

# SAR Service Analysis Tool

## Instructions:

In certain instances it is necessary to identify the military, civil, and/or patriotic service performed by different men of the same name living in a community. Use this form after reading the Genealogy Committee Policies and the Application Preparation Guide on what is acceptable documentation to prove Revolutionary War service for the patriot ancestor. You may use it as a suggested implementation to the preparation of a proof argument which follows the GPS, as outlines in the BCG Genealogical Standards Manual.

## NSSAR Genealogy Policies

**Genealogy Committee Policy 5.5004c** makes the following statement concerning supporting proof for SAR applications:

"5.5004c. If more than one person of a name resides in a location where a patriot of the same name resided and not all were patriots, evidence must be provided to indicate which person performed the service. For example, if the patriot is identified as "Sr." and the ancestor is determined to be the senior person of that name, the service can be attributed to the ancestor. If the service was military service and one of the two men in the area was elderly and the other of prime military age, in the absence of other information the service can be attributed to the younger man.

The above Genealogy Committee policy allow the reviewing SAR Staff Genealogist to consider evidence differentiating multiple men of the same name to prove Revolutionary War service on an SAR application. This form allows the applicant to demonstrate that a *reasonable effort* has been made to locate evidence to support the presented relationship. If vital records exist for the child in question, they must be submitted.

The reviewing Genealogist may ask for further research if it appears that important records may have been overlooked, which may require on-site research, since not all records are available on-line. **Copies of each source used to demonstrate the claimed relationship must be submitted with the form.**

When filling out the following form please note:

***The top section of page one will auto-fill the top section of the second page. It will be visible when the form is printed.***

- In the "What Revolutionary War Service do you wish to Prove" Area - In ONE sentence, state what Revolutionary War service this analysis attempts to prove.
- In the "List Records Used in this Study" Area - State, in one or two sentences, WHY this analysis is necessary. Then, note the records that you are using in this study. Include County/Town Records (e.g. Duplin Co NC Will Bks 1-5); State Records; Federal Records; Local/Church Records.
- In the "Identify subjects of the same name" Area - Cite the sources you will use to identify the subjects of the same name and submit copies of each source.
- In the "Residency" Area - Discuss how the cited sources demonstrate the residency of each subject. Be concise.
- In the "Conclusion" Area - In two or three sentences, briefly summarize your case.

Additional Resources and Supports for Applicants:

- <https://bcgcertification.org/skillbuilding-its-not-that-hard-to-write-proof-arguments/>
- [https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2024-3-1\\_Genealogy\\_Committee\\_Policies.pdf](https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2024-3-1_Genealogy_Committee_Policies.pdf)
- <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/APG.pdf>
- <https://www.evidenceexplained.com/quicktips/proof-arguments-%26-citing-ourselves-in-the-process>

***The following Genealogical Proof Argument form only contains 2 pages and should not be altered to contain more than that.***

***If more than 2 pages are required, do NOT use this tool.***

***Prepare the proof argument following the GPS, as outlined in the BCG Genealogical Standards Manual.***

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National Number:

Ancestor being researched:

Patriot # P-

**What Revolutionary War Service do you wish to Prove:**

**List Records used in this study:**



**Identifying subjects of the same name.**

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## Residency.



## CONCLUSION

I do hereby recognize and acknowledge this 2-page form to be a true representation of the evidence contained in the submitted documents to support the above analysis. I also understand that the documentation submitted as proof is subject to SAR standards and interpretation. SAR Staff reserves the right to annotate the submitted analysis.

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Preparer's Printed Name:

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Preparer's Signature:

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Date: