

Genealogical Research Report Version 2

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Introduction

The client intends to apply for membership to the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). He wishes to use the genealogical information detailed in the 1913 SAR application of his ancestor Frank Edward Wallace. He requests that the lineage from Jonathan Sawin (the Revolutionary War Veteran) to Frank Edward Wallace be verified as to accuracy and completeness so that he may use it for his own SAR application.

Scope of Work

The scope of work for this report includes the lineage from Jonathan Sawin to Frank Edward Wallace. It does not include the Revolutionary War service record of Jonathan Sawin, nor does it include the lineage from Frank Wallace to the client.

Research Question

Is the lineage from Jonathan Sawin to Frank Edward Wallace detailed in the 1913 SAR application of Frank Edward Wallace supported by sufficient credible evidence to be considered accurate as the basis for a successful application by the client for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution?

Limitations

Project to be completed by August 25, 2021, and total time not to exceed 20 hours.

Sources Consulted

- Find a Grave website
- Massachusetts Births and Christenings Index, 1639-1915, via FamilySearch.org
- Massachusetts Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626-2001, via Ancestry.com
- Massachusetts, Wills and Probate files, Worcester County, via Ancestry.com
- Mills, Karen, Americans Overseas in US Censuses, Washington, DC: US Dept of Commerce, 1993.
- National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution website
- New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution website
- Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications 1889-1970, via Ancestry.com
- US Census Population Schedules for Massachusetts in 1870 and 1880 via FamilySearch.org
- US Census Population Schedules for New York and New Jersey for 1900 and 1910 via FamilySearch.org

Background Information on the Sons of the American Revolution

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) is a lineage society for descendants of American Revolutionary War Veterans founded in 1889 and headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky.¹ There are state societies incorporated separately in each US state (and in several other nations), including the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NJSSAR), which incorporated its SAR chapter in 1889.² The application of Frank Edward Wallace to the NJSSAR was filed on 7 November 1913.³ Standards of genealogical proof have changed since the early 20th century, so an evaluation of the genealogical information presented in earlier applications must be researched and evaluated. For example, in the Wallace application, no sources are cited for the genealogical information presented. Thus, research must be conducted to ascertain of the information presented in the application is accurate and complete.

Summary of Findings

The research question is answered in the affirmative. The lineage from Frank Edward Wallace to Revolutionary War veteran Jonathan Sawin is supported by sufficient credible evidence. Here is a summary of the evidence found for each part of the bloodline lineage:

SAR Application

The 1913 SAR Application of Frank Edward Wallace depicts the bloodline descent as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Relationship to F. E. Wallace</u>
Jonathan Sawin	12 Jan 1735	17 Jan 1822	Great Great Grandfather
Abigail Sawin	9 Feb 1767	19 Feb 1843	Great Grandmother
Almira Samson	13 Oct 1806	29 July 1886	Grandmother
Susan Hastings Maynard	8 Mar 1841	Living	Mother
Frank Edward Wallace	3 Aug 1862	2 Feb 1932	Self

The following is a detailed list of the evidence found to support this line of descent:

¹ National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, "Missions and Goals," website accessed on 14 July 2021 at <https://www.sar.org/sar-missions-and-goals/>

² New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, "Welcome to the NJSSAR," website accessed on 14 July 2021 at <http://www.njssar.org/>

³ Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications 1889-1970, Louisville, KY: National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, microfilm, 508 rolls, digital images at Ancestry.com, images 376-8 of 545, accessed on 14 July 2021 at https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2204/images/32596_242145-00388?usePUB=true&_phsrc=GCL282&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pid=292541

Frank Edward Wallace

Edward F. Wallace, male, born 3 Aug 1862, Town of Ashburnham, MA. Father: Franklin W. Wallace. Mother: Susan H. Wallace. Father's Birthplace: Westminster. Mother's Birthplace Wichendon.⁴

Edward F. Wallace, Age 8, At school, 1870 Census, Town of Ashburnham, MA. Head of Household Frank Wallace, Age 38. Susan Wallace in household, age 29.⁵

Edward F Wallace, Age 17, at school, 1880 Census, Town of Ashburnham, MA. Head of household Frank Wallace, age 47, married. Wife Susan Wallace, age 39.⁶

No result was found in US Census records of a Frank Edward Wallace living in New Jersey or New York in 1900 or 1910 with a birth in Massachusetts in the 1860s.⁷

Susan Hastings Maynard

Susan Hastings, born 8 March 1841, Ashburnham, MA, Father Antipas Maynard, Mother Almira.⁸

Marriage of Franklin W Wallace and Susan H Maynard, 6 May 1860, Ashburnham MA. Franklin born Westminster, Susan born Ashburnham.⁹

Almira Samson Maynard

⁴ Massachusetts Births, 1841-1915, database with images, image 542 of 1035, Massachusetts Archives, Boston. Accessed on 14 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6S44-SVC?i=541&cc=1463156>

⁵ United States Census, 1870, database with images, FamilySearch, Massachusetts, Worcester, Ashburnham, image 27 of 56, citing NARA microfilm publication M593, Washington, DC, no date. Accessed on 14 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-69Y9-VSH?i=26&cc=1438024&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AMDQC-Z9C>

⁶ United States Census, 1880, database with images, FamilySearch, Massachusetts, Worcester, Ashburnham, ED 798, image 16 of 43, citing NARA publication microfilmT9, Washington, DC, no date. Accessed on 14 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYB2-RHK?i=15&cc=1417683&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AMHFM-SKB>

⁷ United States Censuses, 1900 and 1910, databases with images, FamilySearch, accessed on 15 July 2021.

⁸ Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital, and Town Records, database with images, FamilySearch, Worcester, Ashburnham, Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1760-1900, image 33 of 327, citing Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston, no date. Accessed 18 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G979-H8SH?i=33&cc=2061550&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AF4GS-SYD>

⁹ Massachusetts, Marriages 1841-1915, database with images, FamilySearch, image 802 of 1032, State Archives, Boston. Accessed on 17 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-XSS9-6QN?i=802&cc=1469062&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3ANWY5-LVF>

Almira Samson and Antipas Maynard were married on 3 Dec 1822 in Ashburnham, MA.¹⁰

Almira Maynard is named as a beneficiary in the will of Oliver Samson. Oliver Samson's will was recorded in the Worcester County Probate Court files on 3 March 1835.¹¹ His wife is identified as Abigail, and one of his children is identified as Almira Maynard.

Almira Samson died 29 July 1886 at the age of 79 years, 9 months, and 29 days. This is recorded in the index of deaths for the Town of Ashburnham. The place of her death is recorded as Ashburnham and her place of residence is recorded as Ashburnham. The record indicates that Oliver Samson was her father. Her mother's name is not recorded.¹²

Almira Samson Maynard was buried in New Cemetery in Ashburnham MA.¹³ An image of the gravestone shows she is buried next to her husband Antipas Maynard. Almira Samson Maynard's birth date is inscribed on the stone as 13 October 1806 and her date of death is inscribed on the stone as 29 July 1886. In the find a grave memorial, it is stated that her parents were Oliver Samson and Abigail Sawin Samson, but no documentary evidence is cited for this information.

Abigail Sawin Samson

Abigail Sawine was born to Jonathan and Mary Sawine in Westminster, MA on 9 February 1767.¹⁴

Abigail Sawin married Oliver Samson on 26 November 1789 in Westminster, MA.¹⁵

¹⁰ Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital, and Town Records, 1626-2001, database with images, FamilySearch, Worcester, Ashburnham, Births, Marriages, and deaths 1760-1900, image 157 or 327, citing Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston, no date. Accessed on 14 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G979-HZPD?i=156&cc=2061550>

¹¹ Massachusetts, US, Wills and Probate Files, Worcester County Probate Court, 16395-1991, database with images, image 170 of 716, Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Accessed on 16 July 2021 at https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9069/images/007704447_00170?usePUB=true&_phsrc=GCL292&_phst art=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=408420

¹² Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital, and Town Records 1626-2001, database with images, FamilySearch, Worcester, Ashburnham, Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1760-1900, image 301 of 327, citing Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston. No date. Accessed on 15 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FHBR-HJQ>

¹³ Find a Grave, record for New Cemetery, Ashburnham, MA, Accessed on 14 July 2021 at <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/149631073/almira-maynard>

¹⁴ Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital, and Town Records 1626-2001, database with images, FamilySearch, Worcester, Westminster, Birth, Marriages, and Deaths 1738-1845, image 194 of 446, citing Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston, no date. Accessed on 14 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-8979-X9X2?i=193&cc=2061550&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQG12-45BF>

¹⁵ Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital, and Town Records 1626-2001, database with images, FamilySearch, Worcester, Westminster, Marriages 1774-1888, image 27 of 139, citing Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston, no date. Accessed 14 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-997M-B9JS?i=26&cc=2061550>

Abigail Sawin Samson was buried in Meetinghouse Cemetery in Ashburnham, MA. The cemetery record indicates that her birth year was 1768 and that she died on 19 February 1843.¹⁶

Research Analysis:

Abstract and Analysis of the 1913 SAR Application of Frank Edward Wallace

The document examined consists of 3 digital images.¹⁷ The application was filled out on a pre-printed form. The printed heading on the first page reads as follows:

The New Jersey Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Application for Membership

The name Frank Edward Wallace is typed on the first blank line on the first page, followed by the name of his purported Revolutionary War ancestor Jonathan Sawin. The date of 7 November 1913 is stamped on the line for date filed with Secretary. The date of 8 December 1913 is stamped next to the line for the approval of the Secretary General. At the bottom of the first page the date of 20 February 1932 is written on the line preceded by the printed word "Deceased." The rest of the first page consists of approvals and their dates from the state and national SAR officials.

The second page of the application consists of a brief summary of Jonathan Sawin's Revolutionary War service, followed by the genealogy of the lineage from Frank Edward Wallace to Jonathan Sawin. The lineage is typed onto the blank lines provided on the form for each generation. The form is organized beginning with the information for the applicant and proceeds back generation by generation to the Revolutionary War veteran's grandparents. At the bottom left of page 2 of the form are the names of the 2 members of the NJSSAR who sponsored Frank Wallace for membership. Their names are J. E. Van Dyke and B. F. Quackenbush. At the bottom right of page 2 is the signature of Frank E. Wallace. The line below the signature is titled "Residence." On this line is typed "31 Chestnut St. East Orange, NJ." For the line titled "Occupation," there is a typed entry stating: "Customs Broker, 203 Broadway, New York (City)." The last page contains notarized signature of Frank E Wallace. It is dated 6 Nov 1913 and the location is stated as "New York."

The following is an extract of the genealogical information presented on page 2 of the application of the line from Frank Wallace to Jonathan Sawin:

¹⁶ Find a Grave Memorial, Abigail Sawin Samson, New Cemetery, Ashburnham, MA. Accessed on 17 July 2021 at <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/58413537/abigail-samson>

¹⁷ Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications 1889-1970, Louisville, KY: National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, microfilm, 508 rolls, digital images at Ancestry.com, images 376-8 of 545, accessed on 14 July 2021 at https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2204/images/32596_242145-00388?usePUB=true&_phsrc=GCL282&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pid=292541

