

FOCUS ON

Finding Your Revolutionary War Patriots

Did you know that through the Carlsbad City Library you have access to thousands of genealogy resources relevant to researching our patriot ancestors? Today we'll cover how to access the many print and electronic sources available through the Library and practice using some additional online resources that may help you find and document the service of your Revolutionary War patriots!

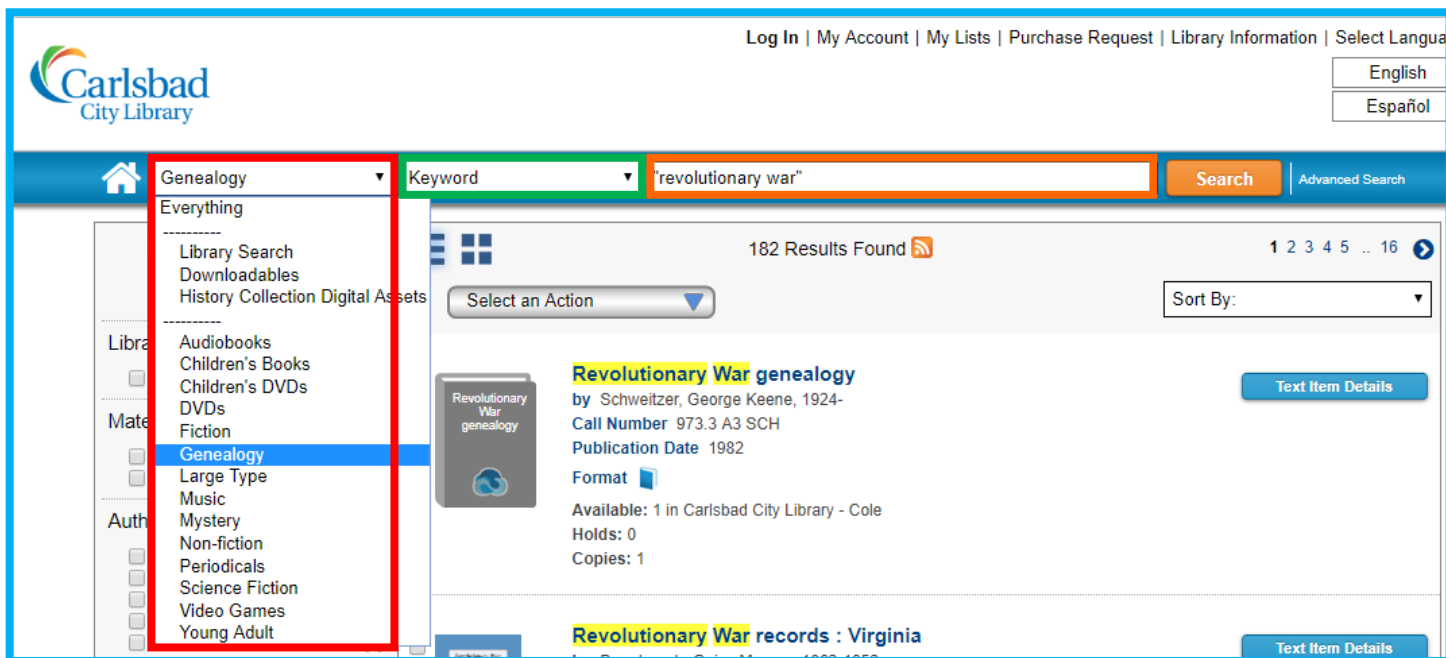
Books in the Genealogy Collection at the Georgina Cole Library

When *browsing* the shelves for books specific to the Revolutionary War, look for the following call numbers:

973.33	(Operations)	973.35	(Naval history)
973.34	(General military history)	973.36	(Celebrations, commemorations)

Additionally, books with the record type **M2** are military records and **M24** are military pension records. These books are cataloged to sit on the shelf alongside other books in the state or county to which they pertain. For example, 975.2 M2 are military records related to Maryland.

Information about all the books in the genealogy collection at Cole Library is also available through the *online catalog* on the library's webpage (carlsbadlibrary.org). To keep your results specific to our genealogical materials, choose **Genealogy** on the first dropdown menu. Searching by **Keyword**, put your **search** in the third box. To get more specific results, put your search in quotes. Try searching "revolutionary war" or "daughters of the American revolution" or patriot. You can also search record types, such as "M2" or a county's call number, such as "977.1794" (use quotes around record types or call numbers for best results). You can also combine search terms in the search box such as "M2" Maryland to find military records for MD.



Fold3

Fold 3 features a vast array of military records. On the homepage, navigate to the **Revolutionary War** tab. From there, you can **search all** Revolutionary War records by name or keyword. You can also **browse all** Revolutionary War titles.

A select list of relevant collections available in Fold3:

- Constitutional Convention Records
- Continental Congress - Misc
- Continental Congress - Papers
- Final Payment Vouchers - Delaware
- Final Payment Vouchers - Georgia
- Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818-1864
- Foreign Letters of the Continental Congress
- George Washington Correspondence
- Navy and Marine Corps Officers, 1775-1900
- Navy Casualty Reports, 1776-1941
- Numbered Record Books
- Pennsylvania Archives
- Revolutionary War Manuscript File
- Revolutionary War Milestone Documents
- Revolutionary War Pensions
- Revolutionary War Prize Cases - Captured Vessels
- Revolutionary War Rolls
- Revolutionary War Service and Imprisonment Cards
- Revolutionary War Service Records
- Revolutionary War Service Records - Navy
- Service Records of Volunteers, 1784-1811
- Virginia Half Pay Pension Application Files
- The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (AHAC)

Ancestry Library Edition

Ancestry is home to a number of Revolutionary War records easily accessible and quickly narrowed through the **Card Catalog**. Once there, search by **title** or **keyword** to find available record collections, which you can then search/browse individually.

Card Catalog
Searchable listing of all record collections

Results 1-25 of 28

Title	Collection	Records	Activity
Alabama, Revolutionary War Residents, 1776-1783	Schools, Directories & Church Histories	842	
New York, Pension Claims by Disabled Revolutionary War Veterans, 1779-1789	Military	4,761	
North Carolina and Tennessee, Revolutionary War Land Warrants, 1783-1843	Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal	6,181	
Pennsylvania, Revolutionary War Battalions and Militia Index, 1775-1783	Military	46,763	
Maine, Revolutionary War Land Grants, 1776-1780	Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal	2,112	

A select list of relevant collections available in Ancestry Library Edition:

- Alabama, Revolutionary War Residents, 1776-1783
- New York, Pension Claims by Disabled Revolutionary War Veterans, 1779-1789
- North Carolina and Tennessee, Revolutionary War Land Warrants, 1783-1843
- Pennsylvania, Revolutionary War Battalions and Militia Index, 1775-1783
- Maine, Revolutionary War Land Grants, 1776-1780
- U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900
- U.S. Compiled Revolutionary War Military Service Records, 1775-1783
- U.S. Revolutionary War Miscellaneous Records (Manuscript File), 1775-1790s
- U.S., Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1801-1815, 1818-1872
- Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War
- Revolutionary War Pensioner Census, 1841
- Vermont Men in the Revolutionary War
- Connecticut Men in the Revolutionary War
- Land Grants to Georgia Revolutionary War Veterans
- Revolutionary War Heroes
- U.S., Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783
- Revolutionary War Pension Index
- Illinois, Revolutionary War Veteran Burials Index, 1775-1850
- Maine, Revolutionary War Bounty Applications, 1835-1836
- American Revolutionary War Rejected Pensions
- Maryland Revolutionary War Records
- Alabama Revolutionary War Soldiers
- Connecticut Revolutionary War Military Lists, 1775-83
- North Carolina, Revolutionary War Soldiers, 1776-1783
- Pennsylvania, Women in the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783
- Virginia, Soldiers of 1776
- Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War
- Revolutionary War Courts-Martial, 1775-1783

American Ancestors

To narrow your research to Revolutionary War records on American Ancestors, conduct an **advanced search** and change the **Category** to **Military Records**. You can also narrow your search to specific **databases**.

