

Directions for Completing a Patriot Biography

Patriot Graves and Biography Report

- Available on the NSSAR website. Go to www.sar.org
- Go to the links on the top row, hover over “Genealogy”
- Select “Patriot Research System”

The SAR Patriot Research System (PRS) is a database combination of the previous SAR Patriot Record Index, the SAR Revolutionary War Graves Registry, and information from the SAR Patriot Index CD (2002), plus additional information and updates from various state grave registry databases and patriot biographical sketches submitted to tell the story of our patriot ancestors.

- Select the “Mustard” color button in the center, “Patriot Research System”

You are now at the **Patriot Research System**.

The links available at the top of the page are:

- **Patriot Search** – takes you to a search page in order to locate NSSAR known Patriots
- Member Search – search page for SAR members
- Descendent Search – search for intermediate ancestors with known parents / ancestors who were Patriots
- **Biography Search – search specifically for available Biographies**
- Cemetery Search – search page for cemeteries where NSSAR known Patriots are buried
- About PRS
 - Includes definitions of the above Headings or Links
 - PRS is NOT...

Please be aware that the Patriot and Grave Registry is NOT a comprehensive list of all the individuals who served in the American Revolutionary War, nor is it an indication that an SAR membership application (Record Copy) exists for every Patriot listed herein.

- PRS Purpose:

This database is available for the purpose of general research and assisting with the SAR membership process. The sources contained within this database are NOT acceptable as proof of service for an SAR application. You must still find the original reference to the service when submitting an SAR application.

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Welcome to the
Patriot Research System (PRS)



Use of PRS Data on NSSAR Applications:

The Data contained within the Patriot Research System website represents a compilation of numerous sources, and is **NOT TO BE USED** as direct proof on SAR applications. However, this data may point you to the actual sources which may be usable as proof on an SAR application. Refer to the NSSAR Application Preparation Manual and NSSAR Genealogical Committee Policies Manual for the specifics of acceptable proof on a SAR application.

Submissions / Updates / Corrections:

This database is a “works in progress” and as such, we continue to make additions when new data becomes available and add new records for Patriots as they are approved by NSSAR.

Your updates, comments, corrections, and additions are critical to the growth of this database.

- We would ask that you use the ***Patriot Grave and Biographies Report*** available

[Patriot Grave and Biographies Report](#)

- Submit your inputs via email by clicking [Submit Email](#)

**Click Here to open the
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Documentation Requests:

Official Record Copies (a verified official copy of an approved SAR membership application or supplemental application) and supporting documentation for a given application are available for purchase. Details for how to make requests

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Tools provide important instructions - please read them carefully

Patriot Information		
Name:	Patriot Number:	
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth: (City/County)	State/Nation:
Date of Death:	Place of Death: (City/County)	State/Nation:

Spouse Information	
1 st Spouse Name:	1 st Spouse Pension Number:
2 nd Spouse Name:	2 nd Spouse Pension Number:
3 rd Spouse Name:	3 rd Spouse Pension Number:

Children Information
First names only

Service Information	
Qualifying Service:	State of Service:
DAR Accession Number:	
Service Details:	
Pension Number:	

Burial Information			
Country Name:	Cemetery Address:		
Cemetery City:	County:	State:	Zip Code:
NOTE: these GPS coordinates are for the Patriot's grave, not those for the Cemetery, as found on Find a Grave Cemetery		GPS Longitude:	
Comments on Grave(s)/Cemetery Notes:			

Marker & Tombstone					
Is there a tombstone / headstone at the site?					
YES	NO				
If there is, is a Revolutionary War Service Marker and please indicate the type:					
SAR	DAR	VA	Unknown	Other	No
Find A Grave Memorial ID:	Find A Grave Cemetery ID:				
Decisions to grave site:					
Are you attaching or sending a picture of the tombstone / headstone? YES NO Date of Grave Marking:					

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Source of Service Reference
Pension Number:
Documents:

Submitter's Information
Submitter's Name:
Submitter's Address:
City:
Email Address:

Patriot Biography
Submit a Biography

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Patriot Biography Guidance

- DO:**
- Discuss the qualifying service (military, patriotic, civil) of the patriot ancestor, and where the service was rendered, whether this was a specific state or Continental service.
 - (Military Service) Private, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Militia.
 - (Patriotic Service) Paid 1783 Supply Tax, Williams Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.
 - (Civil Service) Member of the Committee of Correspondence, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.
 - Use your "formal voice." As an author of a patriot biography, you are writing not just to document the patriot's service and circumstances of his or her life and family for today, but also for the generations to come and for the benefit of our descendants, future SAR and DAR members and genealogical and historical researchers.
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 - Be consistent with dates. Dates may be formatted as either January 3, 1843 or 03 January 1843. Mixing the two date formats in the same biography should be avoided.
 - Write about the patriot ancestor, the Revolutionary War service, and immediate family and relevant life events.
 - Base a patriot's service on a primary source, such as a pension record, tax document, correct SAR or DAR Record Copy, documents from state archives, etc., such as would be used if attempting to grave descent from this ancestor.

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 - Base a patriot's service solely on what is found inscribed on a plaque or historical marker.
 - Embed images of another text in the body of the biography that is intended to be part of the written biography as this requires our volunteers to take extra time to type the image of the pasted text into the existing body of the biography.
 - Abbreviate--Avoid the use of all abbreviations--names of states, military or other service ranks, use of the ampersand, etc.

- COMMON ISSUES:**
- Please spell out the names of numbers zero through ten; use numerals for numbers 11 and above.
 - When using quotation marks with a comma: "incorrect usage", versus "correct usage," This is also true of the period, question mark, exclamation point, colon, semi colon, etc.
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BIOGRAPHY EXAMPLE:

Zachariah Williams, P 321211, by Thomas A. Whitefield, Sr.

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