

Accepted Primary Source Documentation for the Patriot Burials Marker Program



Note: Images provided with applications may be scans, photocopies or photographs, but must be readable. Please underline, highlight or otherwise indicate relevant text.

Pension records, muster rosters, land bounty records, other military records - copy of original document; *with some exceptions, transcriptions alone are not accepted.* Examples of accepted state government registers and rosters may be found here: www.wgpfoundation.org/history/patriot-burials-grant-program/.

Minutes, correspondence, other local or state government records - copy of original document created at the time event(s) occurred; include title, date and location of source.

Headstones, grave markers – photo of headstone or marker noting Revolutionary War service; headstone or marker *must be original to time of burial* – replacements or monuments installed later will not be accepted.

Federal, State and local government census records – must include copy of original document for federal and state censuses, include column information at top of page; for local government census records, include title, date and location of source.

Newspaper articles and obituaries – created at the time event(s) occurred; masthead with name and date of newspaper must be included.

Journals, diaries and church records (bound volumes) – copy of page(s) containing relevant information; include title page, cover or spine with author/owner's name and date, if not appearing on page with information.

Letters, other correspondence – please provide copy of entire letter or correspondence; must be written by individual with firsthand knowledge of Patriot's service.

Deeds, wills, probate files, court records – copy of original document; include title, date and location of source.

Atlases, gazetteers, and other publications – copy of page(s) relevant to marker text, including title page, publisher and publication date of source; *please note that local history publications, such as county histories, are rarely accepted as primary sources documentation.*

Maps – include date and source of map (website, if applicable); use multiple images, if needed.

Applications for membership for both the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) are not accepted as primary sources. However, these may be useful in leading you to primary sources.