The screenshot shows the American Ancestors website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there are several menu items: SEARCH, SERVICES, LEARN, LIBRARY, EVENTS, NEWS, and BOOKSTORE. A red circle highlights the 'SEARCH' menu, and a red arrow points to the 'Advanced Search' button. Below the search bar, there is a 'Search All Databases' section with a 'Category' dropdown menu set to 'Military Records'. A green box highlights this dropdown. To the right of the 'Category' dropdown is a 'Database' dropdown menu, which is open and showing a list of relevant collections. An orange box highlights this dropdown menu. The list of collections includes: Boston, MA: Sea Fencibles' Signal Roll, 1824; Colonial Soldiers and Officers in New England, 1620-1775; Index of Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1800-1900; Maine: Soldiers in World War I, 1917-1919; Massachusetts: Divided Hearts, Massachusetts Loyalists, 1765-1790; Massachusetts: List of Pensioners; Massachusetts: Revolutionary War Pensioners' Receipts, 1799-1807; Massachusetts: Revolutionary War Pensioners' Receipts, 1827-1836; Massachusetts: Society of the Cincinnati; Newport, RI: Members of the Artillery Company of Newport, 1741-1854; Randolph, MA: Civil War Veterans, 1805-1848; United States: Revolutionary War Naval Pensioners' Receipts, 1829-1832; Vermont: Soldiers in World War I, 1917-1919; Weymouth, MA: Revolutionary War Soldiers and Sailors, 1775-1783.

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- Massachusetts: List of Pensioners
- Massachusetts: Revolutionary War Pensioners' Receipts, 1799-1807
- Massachusetts: Revolutionary War Pensioners' Receipts, 1827-1836
- Newport, RI: Members of the Artillery Company of Newport, 1741-1854
- Weymouth, MA: Revolutionary War Soldiers and Sailors, 1775-1783

Heritage Quest

Did you know that Heritage Quest maintains a collection of **pension and bounty-land warrant applications**, accessible right from the **homepage**?

The screenshot shows the HeritageQuest Online homepage. At the top, the logo 'HeritageQuest' is displayed. Below it, a red banner reads 'HeritageQuest Online' and 'Discover your family history today'. Navigation links for 'Search', 'Research Aids', and 'Maps' are provided. A 'Welcome to HeritageQuest Online at the Library' section features a circular profile picture of a man and lists various record collections: City Directories, Census Map Guide, U.S. Indian Census Rolls, Mortality Schedules, Agricultural and Industrial Schedules, and U.S. Freedman's Bank Record, 1861-1875. A large yellow starburst graphic with a hand icon pointing to it contains the text: 'REMEMBER! HeritageQuest is available to you: in all CCL Computer Labs, on Library Guest WiFi, and from home with your CCL Card'. Below this, a 'US Census Records' section shows a grid of years from 1790 to 1940 and a 'View All' link. A 'Canada Census Records' section shows years from 1861 to 1921 and a 'View All' link. A 'Begin Searching' button is located at the bottom of the main content area. At the bottom of the page, four search categories are listed: 'SEARCH US CENSUS', 'SEARCH BOOKS', 'SEARCH REVOLUTIONARY WAR', and 'SEARCH CANADA CENSUS'. The 'SEARCH REVOLUTIONARY WAR' section is highlighted with a red border and contains the text: 'Search selected records from the Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-land Warrant Application Files.' and a 'Search Now' button.

HeritageQuest

HeritageQuest Online


Discover your family history today

[Search](#) [Research Aids](#) [Maps](#)

Welcome to HeritageQuest Online at the Library

City Directories
Census Map Guide
U.S. Indian Census Rolls

Mortality Schedules
Agricultural and Industrial Schedules
U.S. Freedman's Bank Record, 1861-1875

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We have billions of records ready to reveal your family's story.

[Begin Searching](#)

US Census Records

1940	1930	1920	1910	1900
1890	1880	1870	1860	1850
1840	1830	1820	1810	1800
1790				

[View All](#)

Canada Census Records

1921	1911	1901	1891	1881
1871	1861			

[View All](#)

SEARCH US CENSUS

Find ancestors in the complete set of U.S. Federal Census images from 1790-1940, including name indexes for many years.

[Search Now](#)

SEARCH BOOKS

Find information on people and places described in over 28,000 family and local histories.

[Search Now](#)

SEARCH REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Search selected records from the Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-land Warrant Application Files.

[Search Now](#)

SEARCH CANADA CENSUS

Find ancestors in this set of Canada Census Images from 1825-1921

[Search Now](#)

Newspapers.com

Narrow by date, try your ancestor's surname or such terms as: America, revolution, regiment, battalion, company, privateer, officer, troop, independence and war.

ARCHIVE HOME SEARCH BROWSE PAPERS CLIPPINGS Sign-in

Welcome, CARLSBAD CITY LIBRARY

35 matches 1765 - 1783 "revolutionary war" Show advanced Need help? Save/Notify

Narrow by Date 35 matches

1746 1774 2019

1765 to 1783 Update

Narrow by Location

US World Click a state

US Maryland 3 Pennsylvania 24

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Clipping: "Revolutionary War 26Jun1777" - "G.Wash Hate M The Maryland Gazette Annapolis, Maryland

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Newspapers.com is available to you:

- in all CCL Computer Labs
- on Library Guest WiFi
- from home with your CCL Card

Archives Unbound

Archives Unbound presents topically-focused digital collections of historical documents. Try searching "revolutionary war" in the **Advanced Search** menu:

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Archives Unbound

HOME **ADVANCED SEARCH** BROWSE COLLECTIONS SEARCH HISTORY

Advanced Search

Enter search term(s) and select index type. Indicate choice of Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT).

Fuzzy Search

"revolutionary war" in Full Text None

And in Keyword None

And in Document title

Add a Row

SEARCH CLEAR

Limit your search (Optional):

Collection / Category : Collection Category Select No Title(s) selected

REMEMBER!

Archives Unbound is available:

- in all CCL Computer Labs
- on Library Guest WiFi
- from home with CCL Card

Accessing Library databases remotely (from home)

The following databases are available remotely with your Carlsbad City Library card:

Archives Unbound
Fold 3

Heritage Quest
Newspapers.com

America's GenealogyBank*
**Coming Soon*

To access these subscriptions, enter carlsbadlibrary.org in the URL bar of your internet browser. On the library's homepage, hover over the **Services** tab and select **Genealogy** from the drop down menu.

Once on the Genealogy page, scroll down to the **Databases** section and click the link for the database you're interested in. The link will take you to a **login** page where you will enter your 14 digit library card number (no spaces).

The screenshot shows the Carlsbad City Library website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'City Site', 'My Account', 'Location & Hours', 'Low Graphics', and social media icons. A search bar asks 'How can we help?' with options to search the catalog or the city website. A 'Services' dropdown menu is open, with 'Genealogy' highlighted. Below the menu, the 'Genealogy' page is visible, featuring a 'Databases' section with links to 'American Ancestors', 'America's GenealogyBank', 'Ancestry Library Edition', 'Archives Unbound', 'Fold 3', 'Heritage Quest', and 'Newspapers.com'. A blue box highlights the login form for 'America's GenealogyBank', which requires a 14-digit library card number. A green box highlights the 'Databases' section. Blue arrows point from the 'Locations', 'Upcoming Events', 'Get a Card', and 'Newspapers.com' links in the left sidebar to their respective sections on the main page.

FamilySearch.org

There are two quick methods to focus your research to Revolutionary War on FamilySearch.org:

Search by Collection

Click **Search** in the top menu bar and then enter Revolutionary War in the **collection title** box.

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch.org homepage. At the top, the 'Search' button in the navigation menu is highlighted with a red box. Below the search bar, the 'Records' tab is selected. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Search Historical Records' and 'Research By Location'. The 'Search Historical Records' section includes a form for entering a deceased ancestor's name (First Names and Last Names) and options to restrict records by location, type, batch number, and film number. The 'Research By Location' section features a world map. A 'Find a Collection' section is highlighted with a green box, showing a search for 'Revolutionary War' which returns a list of relevant collections, including 'Maine Revolutionary War Bounty Land Applications, 1835-1838' and 'Massachusetts Revolutionary War Bounty Land Applications, 1805-1845'.

