

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS.

The applicant must be presented singly, upon the form issued by the Society.

The record of the ancestor's military service should be given fully but concisely.

It is not necessary to show the pedigree any further back than the ancestor who served in the war.

The Society does not accept encyclopedias, genealogical works, or town or county histories, except such as contain rosters, as authorities for proofs of service.

In referring to printed works, the volume and page should be given.

Reference to authorities in manuscript must be accompanied by certified copies, and authentic family records must be submitted, if required.

Every application must be signed by applicant and sworn to by him, and it must be endorsed by two members of the Society.

When the applicant is not personally known to any member of the Society whom he can ask to recommend his application, he must submit to the Secretary, when he files his papers, the names of two reputable citizens of the State to whom he refers by permission.

When an applicant claims descent from more than one Revolutionary ancestor, then a supplementary application must be made for each ancestor.

Supplementary claims are to be treated in form and procedure precisely as original applications. There is no extra cost for filing supplementary claims.

The officers of the Society will render assistance, when called upon, in making search to find proof of ancestor's services.

To begin to make a search for proofs, the applicant must know the State the ancestor served from, and in,

writing officials simply ask "for the military service of A. B., said to have been a soldier in the Revolutionary War," and they will inform you what rank they find and any other data the records show. Also give the name of town or county he served from, if you know, and officer he served under.

The Indiana State Library contains many volumes of records of the Revolution from all the Original States, and records are also to be found in the Indianapolis City Library. Some of the books one might consult are Heitman's Historical Register (if the ancestor was an officer), Sael's Records of the Revolution, the Indiana G. A. R. Register (1908), which contains a list of Indiana Revolutionary pensioners. When a name of a Revolutionary soldier can be found in any State or government publication, or in any record whose authority is unquestioned, a reference to the publication, with the volume and page number, is as satisfactory as a certificate from State or government officers. In visiting a library, ask for all books containing rolls of soldiers from the State in which you are interested.

If the ancestor was granted a pension for services in the Revolutionary War, a certificate, giving ancestor's military history, may be secured by addressing the Commissioner of Pensions at Washington. No charge is made for such certificate.

The Adjutant General's office, War Department, Washington, D. C., has a card index of all Revolutionary soldiers whose service is recorded in muster rolls in possession of the War Department, and will furnish information without charge.

Correspond with the following officials and others named, in the various States, for certificates of military service and the fees for search and for furnishing the certificate: