

MEMORANDUM

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To: SAR Applicants
From: Bill Sanders, Sr., Registrar and Genealogist, Cradle of Texas SAR Chapter #33
Subject: Summary of Genealogical Proof Required for SAR Membership Applications

1. Applicant provides generations (gen) 1, 2, & 3; applicant is gen. 1.
2. Birth certificates for applicant and spouse (if married) showing full name, place of birth, date of birth, and name of mother and father. These records are available since 1905. Birth indexes are NOT proof since they only say where to look for the actual document.
3. Death certificates showing date of death, date of birth, place of death, place of birth, names of father and mother, and informant. Caution: Some informants MAY or MAY NOT know correct information. These records are available since 1905. Death indexes and Social Security Administration Death Indexes (1935-present) are NOT proof since they only say where to look for the actual document.
4. Marriage license giving legal permission to marry, certificate of marriage showing the date and names of who got married and the name of the town, county and state where the marriage ceremony was performed, the name of the person conducting the ceremony, and a return document by the person performing the ceremony to the court clerk in the county where the marriage occurred. Note: the county where the license was issued may be different from the county or city where the ceremony was performed. Marriage indexes are NOT proof since they only say where to look for the record.
5. Question: Do you, your siblings, your parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts or nieces and nephews have anyone who is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) or Children of the American Revolution (CAR)? If so, this will speed up the application process by using their "record copy".
6. US Census records 1850 to 1900 show the names of the head of household, spouse, children, their gender and age, and where each was born. Photocopy the hand-written copy of the record plus the source citation which shows where the information is housed and authenticated. It should show The National Archives as the source.
7. Obituaries must show the name of the source: newspapers, funeral home, book, etc.

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8. Tombstones and grave markers must be contemporary within the timeframe of the person's death, and records must show the name of the cemetery and its location.
9. Bible records are proof if the front page of the bible, copyright page, and hand-written entries, written in the style contemporary to the time, are all photocopied. If you have the actual bible, get it notarized which makes it a legal document.
10. Y-37 DNA (and higher) marker results coupled with autosomal DNA results can be used in conjunction with other documents of the day to support applications. SAR has a DNA expert/specialist/genealogist on staff to process these records.
11. Other sources of documentation may include: genealogy; history; genealogical societies; secretary of state; library of congress; county records of probated wills and estates; bounty land records; and tax records which may be found in a public genealogy library, such as the Clayton Library in Houston, and at online genealogy sites, such as Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.com. Do not forget to look in the county library and genealogy archives local to where your ancestor lived to find records about him which only they may have. Books covering the time period from 1740 to 1850 may sometimes contain verification of your patriot or other ancestors. Fold3 contains all of the Revolutionary War Soldiers and their records which can be used as proof.
12. Each name in each generation must be supported by a second page that provides the proof of source.
13. The application must show where the patriot is buried.
14. The applicant must sign the application.
15. The registrar and another SAR member in good standing shall sign the application.
16. The chapter registrar sends the application to the state registrar for examination of proof; then it is sent to the SAR national headquarters in Louisville, KY for document proof. Normal turnaround time is approximately three (3) months.

You are welcome to use the pedigree chart on the following page to start your record. You are person No. 1 in the middle on the left.

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- Begin with what you know.
- Fill out the chart as completely as you can.
- Estimate dates and places, if necessary.
- If you do not have enough information, you may want to talk to a relative.

PEDIGREE CHART

Chart No. _____

Person Number 1 on this chart is the same as No. _____

On chart No. _____