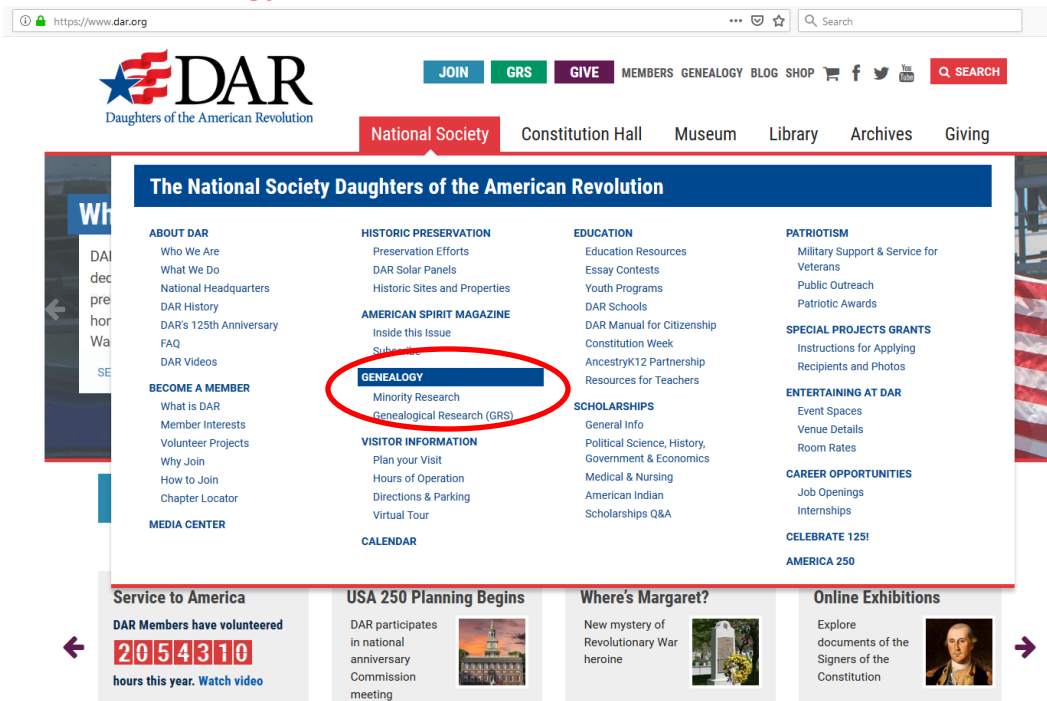
Use the Research Wiki

Hover over the **Search** menu and choose **Research Wiki**. Type Revolutionary War in the top search box and watch for a list of suggested articles!

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Research Wiki page. The 'Search' button in the navigation menu is highlighted with a blue circle. A dropdown menu is open, showing various search options, with 'Research Wiki' highlighted by a blue circle. The 'Research Wiki' page is displayed, featuring a search bar and a list of suggested articles. The search bar contains the text 'Revolutionary War' and is highlighted with a blue box. The suggested articles include 'Revolutionary War, 1775 to 1783', 'Revolutionary War Pension Records and Bounty Land Warrants', 'Revolutionary War Service Records', 'Revolutionary War Loyalist Records', 'Revolutionary War Census Records', 'Revolutionary War Unit Histories', 'Revolutionary War Veterans' and Lineage Society Records', 'Revolutionary War Cemetery Records', 'Revolutionary War Rolls Coverage Table', and 'Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Records'. A world map is visible in the background, with various regions labeled.

DAR.org

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a non-profit service organization that promotes historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Membership is open to women that can document a direct lineal connection to a soldier or others of the Revolutionary period who aided the cause of independence. The DAR website features many tools to aid the genealogical research necessary to join the Daughters of the American Revolution. A good first place to start is on their homepage, hovering over the **National Society** menu and choosing **Genealogy** :



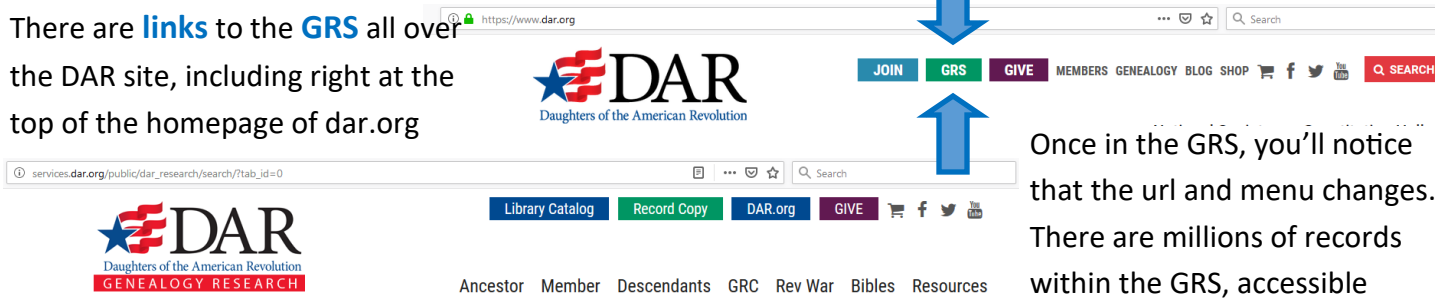
On the Genealogy page you will find:

- Tips on getting started
- Research suggestions
- Educational resources
- Link to the GRS

The GRS or Genealogical Research System is an online research portal containing thousands of family history materials collected by DAR since its founding in 1890!

GRS (Genealogical Research System)

There are **links** to the **GRS** all over the DAR site, including right at the top of the homepage of dar.org



Once in the GRS, you'll notice that the url and menu changes. There are millions of records within the GRS, accessible through seven databases:



- Ancestor
- Member
- Descendants
- GRC
- Rev War
- Bibles
- Resources


GRS url: http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?tab_id=0

ANCESTOR Search

Use the Ancestor database to determine if your patriot ancestor's service has already been proven!

The Ancestor database was created to help prospective and existing members with their applications. The data comes from members' proven applications. New records are added daily. Please note:

- The Ancestor database is NOT a comprehensive list of everyone who served in the Revolutionary War.
- DAR uses the LOC standard surname rather than variant spellings of similar surnames to ensure patriots are not established under more than one spelling.



Ancestor Database Search Tips!


- Less is more! Not every field needs to be filled-in, start broad and narrow as needed.
- To use Soundex, use Advanced Search in the Search Options menu (on right).


Using the RESULTS of an ANCESTOR Search


The result page of an Ancestor search is designed to give you “just the right amount” of information to determine if it may be your ancestor. To read more about a particular patriot, click the **Name**, **Patriot number** or **Person icon**, to open the full record for that patriot.

Understanding the Ancestor's page

The full record for a patriot contains much more information that may be helpful to you as you try to connect your lineage to a proven patriot.

 The lineage icon opens a list of descendants for the patriot.

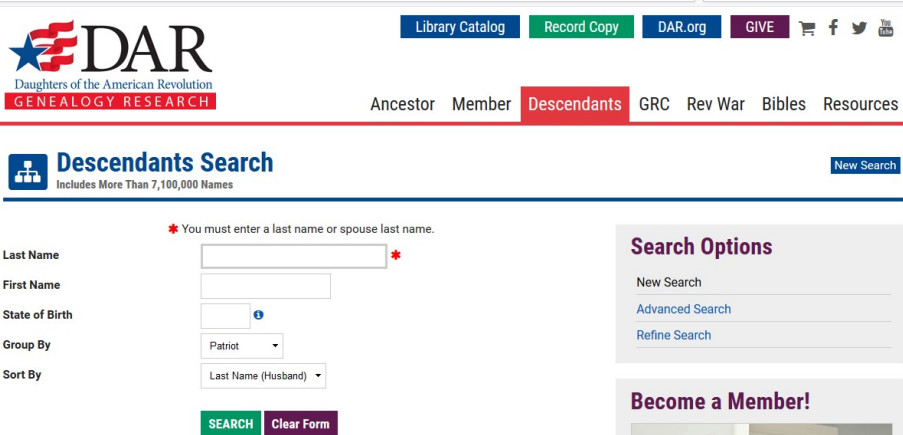
 The D icon indicates a list of descendants is available for the ancestor

