

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY  
OF THE  
**CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

State Washington  
City Tacoma  
Society Cameahwait

National Number 58559

Name of Applicant } Lynne Rosalind Anderson

Residence 3412 North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Tacoma Wash.  
Number Street City State

DESCENDANT OF

Weimar Siler

The undersigned have investigated and approved the applicant and the application.

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Application examined and approved \_\_\_\_\_, 19  
Lynd M. Belmont  
National Registrar

Accepted by the National Board of Management OCT 18 1946, 19  
Ether W. Berner  
National Recording Secretary

Indorsement for Membership at Large  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State President

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of this Society, or members of any other incorporated Revolutionary Society.

Name <u>Mary Evaline Siler</u>	Name <u>Harrif-B Siler</u>
Residence <u>1706 No. Alder Tacoma, Wash.</u>	Residence <u>1706 No. Alder St. Tacoma Wash.</u>

When filled out in duplicate and properly indorsed the application must be forwarded to the National Treasurer, Business Office, N. S. C. A. R., Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D. C., with the necessary fee and dues. When approved by the National Board one copy will be returned to the President of the Society, or to the individual, if joining At Large, and the other will be filed with the National Society.

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LINEAGE

I, Lynne Rosalind Anderson being of the age of 10 years, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from Weimar Siler

who was born in Pennsylvania on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 1755 and died in Macon County, N.C. on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 1831 His place of residence during the Revolution was South Carolina

I was born in Tacoma County of Pierce State of Washington on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 1935

All dates must be given by month, day and year wherever possible, and given names must be stated in full.

1. I am the daughter of Louise (Siler) Anderson born on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> in 1897 died in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and his (first or \_\_\_\_\_) wife Helgey Elwood Anderson born on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> in 1893 died in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ married on Aug. 15, 1926

2. The said Louise (Siler) Anderson was the child of Rufus Theodore Siler born on April 11<sup>th</sup> in 1863 died in 1937 on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and his (first or \_\_\_\_\_) wife Josephine Landes born on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> in 1868 died in 1939 on March 20<sup>th</sup> married on Dec. 3, 1886

3. The said Rufus Theodore Siler was the child of David Weimar Siler born on Dec. 17 in 1822 died in 1884 on Dec. 22 - 1884 and his (first or second) wife Martha Jane Osborne born on May 11 in 1835 died in 1895 on March 5 - 1895 married on June 4, 1862

4. The said David Weimar Siler was the child of Jacob Siler born on June 1 in 1795 died in 1877 on Sept. 27 - 1877 and his (first or \_\_\_\_\_) wife Matilda Swain born on not known in not known died in not known on not known married on Feb 8 1820

5. The said Jacob Siler was the child of Weimar Siler born on Feb. 28 in 1755 died in 1831 on Feb. 4 and his (first or \_\_\_\_\_) wife Margaret Rafferty born on Oct 12 in 1767 died in not known on not known married on 1783

6. The said \_\_\_\_\_ was the child of \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ died in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and his (first or \_\_\_\_\_) wife \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ died in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ married on \_\_\_\_\_

7. The said \_\_\_\_\_ was the child of \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ died in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and his (first or \_\_\_\_\_) wife \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ died in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ married on \_\_\_\_\_

8. The said \_\_\_\_\_ was the child of \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ died in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and his (first or \_\_\_\_\_) wife \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ died in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ married on \_\_\_\_\_

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ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

REFERENCES, by Volume and Page, must be given to the documentary, or other authorities upon which you found your record, for Revolutionary Service. Reference to membership in other Revolutionary Societies is not sufficient for proof of service.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Quotation from *The Siler Family* (mentioned under References for lineage) Page 4: "Neimar Siler enlisted at fifteen as drummer boy in the Indian War, and was promoted for his courage. During the Revolution he served under Francis Marion and Sevier. Among the places at which he fought were Sumter, Kings Mountain and Cowpens."

My mother's father's sister is Miss Mary Evaline Siler, a member of Mary Ball chapter, D. A. R. of Tacoma, Washington. Her national number is 172558 ✓

Verified by  
D. A. R. National Number

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR

(By each marriage, if married more than once)

Names	Dates of Birth	To Whom Married, noting if Married more than once
Jacob Siler	June 1795	{ Matilda Swain Mary Thornton Highsmith (2nd marriage) Athas Swain
William Siler	Sept. 6, 1790	Athas Swain
Jesse R. Siler	Jan. 31, 1793	Harriot Patton
John Siler	July 5, 1805	Polly McKee
Thomas Siler	May 25, 1798	
Esther Siler	March 12, 1786	James Lowrey
Elizabeth Siler	July 3, 1788	Jacob Weaver
Margaret Siler	Dec. 16, 1800	Martin A. Gash
Mary G. Siler	March 19, 1810	John Henley

Signature of applicant: Lynne Rosalind Anderson  
Must be in applicant's own handwriting.

