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Note from the Editor:

Greetings, fellow genealogists and family historians! As September arrives, we welcome a new month of opportunities to learn more about the people and stories that make up our family histories. This month's issue invites us to look at our research from other perspectives - from honoring Native American ancestors and communities to discovering new resources for researching those who served during the American Revolution. Happy researching and thank you for being part of the Arkansas genealogical community!

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Arkansas Genealogical Society

September 2026

Kitchen Roundtable Talk



"Honoring Ancestors: Native American Genealogy" - Stephanie Ojibway Gerberding

"Honoring Ancestors: Native American Genealogy" is an introduction to the unique methods and records used in Native American genealogical research. Learn about tribal enrollment and citizenship, Indian census rolls, allotment and treaty records, and cultural considerations essential to conducting respectful and meaningful research. Whether you are beginning your family history journey or looking to deepen your research skills, this presentation offers practical tools and approaches for exploring and honoring Native American ancestry. To register for this event, please use this link:

[Join us online via Zoom.](#)

Our Zoom discussion will be presented on **Tuesday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m.**, free of charge.

Stefanie Ojibway Gerberding is a professional genealogist specializing in Native American genealogical research. She combines traditional genealogical research methods with cultural knowledge to produce accurate, meaningful family histories. Navigating through the complex challenges of documenting Native American ancestry, Stefanie is deeply committed to connecting families to the stories and identities of their ancestors.

Our monthly **Kitchen Roundtable Talks** cover diverse genealogical topics and methodologies, sparking lively online discussions among our engaged participants. This platform is a unique opportunity to establish meaningful connections with fellow genealogy enthusiasts, cultivate new friendships within the community, and link up with kindred spirits who share our passion for research.

We enthusiastically welcome suggestions from all participants for topics of interest and encourage volunteers to step forward as discussion leaders for subjects close to their hearts. As this initiative evolves, we anticipate refining it based on our collective experiences. Your active participation and invaluable feedback remain pivotal in shaping the future of our endeavors. For more information on our discussion topics, go to argensoc.org/kitchen.

September Events

The Freedom Train in Arkansas

Wednesday September 02, 2026

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CDT)

More information <https://events.cals.org/event/17116028#branch>

Beyond the Census: Finding Your Ancestor in Federal Records

Wednesday, September 09, 2026

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CDT)

Register <https://www.tngs.org/event-6584422>

Genealogy Writing Workshop - Monthly Writing & Critique Group

Wednesday, September 09: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Fayetteville Public Library - Ann Henry Board Room (3rd Floor)

Age group: Adult

event type: Classes & Learning

This workshop is for anyone interested in writing about their genealogical research and in telling their family's history.

Black Genealogy: Moving Beyond the 1870 Census

Presented by Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

Wed Sep 9th 6:00pm - 7:30pm (EST)

Register - <https://cmlibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/6a3d464a86636e3d00508dbc>

Finding Your Female Ancestors. Speaker: Amber Oldenburg

Thu Sep 10th 9:45am - 10:45am (MST)

Register - <https://lcgsgen.org/>

From Removal to Records: Understanding Cherokee Ancestry and Federal Rolls, with Aimee Rose-Haynes

Thu Sep 10th 8:00pm - 9:00pm

Register:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/li3a4W9tTMSbOz3w5UXaCg#/registration>

September Events

Evergreen Cemetery Tour with Marilyn Heifner

Saturday, September 12: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Evergreen Cemetery

Age group: Adult

event type: Author Talks & Lectures

Relive the joys, achievements, trials, and tribulations of early Fayetteville pioneers with a guided walking tour of Fayetteville's early cemetery.

Volunteer Genealogy Assistance with DAR Members

Monday, September 14: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Fayetteville Public Library - Genealogy Library (4th Floor)

Age group: Adult

event type: Community & Outreach

Members and volunteers from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be available on the 4th floor to help patrons with genealogy questions.

Volunteer Genealogy Assistance with DAR Members

Monday, September 21: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Fayetteville Public Library - Genealogy Library (4th Floor)

Age group: Adult

event type: Community & Outreach

Members and volunteers from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be available on the 4th floor to help patrons with genealogy questions.

