# Genealogy Corner

*With this issue, the NSSAR Genealogy staff launches a series of genealogy and application-related articles. This is the first in the series.*

## Using DAR Applications as Proof for SAR Applications.

Since issues with DAR record copies submitted with SAR applications frequently result in SAR applications being pended, the staff determined that the use of DAR record copies would be a suitable article to begin this new series. (Pended: an application is delayed, pending resolution of deficiencies.)

Only DAR record copies purchased from DAR are acceptable. SAR does not accept DAR chapter copies. The front page of a DAR record copy will not include the DAR member's personal data; that page will have been redacted and replaced with a synopsis of the Patriot's approved data (birth/death dates/locations and service data), as well as the DAR member's name and national number.

The Patriot's data are the only pieces of data that are updated, so that data can be entered for the Patriot's generation on SAR applications. DAR never goes back to approved applications to correct data later found to be in error. Significant errors to lineage will be noted on the Patriot's page on the DAR website, such as FAMPCL (future applicants must prove correct linage) or EL (error in lineage). If an error in service has been found on previous DAR applications, it will be noted as FAMPCS (future applicants must prove correct service). Also, notations regarding corrected data usually are listed as DATAFC (data in the corrections file), and there usually is a brief explanation attached to that notation.

**When using a DAR record copy as proof, enter the approved data (tick-marked as verified) from the DAR application on the SAR application, omitting all bracketed data and incorporating all corrected data.** When data on the DAR application is "center-checked," individual data will not be checked off as verified, so unless corrections have been made or bracketed, enter it as it is stated on the DAR application.

Do not enter data on an SAR application that differs from what is approved on the DAR application unless supplying additional proof.

**DAR applications approved Jan. 1, 1985, or after may be acceptable, even if "center-checked," and even if the sources are from earlier pre-1985 DAR applications.** DAR applications approved prior to 1985 may be considered as proof if verification marks were applied to individual pieces of datum by DAR's reviewing genealogists. If DAR has flagged an application for service or lineage, SAR staff will more than likely agree with that flag. Staff occasionally may consult with DAR corrections genealogists to dig deeper into the reasons behind the flag. *Always* check the DAR's Patriot search to ensure there are no such flags, regardless of whether a DAR application is being submitted. *Also check the SAR PRS for the same reason.*

**Pages from DAR Lineage Books are not acceptable as proof of service or lineage.** Likewise, a printout from DAR's GRS is not acceptable. Only the corresponding DAR record copies of such applications may be considered for proof of lineage or service.

**DAR record copies must be printed correctly so that the complete pages are visible.** (There is no need to print or submit the first page that contains instructions. You can print only pages 2-5.) You may need to adjust the scale of your print setting to "fit to size," when printing the 8½- x 14-inch pages on to 8½- x 11-inch paper. Partial pages will not be accepted and will cause an SAR application to be pended.

*If there is a topic you would like considered for future articles, email Senior Genealogist Denise Hall at dhall@sar.org.*



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