

# DESCENDANTS OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (DAPOW)

## Preparation of Lineage Papers Instructions for Applicants

Please read the following information carefully before preparing your lineage papers. Contact the Registrar General with any questions you may have.

1. The application must be typed and completed in the space provided. Please do not attach documents to the application. Only one set of documentation is required. NO staples please
2. Names should be written in full, including maiden name of wives if known. Please state the male first in each generation.
3. Include dates of birth, marriage and death in the following format: 4 Oct 1623.
4. If information is unknown or not applicable, please leave the blank empty. A proof is expected for each item of information so if you do not have the proof, leave the item blank. An unsubstantiated “guess” is not acceptable.
5. The proof of each generation must be listed on the lineage paper by document, and volume (title and applicable page numbers). Documents providing proof of each generation/event are required. Pertinent information should be underlined in red on each proof for easy verification. Note the generation number(s) on the upper righthand corner of each proof. Proofs must be provided on single-sided pages. Do not overdo the underlining, simply underline the specific information that proves the name, date or location. The proof must be readable and in print large enough to read without a magnifying glass. NO highlighting.
6. Verifiable sources may include: birth, death and marriage certificates; federal and state census records; obituaries; funeral records; tombstone transcriptions and a copy of a photograph with the name and location of the cemetery added; bible records (with copyright page included), published town histories and vital records; published family genealogies; and similar documentation. Family histories and genealogies, which do not cite original source material, are not acceptable. A copy of the title page from all sources must be provided. UNACCEPTABLE sources include unsourced narratives on Find-A-Grave memorials, unsourced information from WikiTree, “international marriage records” from Ancestry.com, unsourced information from an ancestry or family search tree. In general, if there is not an original source cited, a proof will not be accepted.
7. The applicant must prove direct lineal or collateral (brother or sister) descent from an ancestor (or self) who was an American prisoner of war (POW) from 1607 through the current day. POW is defined as one who was captured during one of the following situations (this is a partial list; if the applicant has an additional example of a POW activity, it may be presented as such and upon approval of the Society will also be accepted):
  - Ancestor/Self who was held as a Prisoner of War during a war or conflict
  - Ancestor who was captured by an adversary and held captive and/or for ransom
  - Ancestor who was captured and held captive and/or for ransom during a skirmish
8. The link from each generation to the next must be one of blood lineal descent; except in the final generational link to the POW the relationship may be one of brother or sister.

9. Approved lineage papers from other hereditary societies or orders MAY be acceptable for submission upon consideration and approval by the Registrar of the Society. No approved lineage papers from hereditary societies which do not require the submission of a full set of proofs as a prerequisite for membership will be accepted by DAPOW.

10. In cases when another Society's approved lineage papers are submitted as evidence of the lineage, it is necessary to list all relevant proofs on the primary DAPOW application. In these cases, it is not necessary to include copies of the actual proofs. A record copy of the referenced application, bearing the signature of the approving Genealogist/Registrar, the date of the approval, and the applicant's membership number(s), must be supplied. In addition, any such application must reflect the applicant's lineage to the qualifying ancestor.

11. The computer application is a PDF form. Please use "tab" to move between spaces. If the text for a given field is too long, please abbreviate so that the information stays within the space provided.

12. Please print this application on single-sided letter-size paper.

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1. The completed application and one photocopy of the application, all with original signatures should be mailed with all proofs and applicable fees to the Registrar.

2. Applicable Fees:

Life Membership and Application Fees:

- a. Charter membership (through 1 Mar 2022) fee is \$200. The fee (\$200) shall be submitted with the application, along with a \$35 non-refundable application fee, for a total of \$235, payable to DAPOW.
- b. Regular Life membership (after 1 Mar 2022) fee is \$250.00. The fee (\$250) shall be submitted with the application, along with a \$35 non-refundable application fee, for a total of \$285, payable to DAPOW.
- c. Supplemental Fee: Non-refundable \$35.00, payable to DAPOW.

3. If the original application/supplemental is disapproved by the Registrar, the application fee (\$35) will be retained by the Society for services rendered.

4. Please submit completed application, photocopies, documentation and applicable fees to:

Sue Ann Brenchley  
Registrar General, DAPOW  
3311 Landrum Drive  
East New Market, MD 21631

NOTE: If you want your proofs returned, please enclose a separate check payable to "Sue Brenchley" (or current Registrar General) for \$15 to cover postage and handling. Otherwise, they will be shredded.