

# Sons of the American Revolution

## Patriot Ancestor Biography Questionnaire

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**BEFORE** starting on your Patriot Ancestor Biography Questionnaire Form below, please follow the "Save" instructions.

Use the "Save to Your PC" button. Add the Patriots Name to the front of the Saved file Name.

For example, "George Compatriot Patriot Ancestor Questionnaire.PDF".

Now **SAVE** this form and **CLOSE** this web page.

Then **OPEN** the saved File on your PC to Continue.

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We have also been informed by Mac users that Apple has its own program to open Adobe Reader files. They tell me the solution is to change the "Open With" default application to "Adobe Reader". To configure Mac OS X to open PDFs with Reader or Acrobat, do the following:

1. Click the PDF file's icon in the Finder to select it.
2. Choose File > Get Info.
3. Click the triangle next to Open With.
4. Choose "Adobe Reader" from the Open With menu (if it's not on the list, choose "Other" to select it).
5. Click Change All.

*When you place your mouse over most of the "text" data entry fields below, a feature called a "tooltip" will display as a window/popup to give you additional instructions concerning what should be entered in that field.*

**"Tooltips" provide important instructions – Please read them carefully.**

This sheet is only intended as a suggestive list of some of the information that you may want to include. Feel free to pick and choose or to add other info as you see fit. See the examples in SAR Magazine to see a wide variety of styles and content in other submissions. Only biographies of initial patriot ancestors are required. You may of course submit biographies for each of your supplemental ancestors as well. Just fill out a separate sheet as necessary.

You can also find examples of submitted biographies in the Fall 2014 issue of SAR Magazine on pages 16 and 17. If you no longer have that copy of SAR Magazine, you can access the online version at <http://sar.epubxp.com/i/422786-fall-2014>

You might have your family help you in the process as a shared learning experience.

For assistance or to make your submission, please contact your Chapter Member:

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Name:

NSSAR Number:

Email address:

Phone number:

**Patriot information:**

Patriot Name as it appears on SAR record copy:

Patriot Ancestor Number (if you have it):

Dates and places of Birth:

Death:

Marriage:

Names of Parents:

Spouse:

Children:

Dates of service, units, and battles or activities during the revolution:

**Information to add “color” to your submission:**

Did they receive a pension?

Where were your patriot's parents from?

Where did the family of your patriot live before, during, and after the war?

Did any other members of the family take part in activities to support the revolutionary cause? Who?

What was the ancestor's occupation?

Where is your ancestor buried?

Is there an SAR marker at that location?

Was information on your ancestor found in any significant records or published works? What are they?