

# Acceptable Documents For Joining the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Sons of the American Revolution (As of April 2018)

## Generations 1 2 and 3

Provide **Full birth or baptismal records** showing the names of parents whenever possible. If the town or church records are not available, you may use a certified transcript or photocopy. **Adopted applicants** with a **blood descendant** of a qualifying ancestor must provide proof of the adoption.

## Generations 3 to Patriot Ancestor

Remember that what you are trying to do is validate the parent child relationship for each generation. Therefore, except for documents that prove a patriot ancestor's service to the American Revolutionary cause, submitted documents should show a relationship between parent and child. You may provide a combination of the following documents when birth or baptismal certificates are not available:

- ❖ Photocopy of actual full-page **census records**.
- ❖ **Marriage records** showing the names and birth of the parents of the spouses.
- ❖ **Death records** showing the names and birth of the parents of the deceased.
- ❖ **Wills, probate records, etc.**, mentioning the children of the descendant by full names.
- ❖ **Land records, court records, etc.**, that document the relationship of parent and child.
- ❖ **Bible records**, either certified transcript or photocopies of the title page and of the family records. The relationship of the parent to the child must be explicit.
- ❖ The Sons of the American Revolution **Does Not Accept** Family Group Sheets, Family Tree Charts, LDS IGI or Family Search records, Broderbund's World Family Tree Records, and items attributed to oral or family tradition.
- ❖ **Properly annotated** family histories and genealogies may be acceptable as evidence. When the applicant or any member of his immediate family authors the family history or genealogy, he must also provide copies of the sources used for the compilation.
- ❖ The applicant must provide the author, title, date of publication, volume number and page number whenever the reference is to a published record. Provide photocopies of the title page and cited pages. Reference to the photocopies takes the following format: (*Edwin Emery, **History of Sanford, Maine 1661-1900 (1901), p. 69., Massachusetts, Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, Vol. 9 (1898) p. 530.***)
- ❖ Provide photocopies of unpublished records and list in the following format: (*Texas Birth Record of James N. Smith, OR Headstone Inscription, Old Public Cemetery, Madison, NH.*)