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed by parents or guardian when applicant is too young to sign.

**ELIGIBILITY CLAUSE**  
Article III of the Constitution

Section I. Any boy or girl under twenty-one years of age may be eligible for membership in this Society who is lineally descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier, sailor, civil officer, or recognized patriot in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United Colonies or States, provided that the applicant be personally acceptable to the Society.

**REFERENCES FOR LINEAGE**

(Proofs for line of descent are wills, administrations, deeds, church, Bible, census and pension records, tombstones, histories, genealogies, old newspapers, etc.)

Give below a reference to the authority for EACH statement of Birth, Marriage or Death. If from published records, give names of books and page numbers. If from unpublished or inaccessible records, applicant must file duplicate certified copies of same.

2nd Gen. *Entries made in the handwriting of Josephine Siler on record pages titled Births and Marriages in the Holy Bible, A. J. Holman & Co., No. 1222 Arch St., Philadelphia 1888.*

3rd Gen. *Same as 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation*

4th Gen. *"The Siler Family, A compilation of Biographical Sketches Relating to the Descendants of Plikard and Elizabeth Siler" published Aug. 28 1901 by the Franklin Press, Franklin, N.C. Page 23, also Page 4*

5th Gen. *"The Siler Family", Pages 3 & 4*

6th Gen. *The Siler Family*

7th Gen.

8th Gen.

Give, if possible, the following data: My Revolutionary ancestor was married

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| (1) to <i>Margaret Rafferty</i> | at <i>not known</i> | , <i>1783</i> |
| (2) to _____                    | at _____            | , <i>1</i>    |
| (3) to _____                    | at _____            | , <i>1</i>    |

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR C. A. R. GENEALOGIST'S NOTES

The said \_\_\_\_\_

is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of *Servant*

\*Wife in every instance in this paper means legal and lawful wife.  
Descendants of polygamous marriage are not acceptable as members of this Society.

*Date of marriage may be substituted for dates of birth and death where such date proves the soldier to have been living during the Revolution and of a suitable age for service.*

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# THE SILER FAMILY

BEING A COMPILATION OF

BIOGRAPHICAL

AND

Other Historical Sketches

RELATING TO THE DESCENDANTS OF

PLIKARD AND ELIZABETH SILER

AND READ AT THE

Jubilee Reunion of the Siler Family

HELD IN

Macon County, North Carolina

August 28, 1901

Addition August, 1926

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FRANKLIN PRESS, FRANKLIN, N. C.

## THE SILER FAMILY

Some of the Silers have recently been asked for information relative to their nativity, etc., hence by request we publish the following letter which was written by a lineal descendant of the first emigrant of the name to this country, after the said writer had taken much pains to secure all available information in this regard:

"Far down in the ages that are coming when all the Silers may have emigrated, somebody will want to know the origin of the name. The name originally signified a rope maker, or perhaps a dealer in, or worker with ropes. In the year 1741 a boat left its moorings high up in Germany on the classic banks of the Rhine, laden with emigrants bound for America. At Rotterdam they took a sea-going vessel and were landed on American shores. One of the party of emigrants was a small, dark-skinned youth of twenty-two years, bearing the name of Plikard Dederic Siler, born in Germany May 29th, 1719. Another was a sprightly, blue-eyed girl of fourteen summers, whose name was Elizabeth Hartsoe, born in Germany, September 29th, 1727. These two became attached to each other during the long voyage. A few years after, young Siler, under a law of the times, paid in leaf tobacco for the privilege of marrying Elizabeth, and they settled down as man and wife in Pennsylvania.

"After a while they heard that sweet potatoes could be grown in North Carolina, and that they were a delicious eatable, so they concluded to go down to that goodly land. On the way, and in Virginia they struck a potato belt, bought some and boiled them with meat over their camp-fire. They didn't like them, but bravely moving on, found the spot that suited them among the hills of Lacy's creek, four miles Northwest of where the city of Siler now stands, in North Carolina.

"Here they lived and raised a large family, five sons and four daughters. The names of the sons were Philip, Weimar, John, Frederick, Jacob and Plikard, and here they died, Plikard December 15th, 1784, Elizabeth January 16th, 1816, and, though now quiet and sleeping in the old church-yard at Rocky River Church, about four miles North of Siler City. Plikard and Elizabeth are very largely and respectably represented, not only in the counties of Chatham and Randolph, and in our mountain counties from Buncombe to Cherokee, but in almost every state Northwest, West and South.