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>Relation to Subject</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Frank Wallace	3 Aug 1862	Ashburnham, MA	2 Feb 1932 (from 1 st page)	Self	None – no space provided
Franklin W Wallace	27 Nov 1832	Ashburnham, MA	4 Mar 1899	Father	6 May 1860
Susan Hastings Maynard	8 Mar 1841	Ashburnham, MA	Living (as of Nov 1913)	Mother	
Antipas Maynard	31 Dec 1801	Ashburnham, MA	18 Nov 1883	Grandfather	3 Dec 1822
Almira Samson	13 Oct 1806	Ashburnham, MA	29 July 1886	Grandmother	
Oliver Samson	Blank	Blank	15 Jan 1835	Great Grandfather	1789
Abigail Sawin	9 Feb 1767	Blank	19 Feb 1843	Great Grandmother	
Jonathan Sawin	12 Jan 1735	Westminster, MA	17 Jan 1822	Great Great Grandfather	12 Feb 1759
Mary Whitney	Blank	Worcester, MA	Blank	Great Great Grandmother	

Analysis of Evidence for Each Person in the Direct Bloodline

Frank Edward Wallace

The birth record for Edward F Wallace from the Town of Ashburnham has handwritten entries for each birth record. The heading is births for the Town of Ashburnham for the year 1862. The entry is written as follows:¹⁸

No. [on page] – 42

Date – Aug 3

Name – Edward F Wallace

Sex – M

Place of Birth – Ashburnham

Names of Parents – Franklin W and Susan M Wallace

Residence of Parents – Ashburnham

Occupation of Father – Farmer

Place of Birth of Father - Westminster

Place of Birth of Mother - Wichendon

¹⁸ Massachusetts Births, 1841-1915, database with images, image 542 of 1035, Massachusetts Archives, Boston. Accessed on 14 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6S44-SVC?i=541&cc=1463156>

The entry for Edward F Wallace matches the date of birth, place of birth, and parents name as presented in the SAR application of Frank Edward Wallace. The first and middle names are reversed in the birth record and the 1870 and 1880 census records as compared to the way the name is presented on the SAR application. 1890 census records for Massachusetts were destroyed. No records could be found for Edward Frank Wallace in New York or New Jersey in the 1900 or 1910 Censuses to confirm that he lived in the greater New York City region when he filed the SAR application.

The reversal of first and middle names is not uncommon, especially considering that the father and son shared the same or similar names. Frank Edward Wallace was identified as a Customs Broker in the 1913 SAR application, so if he traveled or was located abroad during the census enumerations, that could explain the lack of census records for him.¹⁹

The parents' names and the date of birth are identical on the SAR application and in the Town vital record. This is direct evidence that the parents of Frank Edward Wallace are Franklin Wallace and Susan Maynard Wallace.

Susan Hastings Maynard

The birth records are handwritten, formatted as an index in book form, in alphabetical order by surname. Beginning with digital image 33, on the bottom right, the following births are listed:

“Caroline Elizabeth Maynard, daugh. of Antipas Maynard and Almira
[continuing at the top left of image 34] his wife, born May 23 1833
Jane Ardelia Maynard, daugh. of same, born March 27 1836
Elliot Augustus Maynard, son of same, born Octr. 14, 1839
Susan Hastings, Daugh. of same, born March 8, 1841
Mary Isabel Maynard, daugh. of same, born July 20, 1843
Charles Wesley Maynard, son of same, Octr. 25 1845”²⁰

The birth date and parents' names are identical in the birth record and in the SAR application. One anomaly is that in the birth record, Susan Hastings does not have the surname Maynard, as all the other children do.

