

Proving a New Patriot

For ancestors who have not yet been proven by, C.A.R., [DAR](#), or SAR, the following must be proven with primary documentation to approve the ancestor, their service, and by virtue the C.A.R. application.

Please refer to the [Guidelines for Completing N.S.C.A.R. Applications](#), section 7f. through 7m. for more details about acceptable documentation.

We require proof of the Ancestor's:

1. **Lineage:** Their link to a supposed child must be strongly documented. A single document will not suffice. For example, a will may state that he had a son Robert, but it must be proven that the Robert in the will is the Robert identified in the next generation in the lineage.
2. **Residence:** In all cases it *must* be shown that the place where the ancestor resided is consistent with the place where the service is claimed and that they were of sufficient age to have performed the service. If Civil Service is claimed, they must necessarily have been a resident of the town or county in which the civil service was performed.
3. **Identity:** If there is more than one person of the same name in the same area, it must be conclusively proved that the service belongs to the specific ancestor. An already established patriot with a similar name in the same area needs to be investigated to prove that they are indeed two different individuals.

Proving Revolutionary War Service:

The best evidence possible should be used to prove Revolutionary War service once it can be demonstrated that the referenced sources pertain to the ancestor claimed.

1. **Federal records**, such as the compiled military service records and **Papers of the Continental Congress**.
2. **Original petitions** are often available in the courthouse of the counties in which they were made.
3. Records of military and other service may be obtained from state and county accounts.
4. **Contemporary letters** from the persons serving, or from someone receiving the information directly from the person who performed the service, may be proof of service.

Published records must give the name of the author, title of the book, date of publication, volume, and page number.

If unpublished sources are used, photocopies of the original record should be submitted and must contain the date and place of record, i.e. town or county and state.

*Family genealogies stating that a person performed Revolutionary War service are not acceptable as proof. These claims must be documented using the acceptable records above.