Break Down Genealogy Brick Walls

Wednesday, September 23: 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Fayetteville Public Library - Genealogy Library (4th Floor)

Age group: Adult

event type: Classes & Learning

If you've hit a wall in your research, drop in to get help from FPL's genealogists.

September Events

Volunteer Genealogy Assistance with DAR Members

Monday, September 28: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Fayetteville Public Library - Genealogy Library (4th Floor)

Age group: Adult

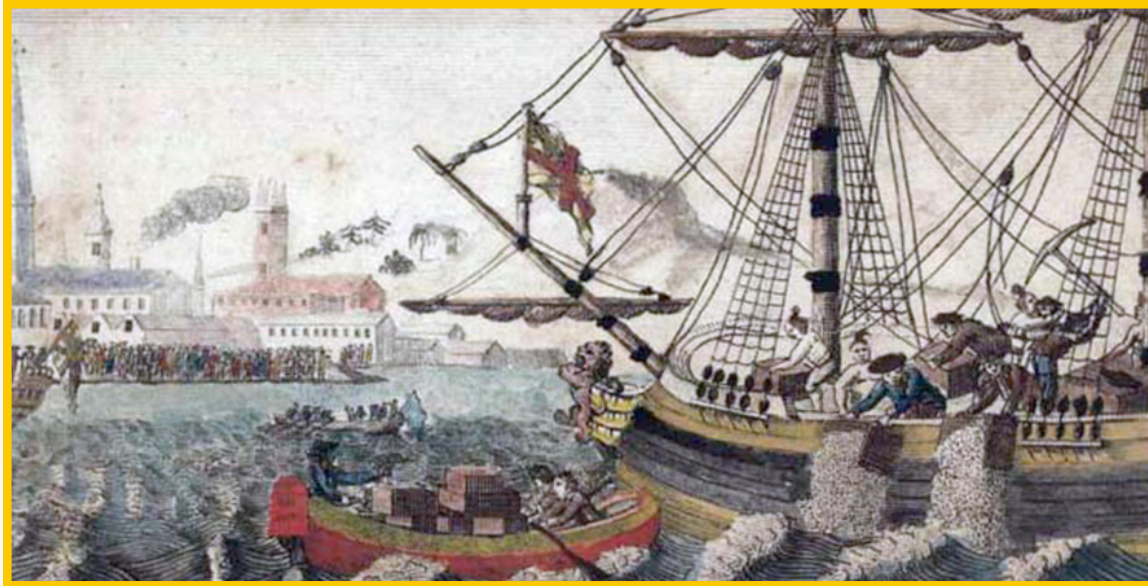
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Using SAR Resources to Research Your Revolutionary War Ancestor

By PZ Horton

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To initiate the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) membership process, you should begin by ensuring that you can satisfy the SAR membership requirements and that you are a direct descendant of a Revolutionary War Patriot. The SAR does not restrict membership on basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, nation of citizenship or residency.

To establish eligibility, you must be able to confirm that you are a direct ancestral lineal descendant of a Patriot by providing appropriate SAR acceptable documentation. Legitimacy through marriage of an ancestor is not a factor as long as appropriate proof of descendancy is provided to confirm the applicant's direct descent from their Revolutionary War Patriot. (Your Revolutionary War Patriot must be a great-great grandfather or great-great grandmother of some degree). Plural marriage families are not excluded from SAR membership. Proving bloodline descent, whether legitimate or illegitimate, from a patriot ancestor to yourself is what is required for SAR membership and is what must be documented. Additionally, you must be sponsored by two current SAR members. Your local SAR chapter can likely assist you in fulfilling this requirement.