"The land where the little City is going up has been the property of the Siler family for about one hundred years. The present owner was liberal with the railroad company, and it is to be inferred that the village was named in appreciation of his generosity and his high social standing."

### WEIMAR SILER

Weimar Siler was born February 28, 1755, in Pennsylvania. Mar-

*See next page for Revolutionary War Quota*

garet Rafferty, his wife, was born October 12, 1767, in Virginia. Her parents were born and married in Ireland, and coming to this country on a ship in which there were no other women, her mother disguised herself as a young man, and passed for her husband's younger brother. Landing at Philadelphia, she took off her disguise and her husband engaged board for her in a private family until he could succeed in obtaining a home. From here they soon moved to Virginia where Margaret was born. Weimar Siler enlisted at fifteen as drummer boy in the Indian war, and was promoted for his courage. During the Revolution he served under Francis Marion and Sevier. Among the places at which he fought were Sumter, Kings Mountain and Cowpens. He married Margaret Rafferty about the year 1783. They moved to Pendleton, S. C., about 1787, and from there to Turkey creek, in Buncombe county, N. C., in the spring of 1805, and then to Macon county in 1827, where he died February 4, 1831. He was of quiet disposition, very genial in his manners, a great lover of little children and very industrious. Above all, he was a deeply pious man, showing in his daily life a constant desire to live as a Christian. The day before his death he was seemingly as well as usual, and engaged all day in making his family more comfortable, but died in his bed during the night. His wife out-lived him nearly eight years, dying on the 15th of January, 1839. As he was truly German in his disposition so she was truly Irish in hers—warm-hearted, impulsive and very energetic.

Their first child, Esther, was born in Virginia March 12th, 1786. She married James Lowry, of Buncombe county, N. C., October 9, 1804, and died March 15th, 1849. Her husband died January 4, 1857.

Elizabeth was born July 3, 1788, in South Carolina, and married Jacob Weaver, of Buncombe county, N. C. She died October 3, 1867. Her husband died April, 1868. William was born September 6, 1790, married Althea Swain, of Buncombe county, November 25, 1823, and died May 5th, 1863. She died March 6th, 1846. Jesse Richardson, was born January 31, 1793, married Harriett Patton, of Buncombe county, June 23, 1818, died March 22, 1876. She died August 19, 1877.

Jacob was born June 1, 1795, married, first Matilda Swain, of Buncombe county, second, Mrs. Mary Thornton Highsmith, of Hartwell, Ga. He died September 27, 1871. Matilda died November 5, 1858.

Thomas was born May 25, 1798. He went to West Tennessee in February, 1822, where he died September 6, of the same year.

Margaret was born December 16, 1800, married Martin Alley Gash, of Henderson county, N. C., February 9, 1830, died February 9, 1850. He died February 18, 1850.

John was born July 5, 1805, married Mary C. McKee, of Haywood county, March 11, 1833, died August 2, 1872. She died January 19, 1878.

Mary G., born March 19, 1810, married John Henly December 13, 1831, died July, 1837.

Table 1. Inhabitants in Philadelphia in the County of Philadelphia, enumerated by me on the 6 day of July, 1870. Office Philadelphia

2	3	4			7	8		10	11
		Age	Sex	Color		Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate		
	O'Brien Alice	18	F	M				Denmark	
	Wilbur	16	M	M				" "	
	Addie	14	F	M				" "	
	Oscar	12	M	M				" "	
	Flourice	10	F	M				" "	
	Charlie	5	M	M				" "	
	Kittie	3	F	M				" "	
	Blair Mary	28	F	M	Keeping House	1600	3000	" "	
	Lulan	5	F	M				" "	
	John	3	M	M				" "	
31	Moss Abram	21	M	B	Farm Labor			" "	
	Linda	42	F	B	Keeping House			" "	
	Reber	25	F	B				" "	
	Col.	22	F	B				" "	
32	Siler Daniel	14	F	M	Farmer	12500	2000	N. C.	
	Martha	38	F	M	Keeping House			Denmark	
	Rufus	7	M	M				" "	
	Wm C.	5	F	M				" "	
	Samuel W.	3	F	M				" "	
	Joest	1	M	M				" "	
34	Mary Lucy	42	F	M	Keeping House	300	400	" "	
	Nancy A.	18	F	M				" "	
	James	16	M	M	Farmer Laborer			" "	

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