A search was conducted for Susan Hastings born in Massachusetts in 1841. One other person was found as follows:

1870 Census – Susan M Hastings, age 29, Teacher, resident of Milford (Worcester County), living in a household with Lavinia Stevens, age 53 and Harriet Stevens, age 26.²¹

¹⁹ Mills, Karen, *Americans Overseas in US Censuses*, Washington, DC: US Dept of Commerce, 1993. P.18. Only US military personnel and US government employees who are living overseas are counted in the Census. Accessed on 15 July 2021 at [https://www.google.com/books/edition/Americans Overseas in U S Censuses/L7fknAAACAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1](https://www.google.com/books/edition/Americans%20Overseas%20in%20U%20S%20Censuses/L7fknAAACAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1)

²⁰ Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital, and Town Records, database with images, FamilySearch, Worcester, Ashburnham, Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1760-1900, image 33 and 34 of 327, citing Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston, no date. Accessed 18 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G979-H8SH?i=33&cc=2061550&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AF4GS-SYD>

²¹ United States Census, 1870, database with images, FamilySearch, Massachusetts, Worcester, Milford, citing NARA microfilm publication M593, Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, no date. Accessed 19 July 2021

The 1870 Census record for the household of Franklin Wallace with Susan Wallace and Edward Wallace living together in Ashburnham²² demonstrates that the Susan Wallace living in Milford cannot be Edward's mother.

A search of the Worcester County probate court records reveals no adoption record or any other matter involving a Susan Hastings in the relevant time period.²³

The marriage record of Susan Hastings Maynard and Franklin W Wallace is recorded by handwritten entry into an index book with pre-printed headings. The records on this page are for marriages in the Town of Ashburnham for the year 1860, and they are in chronological order. The entry reads as follows:

No – 7

Date 1860 – May 6

Names and Surnames of Groom and Bride – Franklin W. Wallace and Susan H. Maynard

Residence of Each – Ashburnham [Groom] “ [Bride]

Age of Each – 28 [Groom] 19 [Bride]

Occupation of Groom – Farmer

Place of Birth – Westminster [Groom] Ashburnham [Bride]

Names of Parents – Lorette Wallace [Groom] Antipas and Almira Maynard

The date of the marriage and the place of marriage are identical to those recorded in the SAR application. The two documents are direct evidence confirming that the genealogical information in the SAR application for Frank Edward Wallace's mother, and that Antipas Maynard and Almira Samson Maynard were Susan's parents.

Almira Samson Maynard

The marriage record for Almira Samson and Antipas Maynard in the Town of Ashburnham record matches the date and place given on the SAR Application.²⁴ The will of Oliver Samson identifies Almira Maynard as his daughter and Abigail Samson as his wife. The extract of the pertinent parts of the will

at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-DCD3-B31?i=3&cc=1438024&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AMDQ8-GKG>

²² United States Census, 1870, database with images, FamilySearch, Massachusetts, Worcester, Ashburnham, image 27 of 56, citing NARA microfilm publication M593, Washington, DC, no date. Accessed on 14 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-69Y9-VSH?i=26&cc=1438024&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AMDQC-Z9C>

²³ Massachusetts, Worcester County, Probate Files 1731-1925, FamilySearch, Case nos. 28140-28205, Hastings, Mary F to Hatch, Frank J, 1731-1881, Boston: Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, no date.

²⁴ Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital, and Town Records, 1626-2001, database with images, FamilySearch, Worcester, Ashburnham, Births, Marriages, and deaths 1760-1900, image 157 or 327, citing Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston, no date. Accessed on 14 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G979-HZPD?i=156&cc=2061550>

read as follows:

Heading: "Worcester, March 3, 1835"

Bequest: "I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Abigail, after paying all my just debts, the whole of my Estate, both Real and Personal . . . excepting the following bequests, viz. . . .

[list of one dollar bequests to other children]

"I do also give and bequeath to my Daughter Almira Maynard the sum of one dollar."

The will was filed by in the probate court on 3 March 1835, after Oliver's death on 15 January 1835. The handwriting appears consistent with other wills in this volume of wills, indicating that it was transcribed by a court clerk. The will is written is shown as signed by mark of Oliver Samson The will, since it appears copied from the original after his death, is a derivative source. It is however direct evidence that Almira is the daughter of Oliver Samson.

