baptismal certificates are not available, a combination may be submitted of the following:

Photocopy of actual full page census records.

Marriage records showing the parents of the parties being married.

Death records showing the names and birth of the parents of the deceased.

Wills, probate records, etc., mentioning the children of the descendant by full names.

Land records, court records, etc., in which relationship of parent and child is explicitly mentioned.

Bible records, either certified transcript or photocopies of the title page and of the family records. The relationship of the parent to the child must be explicit.

Family Group Sheets, Family Tree Charts, LDS IGI or Family Search records, Broderbunds World Family Tree Records, and items attributed to oral or family tradition, **will not** be accepted.

**Properly annotated** family histories and genealogies may be accepted as evidence.

When the family history or genealogy is authored by the applicant or any member of his immediate family, copies of the sources used for the compilation **must** be furnished.

When the reference is to a published record, the author, title, date of publication, volume number and page must be given. Photocopies of the title page and pages cited **must be supplied**, (e.g. Edwin Emery, History of Sanford, Maine 1661-1900 (1901), p. 69.

Massachusetts, Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, Vol. 9 (1898) p. 530).

When the reference is to an unpublished record, it is to be listed in the references space and a photocopy furnished. (e.g. Texas. Birth record of James N. Smith, (e.g. Texas. Birth record of James N. Smith, or Inscriptions, Old Public Cemetery, Madison, NH).

(Proof of the Line of Descent from the Patriot Ancestor)  
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A certified copy of a record / document must be an exact transcript of the complete text.

No preliminary decision will be given on a line of descent, service or evidentiary value of proposed evidence. When examined with all available evidence, such preliminary decision might prove to be incorrect and the National Society cannot accept responsibility for such a decision.

If you are the son or grandson of an SAR or DAR member or former member, include the National Number of your SAR or DAR ancestor after NSSAR ... or NSDAR, as appropriate.

### PATRIOT ANCESTOR AND HIS WAR SERVICE

The date of birth should be given if it can be obtained. If it is impossible or impracticable to ascertain the date of birth, some fact shall be furnished, with proof, to show the ancestor was living at the time of claimed service and of an age for the service claimed.

The date of marriage, with place of marriage, if known, need be furnished only as to the marriage from which the applicant is descended. When the marriage date cannot be furnished, but the date of birth of the oldest child of the marriage can be proved, the marriage date may be approximated from such birth date, and so stated.

The date of death is to be given. If it cannot be secured, some proved date identified with the ancestor and after the date of service may be used as a substitute (e.g. "After 1795 when he signed deed." Proof. A copy of the deed.).

When two or more persons with the same name are living in the same area, the applicant must prove **conclusively** that the service applies to the person for whom it is being claimed.

As complete information as it is possible to secure should be furnished supported by proof. The child through whom descent is claimed must be proved. Un-supported data entered **may not** be verifiable.

Sources of information as to Revolutionary War Service:

Published Revolutionary records of the various Colonies.

Unpublished records (e.g. muster rolls and payrolls) now reposing in State Archives, Adjutant Generals' Offices, State Libraries, and the National Archives.

Minutes of Town Meetings, and similar records of State and County governments, listing those who were appointed to various Committees of Safety; those who voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance, etc.

Account books of State, County, and Town Treasurers, showing payment for various services directly connected with the Revolutionary War effort.

In any event, the service must be found in the official records of the day, and the Revolutionary ancestor must be mentioned by full name. Unsupported statements in town and county histories, biographical dictionaries, family histories and genealogies, and prior applications may not be accepted.

**The DAR and SAR Patriot Index are NOT acceptable as proof of Patriotic Service.**

### APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

After application is completed with documentation, the applicant should read the attestation statement and sign it.

### FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPONSOR

Help the applicant; check his papers for completeness and correctness. Make sure that he has signed and read the statement of attestation.

Type in your name, address, and National Number in the space provided under "Recommended by the undersigned members."

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CO-SPONSOR

Type your name and give your National Number; sign on the next line.

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

Members having more than one qualifying ancestor are urged to prepare and file supplemental applications.

Supplemental applications must be submitted in exactly the same way as original applications. Forms must be dated 1990 or later. **No supplemental application can be submitted BEFORE the initial application for membership has been approved.**

Documentation already on file as proof with the original application should not be submitted again for generations which are the same on the supplemental application. Evidence must be supplied which connects the previously approved generation to the new line.

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## Preparation of

## Application Requirements

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