

## PREPARATION OF THE APPLICATION

The application form is available for use with a typewriter or as a Word document for computer. The computer application must be printed on legal sized archival paper.

Documentation for each generation of the lineage must identify the individuals named and must establish the relationship from one generation to another. All documentation submitted shall conform to the present day standards of evidence.

Full dates with proof of birth, marriage and death (where applicable) must be furnished for generations one through three.

Birth certificates, marriage licenses and certificates, death certificates, wills, deeds, probate records, family Bibles and some census records (documents executed at the time of the event) are considered legal records of evidence.

Generations without dates and places, or other supporting documentation, may be considered with additional supporting information. If documentation cannot be provided for a specific date for example 4 July 1775, use "ca" 1775 or "about" 1775.

All references cited to support the lineage and service must be accompanied by a copy of the record. If from a published source (public or private), the title of the book, author, date of publication, volume and page or pages should be stated.

Documents must be legible.

Lineages accepted by another Society, or unsupported statements in a county history, family genealogy or newsletter, are not valid proof to establish a line of descent.

NOTE that insufficient documentation concerning any generation will delay approval of the application.

## RETURN OF COMPLETED APPLICATION

The applicant shall return the completed application form with original signatures of the applicant and the two members who recommended her, together with all copies of proof of eligibility, the application fee and annual dues, to the State Registrar within one year.

It is the responsibility of the State Registrar to see that each generation has been sufficiently documented and that all signatures are in place.

The National Registrar shall examine all applications for membership and approve those found eligible. She shall assign National and State numbers. If the eligibility of the member cannot be approved after one year, the National Registrar shall return all copies of the application papers and accompanying records to the State Registrar with a statement pointing out the defects.

Copies of application papers may be procured from the Virginia Historical Society, Research Division, PO Box 7311, Richmond, VA 23221-0311. The National Number and name of the member must be provided. The Virginia Historical Society should be contacted for current research and photocopy fees.



# National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars, Inc.

How to Become a Member

The National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars held their first Annual Assembly on April 18, 1932. The Society was later incorporated, on November 22, 1935, in the State of New Jersey. The objects of the National Society were established at the first Annual Assembly.

1. To honor and perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who, by their acts and counsel, assisted in the establishment, defense and preservation of the American Colonies.

2. To collect and preserve records relative to the American Colonial Period, and records of service of men who assisted in the establishment, defense, and preservation of the American Colonies.

3. To promote historical research and the study of history and to commemorate the events of the American Colonial Period between 1607 and 1775.

4. To inspire patriotism and loyalty to our country.

5. To foster a spirit of fellowship among the members of the Society.

The National Society takes pride in its continued support of the Virginia Historical Society, The Earl Gregg Swem Library, Jamestown Rediscovery, The Cathedral of the Pines, the United States Air Force Academy and West Point.

Donations to the Virginia Historical Society help fund the acquisition of important letters and documents concerning the French and Indian War in Western Virginia. National Society funding, matched by the Virginia Historical Society, supported the Save America's Treasures federal grant. That project involved the restoration and digitization of letters and books of Lieutenant Governor Robert Dinwiddie of Virginia, who was a leader in mobilizing the North American colonies against the French in the 1750s and who also served as a mentor of George Washington.

The National Society has assisted The Earl Gregg Swem Library in the acquisition of rare books for the Nicholson Collection. In 1698, Governor Francis Nicholson gave the College of William and Mary

approximately 150 books, forming the core of the College's original library. Unfortunately, those books were lost in the Wren Building fire of October 29, 1705. Eighty-six of the 150 titles have been secured.

Jamestown Rediscovery receives financial aid to protect the very valuable artifacts that are recovered at this most important first permanent English settlement in the New World.

The National Society also contributes monies to the Cathedral of the Pines for maintenance of the Cathedral.

Each year the National Society presents awards to graduating cadets at the Air Force Academy and West Point for excellence in studies of American History.

The National Society annually presents Outstanding History Teacher Awards to teachers at all levels of education. Awards are presented at the State, Divisional and National level.

Historical Preservation Awards are presented to applicants in recognition of research and preservation of Colonial History. Restoration of records, outstanding oral, written or pictorial contributions resulting from Colonial history research or any preservation of Colonial history records may be considered for this award.

## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF COLONIAL WARS, INC.

### ELIGIBILITY

Any woman is eligible for membership in the National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars, who is not less than eighteen years of age; who is of good moral character and reputation; who is in sympathy with the Objects of the Society; who is personally acceptable to the Society; who is lineally descended

in the male or female line from an ancestor who, from the time of the settlement at Jamestown (May 13, 1607) to the battle of Lexington (April 19, 1775):

- a. Served as a military or naval officer, or as a soldier, sailor, marine or privateersman, under the authority of the Colonies that afterward formed the United States, or in the forces of Great Britain that participated with those of the said Colonies in any wars in which the said Colonies were engaged, or in which their men were enrolled.
- b. Served in any civil position of high trust and responsibility in the Colonies, such as Director General, Vice Director General, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Deputy Governor, Governor's Assistant, Lord Proprietor, Secretary, or Treasurer of a Colony or Province, member of the King's or Governor's Council, or Legislative Body in the Colonies, or Commissioner to the United Colonies or New England, or Member of the Council, or Body of Assistants, as well as Receiver General, Attorney General, Surveyor General, and such titles as Sheriff, Constable, Mayor, Judge, Justice of the Peace, Customs Officer, Master of Ordnance, or other elective or appointed offices in the Colonies.

National Bylaws, Article III

## MEMBERSHIP

Admission to membership in the National Society shall be by invitation through a State Society or a member at large in those States not having a Society.

Membership is based on lineal descent from a qualified ancestor; legal adoption does not constitute lineal descent.

The State President shall issue an invitation to the qualified applicant. If a favorable reply is received within three months, an application form shall be forwarded to the applicant by the State Registrar.