The gravestone inscription shown in the digital photo in the New Cemetery in Ashburnham indicates that Almira Samson was married to Antipas Maynard. The birth and death dates on the gravestone match the dates on the SAR application.²⁵

The death record in the index book for the Town of Ashburnham for Almira Samson Maynard indicates that she died 29 July 1886 and that her place of residence was Ashburnham. This is consistent with the SAR application. Her death record indicates that Oliver Samson was her father. No mother's name is stated in this record; however, Oliver Samson's will identifies Almira as his daughter and Abigail as his wife. Taken together, these pieces of direct and indirect evidence confirm that Almira Samson is the daughter of Abigail and Oliver Samson.

Abigail Sawin Samson

The birth date of 9 February 1767 for Abigail Sawine is recorded by the Town of Westminister MA. Her father in the Town record is recorded as Jonathan Sawine, the Revolutionary veteran.²⁶ This record is in a bound book and the book is entirely handwritten including the headings. The record for Abigail Sawine is in a family group of the children with the pertinent part recorded as follows:

"Jonathan and Mary Sawine

Famely Recorded . . .

"Abigail Sawine borne February 9 1767"

While there is an "e" at the end of the surname in the birth record, corroborating evidence is found in the will of Jonathan Sawin, dated 21 January 1822, which names his wife as Mary and states as follows:

²⁵ Find a Grave, record for New Cemetery, Ashburnham, MA, Accessed on 14 July 2021 at <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/149631073/almira-maynard>

²⁶ Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital, and Town Records 1626-2001, database with images, FamilySearch, Worcester, Westminister, Birth, Marriages, and Deaths 1738-1845, image 194 of 446, citing Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston, no date. Accessed on 14 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-8979-X9X2?i=193&cc=2061550&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQQ12-45BF>

“I do give and bequeath unto my second daughter Abigail, sixty dollars.”²⁷

The will document is in a bound volume containing entirely handwritten wills. The wills appear to be in the same handwriting, indicating that they may have been transcribed by a clerk. They appear to be derivative records recorded in an official court record book of wills.

Abigail is listed as the second daughter in order of birth in the record cited above, and the daughter named Elisabeth appears as the oldest daughter in both the birth record and the will. Oliver Samson, the husband of Abigail Sawin, provided his signature as a witness to the will of Jonathan Sawin.

These documents provide direct evidence that Abigail is the daughter of the Revolutionary War Veteran Jonathan. The marriage date on the SAR application for Abigail Sawin and Oliver Samson is given as 1789, and the Town of Westminster marriage date is recorded as 26 November 1789.²⁸ The death date on the SAR application and the Ashburnham New Cemetery record are identical.²⁹

Conclusions

To demonstrate that Frank Edward Wallace was a descendent of Jonathan Sawin according to the genealogy laid out in the 1913 SAR Application, the line of descent that must be proven is

1. Frank Edward Wallace was the son of Susan Hastings Maynard
2. Susan Maynard was the daughter of Almira Samson Maynard
3. Almira Samson was the daughter of Abigail Sawin Samson
4. Abigail Sawin was the daughter of Jonathan Sawin

Direct and indirect evidence has been found and presented in this report to support all of the parent-child relationships in the bloodline of descent from the Revolutionary War veteran Jonathan Sawin to Frank Edward Wallace. The client can proceed with his application for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution using the supporting information in this report.

²⁷ Massachusetts, Wills and Probate Records, Worcester County Probate Court, volumes 56-57, p. 278, database with images, FamilySearch, image 166 of 729, accessed on August 24, 2021 at https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9069/images/007704457_00166?pld=421181

²⁸ Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital, and Town Records 1626-2001, database with images, FamilySearch, Worcester, Westminster, Marriages 1774-1888, image 27 of 139, citing Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston, no date. Accessed 14 July 2021 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-997M-B9JS?i=26&cc=2061550>

²⁹ Find a Grave Memorial, Abigail Sawin Samson, New Cemetery, Ashburnham, MA. Accessed on 17 July 2021 at <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/58413537/abigail-samson>