

2016 Genealogy Gems Report #1

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The DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS) is a lure you should have in your research tackle box when you are fishing for ancestors. Among the information it has from DAR's beginning, is lineage extracts of many DAR applications. SAR Genealogy Policy 3.5003 notes that we accept most DAR and C.A.R. applications registered after 1 Jan 1985, over 30 years worth. Always use the DAR GRS for an early lineage search. There are 7 resources you can link to and this report covers 2 of them. From www.dar.org click the Green GRS button in the page heading.

"Descendants" is a good starting point if you know your lineage to at least one relative who died even in the 1900's. Suppose I am able to prove my lineage to Richard Milburn who died on 22 Mar 1969 in Jefferson Co, KY. I would be rewarded with an acceptable proof to a Patriot Ancestor. Click on the "Descendants" link above the red line at the top of the GRS webpage. Enter his Last and First names, then Press the "Search" key to cast a wide initial net. By then clicking on the red lineage logo button to the right of each Patriot Ancestor's name, I can see part of the lineage used to link to them. I am excited to see that 2 of the 3 results exactly match my original search criteria! I decide I'll file first on John Milburn using the \$10.00 DAR RC 883832 I can order and receive online, which saves me a lot of research time proving those same latter lineage links she used.

While waiting for SAR to approve my application to John Milburn, I wonder if DAR 883832 might have other ancestors on whom I could file Supplements. I click on the "Member" tab and enter her number to discover she filed on 4 other Patriot Ancestors, one being Richard Milburn that I already know about. By clicking on the other Patriot names from that webpage, I can see if any of those lineages might also work for me.

Factoids:

DAR and C.A.R. applications registered after 1 Jan 1985 can be used as supporting documentation for SAR applications – with minor caveats. Applications beginning with DAR #688702 and CAR #130021 and higher will work. An earlier numbered DAR "Supplement" will also work if it has an "Add 621 or A621" number, or higher number, stamped on the DAR RC.

Use the DAR Genealogical Research System to perhaps save yourself a lot of time and provide very solid supporting documentation for minimal cost.

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