



JOINING THE DAR

A Guide for Documenting Your Line to a Patriot of the American Revolution

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Outline

- Who are the Daughters of the American Revolution?
- Am I eligible?
- The application process from start to finish
- Identifying a patriot ancestor
- Documenting your lineage
- Resources for further learning

Daughters of the American Revolution

A basic overview

Founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, historic preservation and education.

Over 190,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the US and abroad.



WHO IS
ELIGIBLE TO
JOIN?

Any woman 18 years or older
who can prove lineal bloodline descent
from a patriot of the American Revolution



First Steps First

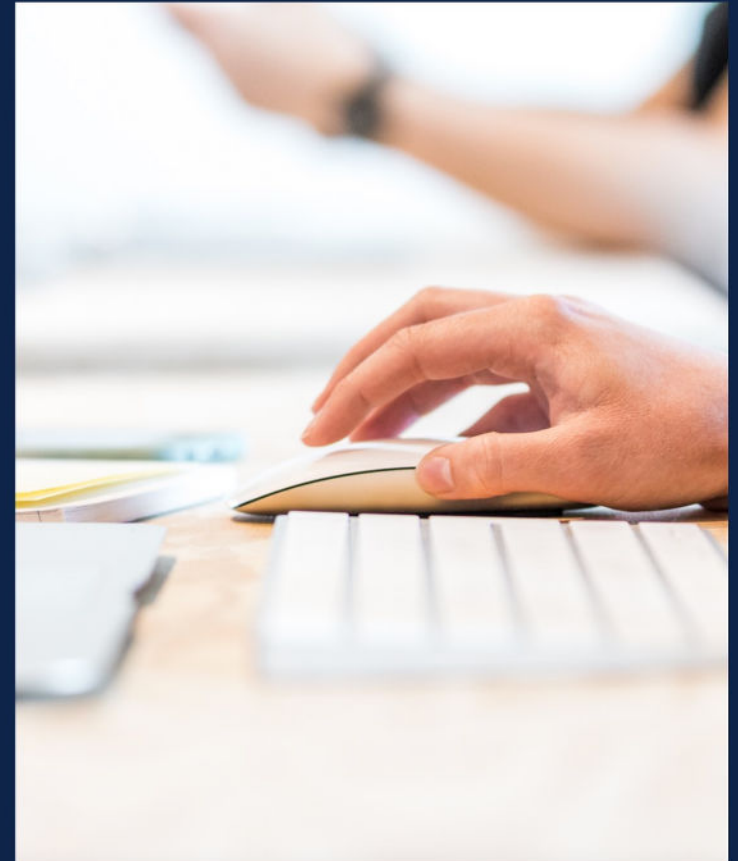
CONTACTING A LOCAL CHAPTER

Visit www.dar.org

- **Click on the "National Society" tab at the top of the screen.**
- **Fill out Membership Interest Form. A local chapter will contact you to get you started.**

When you meet with the chapter registrar

- **Bring a pedigree chart with as much information as you have.**



The Application

How your chapter registrar will document your line

Vital Records
Gens 1 - 3

Gens 4 - Patriot
At least 1 date and place
for each individual

Primary documentation
Best available source
Vital records preferred

Patriot
Residence and
Service



LINEAGE			
1. (applicant's name) _____ declare			
I was born on _____	at _____		
married on _____	to _____		
at _____	born on _____		
(2) married on _____	at _____		
to _____	born on _____		
at _____	died or divorced _____		
(3) married on _____	at _____		
to _____	born on _____		
at _____	died or divorced _____		
I am the biological daughter of			
2. _____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	and his (_____) wife	
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	Married _____	Date _____
3. The said _____ was the biological child of			
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	and his (_____) wife	
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	Married _____	Date _____
4. The said _____ was the biological child of			
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	and his (_____) wife	
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	Married _____	Date _____
5. The said _____ was the biological child of			
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	and his (_____) wife	
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	Married _____	Date _____
6. The said _____ was the biological child of			
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	and his (_____) wife	
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	Married _____	Date _____
7. The said _____ was the biological child of			
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	and his (_____) wife	
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	Married _____	Date _____
8. The said _____ was the biological child of			
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	and his (_____) wife	
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	Married _____	Date _____
9. The said _____ was the biological child of			
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	and his (_____) wife	
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	Married _____	Date _____
10. The said _____ was the biological child of			
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	and his (_____) wife	
_____	born _____	at _____	
died at _____	on _____	Married _____	Date _____