 The S icon indicates the application has supplemental information (such as records)

Descendants lists and Supplemental information are available for **PURCHASE** however, if you are going to buy any application materials, choose carefully. Older applications (lower Nat'l Number) weren't subject to the same scrutiny as modern applications. Additionally, applications that don't include your specific family line will not be helpful. Use the Descendant Search to help isolate the best application materials to buy (if any).

DESCENDANTS Search

Use the Descendants database to identify the best possible Record Copy to order!



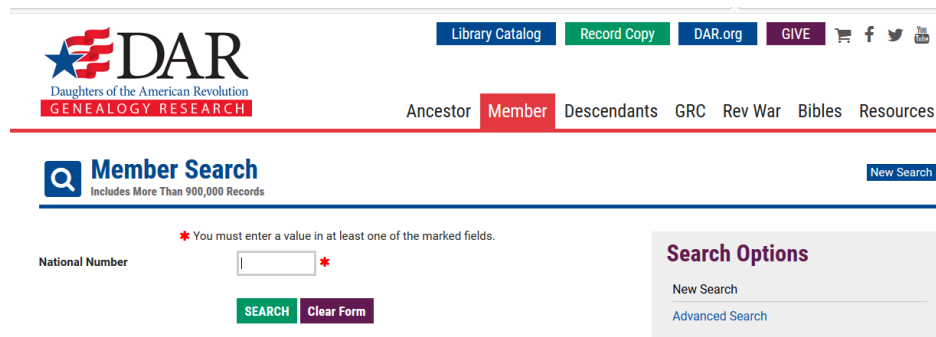
The Descendants database is an index of the names found on the lineage page of DAR applications and supplementals.

Tip:

- The closer the proven lineage is to you, the less research you'll need to complete.
- Some names in the lineage will be restricted in the search results but will be visible if the application is purchased.

MEMBER Search

The Member Tab search option is limited in order to protect the privacy of the Society's members. One may search for basic information on a member's ancestor record using their national number.

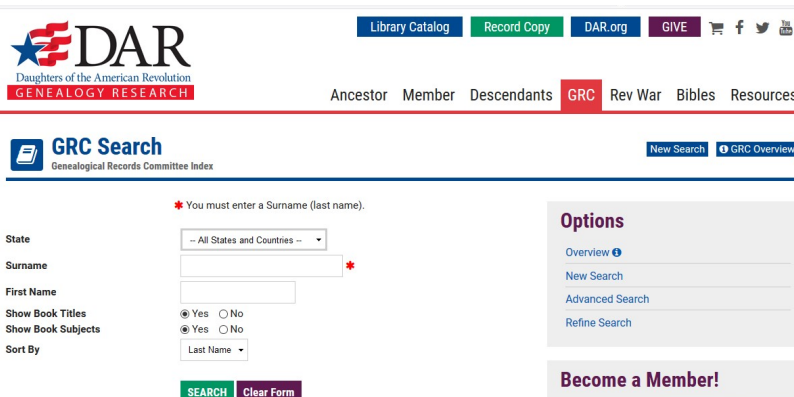


The MEMBER tab can be a quick way to identify multiple patriot ancestors that you may share with other members.

You can find MEMBER's numbers while searching by Ancestor or Descendant (or using print DAR directories).

GRC Search

DAR's Genealogical Records Committee Reports, 1913 to present, consists of over 20,000 volumes containing transcribed or abstracted genealogical sources such as Bible records, cemetery record transcriptions or court records. The GRC tab provides a link to the "GRC National Index," which contains all the names in every GRC Report in the DAR Library.



While the GRC Reports have been digitized, **they are only viewable at the DAR Library in DC.** However, many of the reports are available in other repositories, including the Carlsbad City Library (check the online catalog)! GRC Reports in other public libraries, academic institutions or historical societies *may* be accessible through an interlibrary loan.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS Search

Library Catalog Record Copy DAR.org GIVE

Ancestor Member Descendants GRC **Rev War** Bibles Resources

Revolutionary War Records

Indexed Revolutionary War Documents

Patriot Records Project Index

Patriot Records Project Index: Contains an every name index of Revolutionary War records. The documents span over 75 years, starting at the very beginning of the Revolutionary War through the last petitions for remuneration. The online collection currently includes records from Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island.

Revolutionary War Pension Index

The Revolutionary War Pension Index: In the years prior to the availability of the federal Revolutionary War pensions on microfilm and now online, DAR staff genealogists and volunteers visited the Pension Office and later the National Archives to abstract, type up, and index thousands of pensions needed to prove the Revolutionary War service of pending ancestors of prospective members. They did not, however, abstract every Revolutionary War pension. [More...](#)

Forgotten Patriots Research Guide

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War: A Guide to Service, Sources, and Studies: Since its founding in 1890, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has collected and published information about the American Revolution. Included in this tradition have been articles, grave markings, or placement of historical plaques that note the involvement of African Americans and American Indians in the struggle. It is in that vein that the Forgotten Patriot has been developed and published. [More...](#)

Rev War Records

- [Patriot Records Index](#)
- [Rev War Pension Index](#)
- [Forgotten Patriots Research Guide](#)

Become a Member!



DAR members are women who...

Patriot Records Project Index includes federal and state records of service in the Revolutionary War between 1775 and 1783. *Note: Some images are only viewable in the DAR Library.*

Revolutionary War Pension Index contains the original DAR index cards listing individuals listed in some Federal Revolutionary War pensions. *Note: The index is incomplete.*

The Forgotten Patriots Research Guide helps researchers document African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War.

BIBLES Search

More than 84,000 Bible Records are now available as a subset of the national collection of the GRC Reports. At the present time, the images are not available for viewing outside of the DAR Library.

Library Catalog Record Copy DAR.org GIVE

Ancestor Member Descendants GRC Rev War **Bibles** Resources

Bible Records and Transcriptions

Includes More Than 84,000 Bible Records

New Search Overview

* You must enter something in the search field.

Search

Search Type: Normal Search

[SEARCH](#) [Clear Form](#)

Options

- [Overview](#)
- [New Search](#)
- [Refine Search](#)

Tip: The Bibles database indexes the first surname found in a Bible's family register. As registers often contain many surnames, reflecting marriages and bibles passed down through generations, be sure to also check the GRC tab as it is an every name index to the entire collection.

GENERAL RESOURCES Search

Library Catalog Record Copy DAR.org GIVE

Ancestor Member Descendants GRC Rev War Bibles **Resources**

General Resources

Links to Miscellaneous Internal and External Resources

DAR Library Analytical Card Index

The DAR Library Analytical Card Index: The Library began creating this index in the 1920s and additions continued until the early 1970s. The contents of the analytical index come from such sources as old county histories, many of the DAR's own Genealogical Records Committee Reports (prior to the early 1970s), and a variety of other genealogical publications and periodicals. [More...](#)

WPA Books

WPA Collection brings together digital access points to genealogically relevant reports created as part of the Works Progress Administration between 1938 and 1942.

DAR Magazine Archive

The complete run of the award-winning American Spirit magazine shares the National Society's love of American history, preservation and genealogy. Each issue celebrates our uniquely American story through a selection of historical subjects from the Colonial period through the early decades of the new republic.

Recommended Websites

Noted genealogy websites used by our staff.

Resources

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Become a Member!



DAR Library Analytical Card Index allows you to search by surname to find citations for buried genealogical info in thousands of published studies!

WPA Books provides online access to genealogical reports created by the Workers of the Writers' Program of the Work Projects Administration. Search by location or keyword!

DAR Magazine Archive gives you online access to the complete run from 1892 to 2017! Try the searchable index!

Recommended Websites provides for even more online resources for finding your patriot ancestor!