



National Society Descendants of American Farmers
Membership Acceptable Sources

- County Histories
- County Records
- Court Records
- Death Certificates
- Obituaries
- Tax Records (indicating farming equipment, livestock – cattle, horses, pigs, sheep etc.)
- Town Records
- U.S. Census (occupation farmer, farming, farm laborer, yeoman)
- Wills

Note: Ownership of land/property is not accepted.

You will need proper documentation to prove your lineage, *when using the long form*. This documentation includes certified birth, marriage and death certificates, wills, federal census and other records. Printed genealogies may be accepted as proof only if the genealogy is adequately documented. However, it is best to rely on primary documents, i.e. a birth certificate clearly showing parents' names or a will in which the writer clearly identifies a child through whom the applicant's lineage is traced. You will also need adequate documentation which proves that your ancestor was a farmer, farm laborer or yeoman.