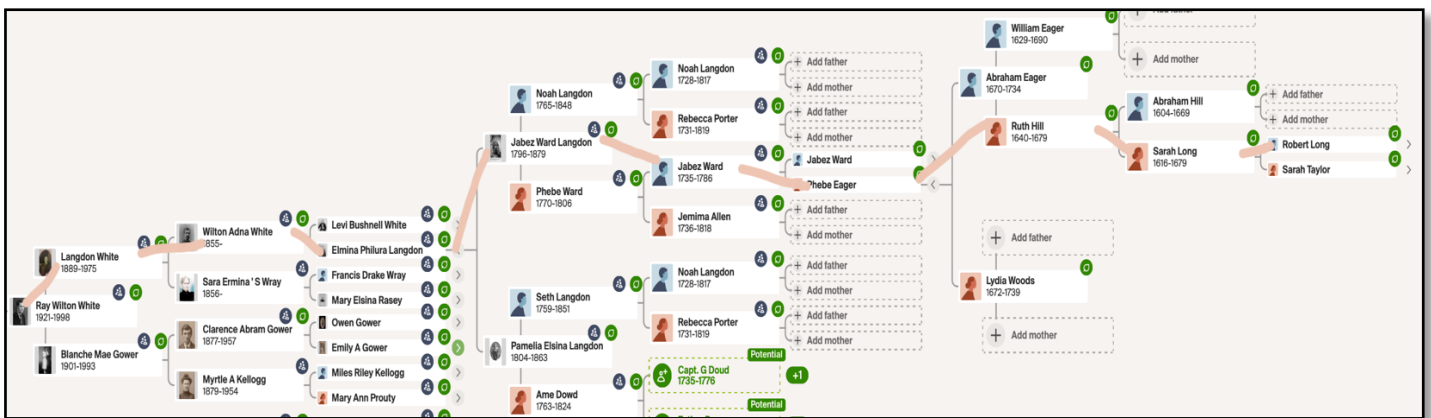


Improve Your Research Skills, Apply to a Lineage Society
Celebrate American 250!
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Begin with yourself, your child, or grandchild. Who will you want to share the information with. This project can be a Celebration of America 250.

Your best work will include vital records, or a vital record substitute for each person, date, and place listed on your pedigree chart. A lineage society application will follow a direct line back to an ancestor with service that matches the criteria of the organization to which you are applying.

Your lineage may zigzag through your family tree.



Download a copy of an application or worksheet from the selected society. Note: not all societies have a worksheet/application to download. I can provide some. Email me at librarian@rcgswi.org

Some websites:

Society

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
National Society Sons of the American Revolution
National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars
General Society of Colonial Wars
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Sons of Confederate Veterans
United Daughters of the Confederacy
National Huguenot Society [Co-ed]

National Website

<https://www.dar.org/>
<https://www.sar.org/>
<https://www.nsdcw.org/>
<https://gscw.org/>
<https://suvcw.org/>
<https://www.duvcw.org/>
<https://scv.org/>
<https://hqudc.org/>
<https://nationalhuguenotsociety.org/>

National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century	https://www.colonialdames17c.org
National Society Dames of the Court of Honor	http://nsdch.org/public/
General Society of Mayflower Descendants [Co-ed]	https://www.themayflowersociety.org
United States Daughters of 1812	https://usdaughters1812.org/
General Society of the War of 1812	https://gswar1812.org/
Jamestowne Society	https://www.jamestowne.org/
National Society New England Women	http://www.newenglandwomen.org/
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Mass	https://www.ahac.us.com/
Daughters of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co	https://wdahac.wixsite.com/wdahac

After 1900, documentation must include publicly recorded Vital Records.

On the next page is a hybridized facsimile worksheet to get you started.

Sample application worksheet

1. The Said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____

died at _____ on _____ and his (____) wife

_____ born on _____ at _____

died at _____ on _____ married on _____ married at _____

Proofs:

2. The Said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____

died at _____ on _____ and his (____) wife

_____ born on _____ at _____

died at _____ on _____ married on _____ married at _____

Proofs:

3. The Said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____

died at _____ on _____ and his (____) wife

_____ born on _____ at _____

died at _____ on _____ married on _____ married at _____

Proofs:

4. The Said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____

died at _____ on _____ and his (____) wife

_____ born on _____ at _____

died at _____ on _____ married on _____ married at _____

Proofs:

5. The Said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____

died at _____ on _____ and his (____) wife

_____ born on _____ at _____

died at _____ on _____ married on _____ married at _____

Proofs:

Sample application worksheet

6. The Said _____ was the child of
_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his (____) wife
_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____ married at _____

Proofs:

7. The Said _____ was the child of
_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his (____) wife
_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____ married at _____

Proofs:

8. The Said _____ was the child of
_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his (____) wife
_____ born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____ married at _____

Proofs:

Add generations as needed for the society selected.

Generation Label Tool *[Use for each generation documentation packet.]*

Applicant name [Your name]

Ancestor's name _____

generation #____

Ex: JOHN or MARY DOE (person that line of descent goes through e.g. mother or father; indicate "+" if linking document)

1. proof of birth [list proof here]

2. proof of marriage [list proof here]

3. proof of death [list proof here]

4. proof of spouse's birth and death [list proofs here]

Research Checklist

Name: _____



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Vitals:

Birth: _____

Marriage: _____

Death: _____

Location: _____

Location: _____

Location: _____

US Census Records:

1790: _____

1800: _____

1810: _____

1820: _____

1830: _____

1840: _____

1850: _____

1860: _____

1870: _____

1880: _____

1890: _____

1900: _____

1910: _____

1920: _____

1930: _____

1940: _____

1950: _____

State/County Census; Agriculture, Mortality, & Slave Schedules:

Birth Records:

Birth Certificate: _____

Delayed Birth Certificate: _____

Baptism/Christened: _____

Adoption: _____

Marriage Records:

Marriage Certificate: _____

License: _____

Newspaper: _____

Divorce Decree: _____

Divorce Petition: _____

Probate Records:

Will/Administration: _____

Property Inventory: _____

Guardianship: _____

Estate Sales: _____

Other Records:

Social Security No.: _____

Church Membership: _____

Family Bible Record: _____

Passenger List: _____

Immigration: _____

Naturalization: _____

Death Records:

Death Certificate: _____

Funeral Home: _____

Obituary: _____

Cemetery: _____

Gravestone: _____

Military Records:

Branch of Service: _____

Enlistment Card: _____

Wars Fought: _____

Pension Application: _____

Widow's Pension: _____

Land Records:

Deeds: _____

Abstracts: _____

Plat Map/County Map: _____

Land Patents/Grants: _____

City Directories:

Voting Records: _____

Tax Lists: _____

Court Records: _____

Children's Vital Records: _____