

Order of the First Scottish War of Independence, 1296-1320

Instructions for Completion of Application

Thank you for your interest in our Order. We look forward to having you as a member.

Qualification

Membership is open to any U.S. citizen, male or female, aged 18 or older, whose lineal ancestor participated in any one of the 23 qualifying events. Qualifying Ancestors participated in any one or more of the 22 battles or sieges comprising the first Scottish War of Independence from April 1296 through June 1314, and/or were signatories to the “Declaration of Arbroath.”

While the ***FIRST WAR OF SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE*** ran from 1296 through 1328, being closed by the Treaty of Edinburgh-Northampton in the latter year, the battles identified all occurred between 1296 (Carlisle Castle) and 1314 (Bannockburn). The Order has enlarged the qualifying period to include the years up to 1320 in order to encompass not only the military incursions, but also the Declaration of Arbroath. The following skirmishes and battles comprise that War:

26 March 1296	Siege of Carlisle Castle
30 March 1296	Battle at Berwick
27 April 1296	Battle of Dunbar
1296	Siege of Edinburgh Castle
1296	Siege of Harbottle Castle
May 1297	Battle of Lanark
1297, 1300, 1303 & 1310	Siege of Dundee Castle
11 Sep 1297	Battle of Stirling Bridge
22 July 1298	Battle of Falkirk
1299	First Siege of Lochmaben Castle
May 1300	Invasion of Annandale and Galloway
July 1300	Siege of Caerlaverock Castle
Aug 1301	Battle of Bothwell Castle
Sep 1301	Second Siege of Lochmaben Castle
Nov 1302- May 1303	Ambush at Edinburgh, & the English Marches on Perth, Aberdeen, and Dunfermline
1303	Battle of Roslin
May 1304	Siege of Stirling Castle
5 Aug 1305	Battle of Robroyston
19 June 1306	Battle of Methven
10 May 1307	Battle of Loudoun Hill
1314	Battle of Roxburgh Castle
23-24 June 1314	Battle of Bannockburn
April/May 1320	Declaration of Arbroath

A Qualifying Ancestor may have fought on either side of the battle – Scotland or England – and the specific battle **must** be identified in the source materials you present for consideration. “Supporters of the cause” or

“supporters of the King” do not qualify without a clear determination of service, as many of the gentry, aristocracy, and nobility were supporters without being engaged in battle.

- ◆ Lists of Qualifying Ancestors identified thus far, with their Service, are on our website, *ScottishWarOfIndependence.org*. These lists are evolving. Citations are provided for some.
- ◆ FOR YOUR ANCESTOR’S SERVICE: citing to these lists on our Application is **INSufficient** proof.
- ◆ Obtain appropriate genealogical sources AND provide a copy with your application.
- ◆ Using an Ancestor more than once IS permitted. See supplemental instructions below.

There are also research notes on the lists. These notes are for the Genealogist to address, as time permits.

Application

- ◆ Our application is a form-fill, tab-and-type PDF.
Use Adobe Acrobat, otherwise the Application formatting may not perform as desired.
- ◆ Download the application FIRST.
Prepare the application on your desktop, saving changes, not online in your e-mailbox.
- ◆ Notice the various STOP! instructions on the application. Follow them closely.
- ◆ Give ALL information, as requested.
Indicate any contact information you do not wish published, BUT
Supply all contact information for our administrative record-keeping.
- ◆ In the appropriate place, give your name EXACTLY as you wish it to appear on your certificate.
- ◆ If you are submitting a Record Copy, know what that term means.

A **Record Copy** is an application that has been proven afresh from start to finish; in other words, **without** using any other Society’s application to support it. All other applications are **File Copies**. The Genealogist reserves sole discretion regarding acceptability of Record Copies from other societies and to request additional information in order to approve the application.

A list of acceptable Record Copies appears below.

- ◆ The first genealogy block on page 2 is YOU.
The next genealogy block is your GATEWAY ANCESTOR.
All subsequent generations are Lettered, not Numbered, per standard genealogical practice.

Proof Documents

- ◆ Acceptable proofs include birth, marriage, and death certificates and records.
- ◆ Mark the generation number(s) in the upper right corner.
- ◆ Pertinent information on all proofs must be underscored in RED or by using a highlighter.
- ◆ All generations must be linked to the previous generation.
- ◆ Proof Documents must be submitted on paper. Electronic files will not be accepted.

DO NOT strike the ENTER/RETURN key in the Proofs section. Separate items with semicolons and continue typing. The blocks contain word-wrapping technology. No descriptions. Use appropriate abbreviations.

Citation of Proofs

Provide PROPER citations. Poor citations make it difficult to interpret your paper trail. Examples:

- ◆ Cite your evidence to published sources thusly:
Douglas Richardson, PLANTAGENET ANCESTRY (2nd ed., 2011), 3:63.
Subsequent citations to the same source can then be cited as
“Richardson, PA, supra, 3:63”
- ◆ Cite vital sources simply: B/C; D/C; M/C; 1900FC-HI.
- ◆ Published vital records (for example) can be cited as:
“Barbour Collection (1919) – Windsor, p. 66” – OR – Salem VR 3:88
- ◆ Cite wills as: Will of [John Smith], Wilson Co., NC, will book 3, pp. 51-54.

Follow these same logical instructions for other documents.

Record Copies from other Societies

When using a Record Copy, give the SOURCES you used for each generation. **DO NOT REFERENCE** the Record Copy anywhere except on the first page. The SOURCES go in the Proof blocks.