Using SAR Resources to Research Your Revolutionary War Ancestor

To quote the SAR Bylaws, “Any male shall be eligible for membership in the SAR who is a citizen of good repute in the community; and a lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in loyalty to and rendered acceptable service in the cause of American Independence.” The SAR accepts patriotic service rendered, with some exceptions, for the period between 19 April 1775 and 25 November 1783. Membership in the SAR requires documented, acceptable evidence that your ancestor participated in one or more of the following types of service:

- Been a signer of the Declaration of Independence, the Mecklenburg Declaration of 1775, the Albemarle Declaration of 1779, or the Cumberland Compact of 1780;
- Been a member of any of the Continental Congresses;
- Rendered material aid, such as: Furnishing supplies with or without remuneration; lending money to the Colonies, munitions makers, and gunsmiths; or any other material aid which furthered the Cause;
- Served in the military or navy, including: Service during the dates falling on or between 19 April 1775 and 25 November 1783, service at the Battle of Point Pleasant on 10 October 1774 (this location and date only), or furnishing a substitute for military service;
- Been a participant in the Boston Tea Party, Kaskaskia Campaign, Galvez Expedition, Cherokee Expedition, or the Edenton Tea Party;
- Been a defender of forts and frontiers or a ranger;
- Been a prisoner of war, including those on the British ship Old Jersey or other prison ships;
- Been a physician, surgeon, nurse, or otherwise rendered aid to the wounded;
- Rendered civil service under the Colonies during the dates falling on or between 19 April 1775 and 25 November 1783;
- Been a member of committees made necessary by the violation of colonial rights by England or the War, such as committees of safety, observation, inspection, and correspondence;
- Pledged to support the cause of the Colonies, such as: the Oath of Fidelity and Support, the Oath of Allegiance or the Articles of Association, or the Association Test;
- Been a signer of petitions addressed to and recognizing the authority of the provisional and new state governments;
- Accepted obligations or acted under direction of the provisional and new state governments, such as persons directed to hold elections, to oversee road construction, to collect provisions, or similar responsibilities;
- Been a clergy member or other recognized leader of any religion who performed overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain – acts which could only be performed by religious leaders.

Using SAR Resources to Research Your Revolutionary War Ancestor

Please note that family tradition in regard to the services of an ancestor will not be considered proof. No preliminary decision will be given with respect to a line of descent, service, or whether proposed evidence is acceptable. When properly examined in context with all available evidence, preliminary decisions might prove to be incorrect, and the SAR will not participate in rendering improperly formed evidentiary decisions. We reserve the right to accept or reject any evidence submitted.

Properly documenting a genealogical line to a patriot ancestor can often be accomplished with only modest effort, provided you know what to look for and where to find it. If you have an ancestor who lived in the United States prior to 1900, chances are you may be the descendant of a Revolutionary War patriot.

This material will help you get a basic understanding of how to look for genealogical information. Please note however, that the primary focus of this resource is obtaining the documentation needed for an SAR membership application, therefore it does not cover other fascinating aspects of researching your ancestry such as immigration records. As you become more experienced at finding information, you will become a treasured resource for your local SAR chapter, SAR state-level society, and community.

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) offers several powerful tools for researching Revolutionary War ancestors, most notably the **Patriot Research System (PRS)**, their extensive **Genealogical Research Library and Research Assistance Services**. These resources allow you to search verified lineages, locate graves, and access historical documentation.

You do not need an account to access our SAR research tools, but if you create an account, you can very shortly begin your application. Just go to www.sar.org and click on **LOGIN** and then click **REGISTER**.

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Core SAR Research Tools

Patriot Research System (PRS): <https://sarpatriots.sar.org/about> The PRS is a combination of the previous NSSAR Patriot and Graves Registry (Online), NSSAR Revolutionary War Graves Registry (Book and CD), information from the NSSAR Patriot Index CD (2002), and additional information and updates from various State Grave Registry Databases. This database will continue to expand as new patriots and graves are found and new members are approved.

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.

There are several ways to search for information on this system:

- **Patriot Search**

Search the database based on Patriot Name, Patriot Number, and other criteria.

- **Member Search**

Search the database based on a SAR member. This allows for viewing all known descendants of a given member.

- **Descendant Search**

Search the database based on a Descendant name. A descendant is someone who sits between a SAR Member and a Patriot in their lineage. This search is a work in progress, as not every record has lineage data in this database today, and won't be included in the results.

