

## Citing Sources on the Application

One major value of establishing a patriot's service for membership in the SAR is the information provided in the application as a source for future members to use in establishing their own memberships. Incomplete citations such as "death certificate", "census record", "family history" are of little help. To help with this situation, the following standards for citing the sources used are suggested, not required, but their use will enhance the future value of our Record Copies.

**Birth, marriage, and death certificates or licenses** – Use the abbreviation "b/c", "m/c", "m/l", or, "d/c" etc. and list the name of the party(s) for which it is relevant. Unless there is some special reason for indicating the year or place where the record was located, that information isn't needed since the date and place is already provided on the application.

- b/c - John Smith.
- m/c - John Smith to Jane Doe.
- delayed b/c – Mary Walser, Sacramento Co. CA, 1952. [In this case the person was born in Iowa in 1889 but the delayed birth certificate was issued in California in 1952].

**Census records** – Provide the census year, county, state, and name of the head of household as found in the census.

- 1860 cen. Clayton Co., IA, p. 193, John Smith hh.

**Published records** – Provide the complete name of the volume, year published, and page(s) number(s) of interest. The year of publication is of particular value when multiple books with similar titles are available.

- "History of Clayton County, Iowa", 1882, p. 691.

**Court records (probate, land, etc.)** – Provide the place, year, volume, page, and name of persons of interest.

- Loudoun Co., VA Deed Bk R (1789), p. 440, Ashley to Mann.
- Lancaster Co., SC Minutes Court of Equity, Bk B (1834-1841), pp. 222-223, Terrill heirs.

**Bible Records** – Provide original owner and publication date.

- Meshack Vanlandingham family Bible, 1837.

**Newspaper article** – Provide type of article, person of interest, newspaper, and page.

- Obit John Smith, San Francisco Call, 21 Feb 1885, p. 4.

**DAR Record Copy** – Provide the DAR number and the name of patriot.

- DAR RC #809010 – Richmond Terrill.

**SAR Record Copy** – Provide the SAR number and the name of the patriot. Note: a copy of the SAR Record Copy is not needed since the Genealogy Staff has access to it already. However, it may be required for use by the State and Chapter Registrars in the verification process.

**SAR RC 156802** – Samuel Hoard