

Arkansas State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Lineage Research Committee

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The Lineage Research Committee was established by Continental Congress in 1961 to assist prospective members with research for additional documentation necessary to complete their applications. *We are your Research Assistants!*

Any DAR member assisting with a prospective member should utilize the Lineage Research Lookup (LRL) Board. The Lineage Research committee and the chapters share the same goal — to send well-prepared, well-documented applications to the Genealogy Department, enabling the genealogists to verify applications quickly and without additional research.

The Lineage Research Committee's work assisting prospective members is a very important investment in the future. Often the documents found by a volunteer from the Lineage Research Lookup (LRL) Board will complete an application, allowing your chapter to welcome new members!

The state and chapter Lineage Research committees are encouraged to work as part of a team with the Membership and Volunteer Genealogists committees.

'Have Written' or 'AIR' Preventative Checklist

Created from Darryn Lickliter's webinar in March 2013

1. First three generations are complete – Names, Dates, and Places for both individuals and a document to prove? If there is an omission, is a signed statement included to explain?
2. Are all references and documentation actual documents, and not a user-submitted lineage on Ancestry or from a family tree collection?
3. The documentation is actual documents and not indexes of vital statistics.
4. If lineage goes through the woman, is the maiden name proven? Is the woman proven as the daughter of the preceding generation?
5. Does applicant's birth certificate name her parents? If parents are not on birth certificate, is a document included to connect Generation 1 to Generation 2?
6. A child that is born prior to the marriage of parents will raise a flag. Is this child a step child—are these two people actually the parents? The NSDAR is not concerned about a child out of wedlock, only that the two individuals listed on the application are actually the blood parents of the child. Is proof included that proves the child is in direct lineage?
7. Proof of residence. Many of our proven patriots on the Ancestor Database do not have documentation of residence during the Revolutionary War. Is there a document to prove residence if not included in Database?
8. Proof of service. Many of our proven patriots on the Ancestor Database do not list a source for service. Is there a document to prove service if source is not included in Database?
9. If the child of patriot is new, is a proof of connection included? A check beside a child on the list of children on an application is not documentation.
10. Are all source documents cited on page 3 included with the application?
11. A pre 1850 Census is not used for a connecting link document for generations.