- **Biography Search**

Search the database specifically for finding Biographies that have been submitted. Search results are limited to those Patriots who have had a biography submitted.

- **Cemetery Search**

Search the database for Cemetery records based on Cemetery Number, Cemetery Name, and other criteria.

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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.

- **SAR Genealogical Research Library:** Located in Louisville, KY, this library is open to the public and contains a massive collection of family histories and state records.
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- **Special Collections:** Access rare books:
 - George Washington Book Collection
 - The George Rogers Clark Collection
 - Marquis de Lafayette Collection
 - and the full [Draper Manuscript Collection](#) from the Wisconsin Historical Society on microfilm.
- **Affiliate Access:** On-site patrons get free access to premium sites like **Gale Connect**, **Gale American Revolution Database**, **Fold3**, **Ancestry Library Edition**, and **American Ancestors**.

Accessing Records and Applications

- **Record Copy Service:** <https://www.sar.org/genealogical-copy-services/> You can purchase copies of verified SAR membership applications. These "Record Copies" detail the lineage and service of a specific patriot as accepted by the society at the time of filing.
 - **Digital Copy:** Typically \$10.00.
 - **Physical Copy:** Typically \$15.00.
- **[Ancestry.com](#):** Contains an index of SAR Membership Applications from 1889–1970, which is useful for finding names and relationships, though older applications may not meet modern documentation standards.

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Research Assistance Services

- **Genealogical Research Service:** <https://www.sar.org/genealogical-research-services/>
For those unable to visit Louisville, the SAR offers hourly-based research performed by staff for a fee (\$45/hr for members, \$50/hr for non-members).
- **Find your local Resource:** <https://www.sar.org/find-your-contact/> Or you can go directly to your state point of contact <https://www.sar.org/state-society-genealogy-point-of-contacts/>
- **New Member Helpers & Genealogy Assistants:** <https://www.sar.org/nssar-genealogy-assistants/> If you are seeking to join the society, you can reach out to Genealogy Assistants who provide hands-on guidance for specific colony information.

Note on Standards: While the PRS is an excellent starting point, information in older applications (pre-1970s) may require additional modern proof to be accepted for a new membership today.

Congratulations, you are ready to begin preparing your SAR membership application. If you followed all of the previous steps, this shouldn't be very difficult. The <https://www.sar.org/app/uploads/APG-03-Jan-2026.pdf> and [SAR Application Formatting Guide](#) will be invaluable resources during the application preparation process. As an applicant, there are several membership options. While most individuals who join the SAR will do so as a regular member, we also have a junior membership option for men under 18 years of age. Your chapter contact will be able to discuss membership options and related costs with you. For example, if more than one eligible family members wish to join together at the same time based upon the same Revolutionary War Patriot, the SAR Family Plan might be the cost effective. Membership costs vary between SAR chapters and SAR state level societies depending upon location; your chapter contact will be able to share those details with you as well.

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Once properly completed, submit your SAR membership application (with all related documentation) to your sponsoring SAR chapter for approval. The Chapter will then forward your application to the respective SAR State Society and then on to National SAR Headquarters for final review and approval. Typically, the approval process takes approximately 12 weeks from local chapter review to issuance of a National Number. You will be contacted should any additional documentation be required. Associated fees can be found in the [Membership Cost Manual](#).

NOTE: It is strongly recommended that you find a local contact (<https://www.sar.org/find-your-contact/>) to guide and assist with completing the SAR membership application form and fulfilling the SAR application requirements, as there are some nuances of this process that they can help navigate. The completed SAR membership application form and supporting documentation must be submitted to your local SAR chapter or in some cases SAR State Society. There are options for completing the SAR membership application form.

You can also utilize our QR Code to request assistance. Just answer a few questions and someone from your state and/or local chapter will be in contact.



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Researching Revolutionary War Patriots Using The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Genealogical System

By MerryAnne Pierson

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The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) database of proven patriot ancestors is open to the public to do research. This database **does not** contain every person who supported the American Revolution. Only patriots proven by member applications are included. Some patriots previously proven may need to be proven again due to changes in standards of proof. The public cannot see the same materials as a chapter registrar can. **If you want more information, you can contact a registrar to ask questions.** Anyone can search for the ancestors that DAR has identified and use them for their purposes.

To access the database, go to dar.org and select Genealogical Research System (GRS) from the top menu bar. The top of the screen will show options to select from: Ancestor, Member, Descendants, GRC, Rev War, Bibles, and Resources. Each of these categories is searchable. **The information contained in these categories is DAR's property and should not be republished except with proper citation.** The Ancestor Name and Number can be included in the citation.

The screenshot displays the DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS) website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: Library Catalog, Record Copy, DAR.org, and GIVE. Below this is a menu bar with options: Ancestor, Member, Descendants, GRC, Rev War, Bibles, and Resources. A banner for the DAR Library Restoration Project is visible. The main content area features a 'Genealogical Research System' header, a 'GRS Tutorial' video player, and a 'Become a Member!' section with a photo of three women.

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Selecting the **Ancestor** tab allows you to search by last name, first name, state of service, state of birth, etc. Enter the name you are searching for and check various spellings.

The screenshot shows the DAR Genealogical Research System website. The browser address bar displays 'services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/?Tab_ID=1'. The page features a navigation bar with tabs: 'Ancestor' (selected), 'Member', 'Descendants', 'GRC', 'Rev War', 'Bibles', and 'Resources'. Below the navigation bar is a blue banner announcing the 'DAR Library Restoration Project' starting in July 2026. The main section is titled 'Ancestor Search' with a subtitle 'Search for Revolutionary Era Ancestors'. It includes a search form with fields for 'Ancestor Last Name', 'Ancestor First Name', 'State of Service', 'Ancestor Number', 'State of Birth' (with a 'Year' dropdown), 'State of Death' (with a 'Year' dropdown), 'Spouse Last/Maiden Name', and 'Spouse First Name'. A red asterisk indicates that at least one of the marked fields must be filled. To the right of the form is a 'Search Options' sidebar with links for 'Overview & Help', 'New Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Child Search', and 'Refine Search'. At the bottom right, a blue box states: 'Beginning March 16, 2026, record copies will be \$15'. The 'SEARCH' button is green, and the 'Clear Form' button is purple.

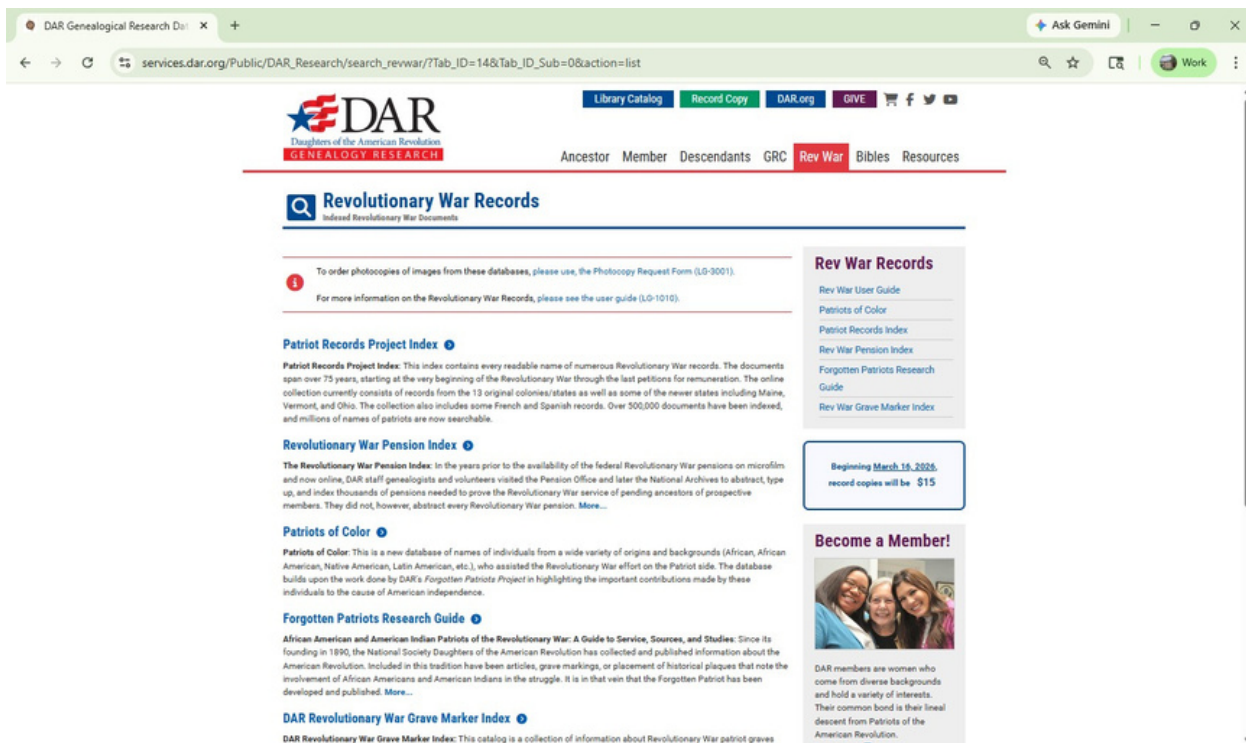
DAR standardizes spellings so you may have to try alternatives spellings. An example is the name Dotson; it becomes Dodson in the database. You will get a list of the ancestors by that name who have been proven by DAR members. Select the one you are interested in to see the information associated with that person. If you locate the person you are seeking, you can purchase the application by clicking the purchase tab. A screen will give you details about what this includes.

The public can also search by a member's national number if known. The **Descendants** tab will allow you to look for proven descendants of a patriot. Using this tab, you can determine if someone in your line may have already been proven, and the patriot's name and number will be displayed.

The **GRC** tab allows you to search published, indexed records available at the DAR library. You can select by state and county, surname, and given name. Types of records that have been indexed by DAR include cemetery, marriage, family, Bible, and other record types. Copies can be obtained from the DAR library. **It is best to ask a DAR registrar to check the page to verify it contains what you need prior to ordering the record.**

Researching Revolutionary War Patriots Using The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Genealogical System

The **Rev War** tab includes several topics that have been indexed by DAR members: the Patriot Records Index, Revolutionary War Pension Index, Patriots of Color, Forgotten Patriots research guide and the DAR Revolutionary Grave marker database. All are searchable by name.

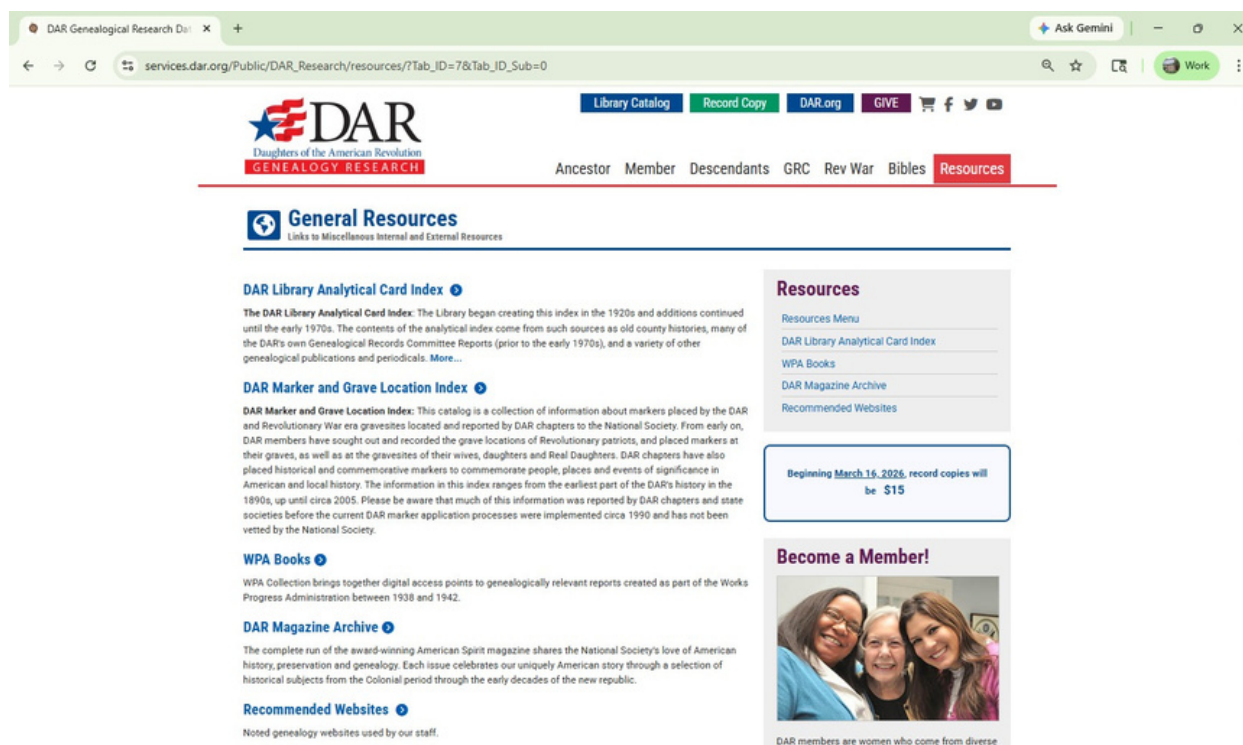


- The first category, the Patriot Records Project Index, was created by members indexing records from the original 13 colonies and some of the newer states like Maine, Vermont and Ohio. This collection contains over 500,000 indexed documents.
- The second category of pension cards can also be searched by name and state.
- The Patriots of Color database has detailed directions to help locate patriots of African, African American, Native American and mixed descent persons. It also includes links to additional resources including: 10 Million Names, E Pluribus Unum, the Forgotten Patriots database and other resources.
- The Forgotten Patriots link includes downloadable pdfs of the original published book and the additional publications.
- The DAR Patriot Grave marker index is a searchable database of all the graves DAR has marked.

The **Bibles** tab allows you to search more than 84,000 bibles that have been collected or submitted to DAR. Once you find a name, click on the entry and see what other names are on the page. This will allow you to see if the names may be related to your ancestor. A local chapter registrar chapter may be able to help you determine if the record is one you wish to order from the DAR library.

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The **Resources** tab brings up other topics on the DAR website you can search. Exploring each category may help you find additional information and resources to use in your search for a patriot ancestor.



Remember, while this database has a great many patriots and their records, it **only** contains patriots who have been submitted to DAR by members. It is **not** all patriots, so don't be discouraged!

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning late July 2026, the DAR library in Washington, D.C. will be closed for restoration. The massive volume of books is being moved offsite, and will not be accessible until the restoration is complete. The project is estimated to take 9-12 months, with the library reopening late 2027. More information can be found on this website: <https://www.dar.org/collections/library/libraryonthemove>. This renovation does not affect the online resources mentioned above.

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Members Only Section

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New this year: Check your email for your discount code to **Heritage Books**.

www.heritagebooks.com

Heritage Books is one of America's leading distributors of genealogy and history titles. Our curated online catalog features over 10,000 books that we have published, as well as 6,000 titles from other publishers, spanning the United States and select works from Canada, Europe, Australia, and the Caribbean. Whether you're tracing a single surname or mapping an entire migration, you'll find resources to move your research forward.

Citation Builder Discount

Exclusive to our readers: If you would like to try Cite-Builder for a year, they are offering a 20% discount to our readers. Please use coupon code: **ARKGEN20** at checkout!

Submit Your Queries

Genealogical queries are always a popular feature of the Arkansas Family Historian. AGS members may submit as many Arkansas genealogical queries as they wish for publication in this quarterly during each year, without charge. The queries will appear in the order in which they are received. Each must relate to an Arkansas family or location. Be sure to mention the county or region of Arkansas where the family lived, as well as full names and dates. In addition, submitters must include contact information and email address, if possible. Queries may be submitted by using this link: <https://argensoc.org/query/>

Watch Kitchen Round Table Talk Recordings

When accessing: <https://argensoc.org/kitchen/> you should now notice the button to View Recordings. Click this button and log in to the website to view previous Kitchen Round Table Talks.

Kitchen Round Table Talks

[View recordings — AGS members only](#)

Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Conference, Saturday, October 17, 2026

“Finding the Forgotten: Reconstructing Lives, Families, and Communities.”

Register Here - <https://argensoc.org/conference26/>

J. Mark Lowe, FUGA:

Locating “hard to find” Family with New Tools and Old Tested Methods

Famer, Rancher, or Sharecropper: Shaping a Profile for your Rural Ancestor

Dr. Deborah Abbott:

Cluster Genealogy: Finding Your Lost Ancestor

Using Manuscripts and Oral Collections in Your Genealogical Research

This is our schedule for the Conference:

Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Conference 2026

Featuring J. Mark Lowe, FUGA and Dr. Deborah Abbott

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 8:30 AM- 2:45 PM

Central Standard Time



Join the Arkansas Genealogical Society for our annual Fall Conference, featuring renowned genealogists and educators, J. Mark Lowe, FUGA, and Dr. Deborah Abbott. They will each guide you in achieving your family history goals through engaging and informative sessions.

Conference Schedule:

- **8:30 AM:** Webinar Opens - Welcome Screen and Technical Check
- **9:00 AM:** Webinar Commencement
- **9:15 AM:** Session 1: J. Mark Lowe, FUGA - Locating “hard to find” Family with New Tools and Old Tested Methods
- **10:15 AM:** Break
- **10:30 AM:** Session 2: J. Mark Lowe, FUGA - Famer, Rancher, or Sharecropper: Shaping a Profile for your Rural Ancestor
- **11:30 AM:** Lunch Break
- **12:30 PM:** Session 3: Dr. Deborah Abbott-Cluster Genealogy: Finding Your Lost Ancestor
- **1:30 PM:** Break
- **1:45 PM:** Session 4: Dr. Deborah Abbott - Using Manuscripts and Oral Collections in Your Genealogical Research
- **2:45 PM:** Break - Instructions for Annual Meeting
- **3:00 PM:** Annual Meeting (Members Only)

J. Mark Lowe, FUGA

Locating 'hard to find' family with New Tools and Old Tested Methods:

How exciting it is to find anything about those invisible, elusive characters who seem to hide intentionally. Practice your skills with some new tools like "FS Free Text Search," Cross DB Searching, and old standards like Focused Reviews and Basic Searching. Hopefully, by implementing the tools, you can discover new records for your research.

Farmer, Rancher, or Sharecropper:

Shaping a profile for your Rural Ancestor Farming is a proud and honorable occupation. Develop a rich profile of your farming ancestor and community using available resources.

Dr. Deborah Abbott

Cluster Genealogy:

Finding Your Lost Ancestor Using several case studies, this session will introduce the importance of researching ancestors by using extended family members, friends, and community. Learn how to develop techniques and strategies that will help increase the chances of locating that long-lost ancestor.

Using Manuscript and Oral Collections in Your Genealogical Research:

Manuscripts are original records and are often overlooked sources. They serve as primary sources that provide first-hand documentation and evidence of events that shape the development of a society, community, and/or family. Because they are usually not completely indexed in the manner that we are accustomed to, it takes time and patience to sift through the various pieces of paper that you might find. Manuscripts can be found in a variety of repositories, from archives, public/private libraries, historical societies, and universities, etc. Knowing exactly where and what will be found in manuscript collections can be tricky, but when found, these records can create a gold mine of information pertaining to your ancestor(s) life.



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Genealogical-Society-inc](https://www.linkedin.com/company/Arkansas-Genealogical-Society-inc)



[ArGenSoc.org](https://www.ArGenSoc.org)

So, You Have Arkansas Roots?

*At our annual AGS member meeting, we voted to increase membership dues to **\$35 per year in January 2026**.*

Members receive access to our quarterly publication, The Arkansas Family Historian, as well as many other benefits!

Sign up at argensoc.org/join-us!

AGS Ezine Administrative Stuff

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