Acceptable Documentation

Gens 1 - 3

(You through your grandparents)

Complete dates and places required

Vital Records

Birth, Marriage, Death

Obituaries

Social Security Applications & Claims Index
(Not the SSDI)

Military Records

DNA

Gens 4 - Patriot

(great-grandparents through patriot)

Atleast one date and place required for each person in the lineage

Vital Records

Birth, Marriage, Death

Church Records

Tombstone Images

Obituaries/Newspapers

Land, Probate & Court Records

Military Records

Bibles, Family Histories & Local Histories
(on a case-by-case basis)

Documentation Not Accepted

Bible records, census, gravestones, family or local histories for generations 1-3

Lineage papers from other hereditary societies

Online family trees

Unsourced family histories

Findagrave user-submitted data other than gravestone photos

Indexed information not from original sources

Residence

TOWN OR COUNTY WHERE YOUR PATRIOT RESIDED DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

- Church or vital records showing the birth of a child
- Court minutes
- Land records
- Tax records
- Witness to a will
- Signed a legal document such as a petition



SOURCES OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE

Army or Navy, State Navy,
Local Militias, Privateers,
Military Service of French Nationals
in the American Theater



*Military
Service*



*Civil
Service*

Serving in a Provisional or New
State Government
i.e. Juror, Selectman, Constable,
Surveyor of Highways, Justice
of the Peace



*Patriotic
Service*

Oaths of Fidelity
Rendering Material Aid or
Aid to the Wounded, etc.

Your Application Travels to Washington, D.C.



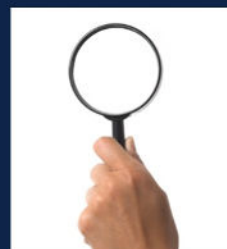
Step 1

Application is complete
Signatures



Step 2

Application is sent
to DAR Headquarters



Step 3

Application is assigned to
staff genealogist



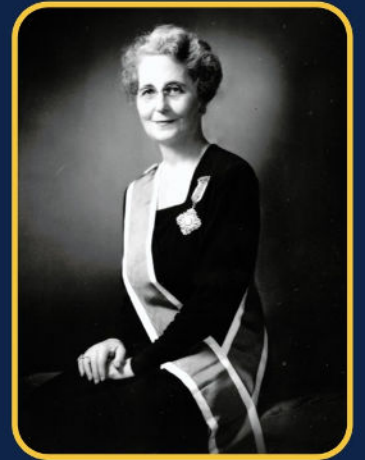
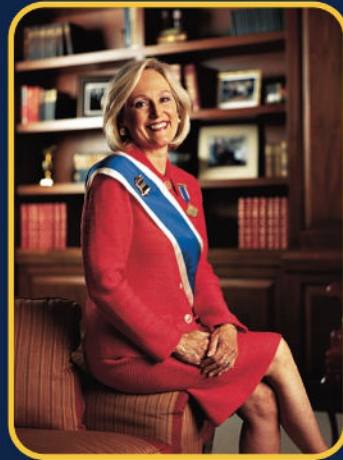
Step 4

Application is verified
or additional information is
requested



"Our Emblem"
by Clara Treadway Weir, 1907

**Our emblem is a gold wheel,
Banded with deepest blue;
Each shining spoke tipped with a star,--
The distaff shining through.
The only jewel in the world
That money cannot buy,
Without such proof of ancestry,
As no one can deny.**



Resources

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

- www.dar.org National website with links to the ancestor database.
- honoringourpatriots.dar.org Learn about the men and women who achieved American independence including information on African American and American Indian patriots.

Sources for Revolutionary War Service

- fold3.com Subscription site with Revolutionary War Pensions and military service records.
- learnwebskills.com by Dr. Debbie Duay, State Regent of Florida
Has tutorials for finding Revolutionary War patriots and documenting lineage.
Extensive list of Revolutionary War service sources by state.