Again, a **Record Copy** must be the long-form application for its respective society, that does not reference another application. It must contain all signatures, the date of approval, and your lineage back to and including your Gateway Ancestor. It may go beyond that point.

Your Record Copy must be submitted with your Application. The list of acceptable Record Copies follows:

Associated Daughters of Early American Witches
Colonial Dames of America
Daughters of the Cincinnati
Flagon & Trencher: Descendants of Colonial
Tavernkeepers
General Society of Colonial Wars
General Society of Mayflower Descendants
Hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial
Governors
Jamestowne Society (only specific applications will
be accepted)
National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century
(applications focusing on Heraldry will not be
accepted)
National Society Colonial Daughters of the
Seventeenth Century
National Society Dames of the Court of Honor
National Society Daughters of American Colonists
National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars
National Society Women Descendants of the Ancient
& Honorable Artillery Company of Mass.
Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters

Order of Descendants of Colonial Physicians and
Chirurgiens
Order of the First Families of Rhode Island and
Providence Plantations
Order of Founders and Patriots of America
Society of the Cincinnati
Society of the Descendants of Colonial Clergy
Baronial Order of the Magna Charta
Military Order of the Crusades
Order of the Three Crusades 1096-1192
Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the
United States of America
Descendants of the Illegitimate Sons and Daughters
of the Kings of Britain
Order of Descendants of Justiciars (long-form only)
Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva (2015 and
later)
Order of the Norman Conquest

Fees

For **Initial Applications**, include TWO checks:

- a. One check in the amount of \$225 for application fee, life membership dues, and certificate; payable to Order of the First Scottish War of Independence, AND
- b. One check in the amount of \$50 payable to the Genealogist, name and address shown below.

For **Supplementary Applications**, include TWO checks:

- a. One check in the amount of \$50, payable to the Order, AND
- b. One check in the amount of \$50 payable to the Genealogist.

We offer a second **Supplementary Application** option: *If* your Qualifying Ancestor served in more than one battle or skirmish and wish to claim that same ancestor again, you may wish to apply for a **Certificate Supplemental**. NOTE: THE QUALIFYING ANCESTOR is the one who had SERVICE during the War. It's *not* your Gateway Ancestor. Contact with the Genealogist about the special application used for this purpose. Our **Certificate Supplemental** costs \$20.

Don't forget to sign and date your application AND your checks.

The Genealogist's Contact Information

Alexander Bannerman
1716 Bigley Avenue
Charleston, WV 25302-3938
304-346-6646; email: *ScottishWarOfIndependence@gmail.com*

Mail your application, checks, and proof documents in one envelope by regular mail that does not require a signature for acceptance.

NOTE: Charter Memberships will be granted for applications post-marked from May 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025. After that time, all memberships will be Regular, and the fee to join will be increased.

THANK YOU for your interest in our Order and for endeavoring to follow these instructions to facilitate processing your application.



Visit us on the internet at *ScottishWarOfIndependence.org* for Ancestral information.



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Application for Membership

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STOP! This application is used only with a **Record Copy** supporting the generations from the Applicant to the Gateway. If you are proving your lineage from start to finish (from you to your Qualifying Ancestor), you have the wrong application. Ask the Genealogist for our **full** application.

Primary Application

Supplementary Application

FULL Name (first, middle, maiden, last): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP+4: _____

Telephone: (use hyphens) _____

E-mail: _____

Name for my Certificate: _____

My qualifying ancestor is: _____,

who had the following service: _____

(Select from the drop-down menu.) STOP! "Supporters" do not qualify.

If the drop-down menu doesn't work, you're not using ADOBE.

and fought on the side of (Select one) Scotland England

Proof of my qualifying ancestor's service is found in the following source(s): (see citation method in INSTRUCTIONS)

I am providing the following Record Copy application as evidence of my descent from my **Gateway Ancestor**, whose name is: _____, as shown at

Generation ____ on the below-referenced application. STOP! If you have never proven your lineage back to your Gateway Ancestor, you must use our **full** application. A Record Copy is an application on which you have proven your lineage from start to finish. Combinations of applications are not acceptable. Certificates in lieu are not acceptable. See INSTRUCTIONS for a list of acceptable Record Copies.

Name of Society

Member Number

Approved

Applicant Signature

Date

Date Approved: _____ Member #: _____ Supp #: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: _____

Genealogist

I am _____

b. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs are unnecessary for this generation if you are including a ***Record Copy***.

BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION WITH YOUR GATEWAY ANCESTOR.

STOP! Acceptable Proof Documents are the standard modern authoritative genealogical documents used for most lineage society applications. Acceptable compendia for the following generations include Weis's *Ancestral Roots* (8th ed.), Richardson's *Royal Ancestry* (2013), Richardson's *Plantagenet Ancestry* (2nd ed., 2011), Richardson's *Magna Carta Ancestry* (2nd ed., 2011), Cokayne's *Peerage*, *Scots Peerage*, numerous Burke's *Peerages*.

My **Gateway Ancestor** is: _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

A. _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

B. _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____
m. _____ at _____
to _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

C. _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____
m. _____ at _____
to _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

D. _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____
m. _____ at _____
to _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

E.

b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____
m. _____ at _____
to _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

F.

b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____
m. _____ at _____
to _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

G.

b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____
m. _____ at _____
to _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

H. _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

I. _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

J. _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

K. _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

L. _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

M. _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

N. _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____
m. _____ at _____
to _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

O. _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____
m. _____ at _____
to _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

The said _____ was the child of

P. _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____
m. _____ at _____
to _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____

Proofs: