

DAR Legacy by KSDAR State Registrar Lee Cox
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1 - Greetings, Kansas Daughters, and welcome to our Virtual State September Meeting. I am Lee Cox, your State Registrar, and so honored that you've joined me to learn about the new DAR Legacy designation.

2 - Legacy was announced in May 2020, with a two-fold purpose:

1. to encourage the easiest pathway to membership for your prospective members.

As chapter registrars well know, it is an incentive to use the easiest connection to membership that minimizes the amount of documentation submitted with an application, benefitting the member, chapter and Society. 2. Legacy also celebrates our bond of membership with our family members. New member applications (after May 2020) are automatically reviewed by NSDAR genealogists for Legacy status. It is possible to verify the application with no more than 3 generations and that is a blessing to all chapter registrars. Less documentation means a faster turnaround time. That helps maintain excitement, pride in DAR membership for your prospective member, instead of waning enthusiasm as time lingers on and on through review process.

3 - A prospective member's application may connect to a DAR member's application OR Supplemental. The prospective member's lineage and the member's lineage must link to the same patriot ancestor. For instance, you cannot link 2 or 3 generations and then branch off to a different patriot ancestor. For the prospective member, Legacy status is only granted for the original application submitted to the NSDAR Genealogists. Substitute ancestors do not qualify. For more guidance see DAR Genealogy Guidelines, Part One, Page 26.

4 - While a patriot ancestor may have been used for verified for membership, when issues have been discovered with service, residence, or lineage, you will see error code in red font or the notation that the line is closed. When you see this, you know this ancestor cannot be used for a prospective member's application OR for retroactive Legacy status.

5 - Retroactive Legacy designation is available to all members who meet the following criteria:

- You must connect to a living member who may be your mother, sister, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, niece, aunt, or first cousin. - You must have the same lineage to the same patriot ancestor through an application or a supplemental. For instance, your supplemental is with the same patriot ancestor as your aunt's application. - You may only receive the Legacy designation once. As an example, I connected to my daughter for my Legacy status. So, I cannot also request Legacy status connecting to my 3 granddaughters. You only apply one time and are approved one time. Apply once and approved once.

6 - Let me provide a visual for what this looks like. Our State Organizing Secretary gave me permission to use her family as an example. All four of these women meet the criteria of linking to the same patriot ancestor within 3 generations with their applications. You will notice that the prospective member, and current members seeking Legacy designation, may connect to a relative's short form application or

supplemental as long as it connects to the SAME patriot ancestor.

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When you connect with a member, both members will receive the Legacy designation. Look at the possibilities for Denise's family. Any of the 4 members may link to one other family member, and I can see 12 possibilities. See if you can find them all. They are listed in the Script of this presentation which is available to you. But remember that it takes ONE link to a member to receive Legacy status. [Shirley requests Legacy designation with Denise Rachel – Emma Denise – Rachel Denise – Shirley Denise – Emma Emma – Rachel Shirley – Rachel Rachel – Denise Shirley – Emma Emma – Denise Rachel – Shirley Emma – Shirley](#)

7 - Let's look at an example that is not as straightforward. I am using my own family to show you that sometimes it is messy sorting it all out. I strongly encourage putting all of the possible connecting names within 3 generations of your family on paper in a similar manner. You need the patriot ancestor's name and number with each DAR member. Remember, you can use the application or supplementals, but the lineage has to connect you and your family member to the same patriot ancestor. I have used colors to highlight individual patriot ancestor names and numbers. You are looking at 5 DAR members seeking Legacy status. The top row is fairly straightforward. My daughter used one of my supplementals for her membership; and my granddaughter used her mother's application. Then it gets tricky. Keep your eyes on the patriot ancestors highlighted in blue, green, and pink. The application for my second granddaughter connects her through my husband and son's patriot ancestor, and her supplemental links to my application. My third granddaughter's application was built from her sister's application. - Please notice I cannot be linked to my third granddaughter for Legacy status. - My third granddaughter can only be linked to her sister for Legacy status. - My second and third granddaughters cannot be linked to their first cousin or aunt for

Legacy status. I was the first one in my family to join DAR. Without my daughter or granddaughters, I could not apply to Legacy.

8 - There is not a form, but only your email request to attain Legacy status. The address is Legacy@dar.org. Please include your full name and member number (which is found in your chapter yearbook), the full name and member number of your connecting member; and the patriot ancestor's name and ancestor number. Remember, it must be the same ancestor number for you and your connecting relative. Queries will be researched by NSDAR Genealogists as time allows so please be patient. You will receive an email notification from NSDAR when your Legacy designation has been approved.

9 - You can see that the Legacy pin is a companion to the ancestor bar and designed to be placed above your ancestor bar(s). Your chapter officers will be able to see the comment "Legacy Approval" posted on your Member Profile in emembership. Once you receive notification of your approved Legacy status by NSDAR email, you may order your pin.

10 - Please notice the link for Additional Information. This recording will be available under the Fall 2020 Conference tab on the KSDAR Member's website. I encourage you to use this as a chapter program. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about DAR Legacy. As we Rise and Shine in Service to America, please utilize the Legacy status to help us WELCOME HOME more Kansas Daughters!!!

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