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PP 9-1/N --- membership accepted
at January 24, 1975
Meeting.

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National Number.....

State Number.....

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THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY
OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
—OF—

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

DESCENDANT OF

Ezra Chase

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Application examined and approved	Accepted by the State Board of Management
1974	1974
State Registrar.	State Secretary.

DATES

Application filed with State Secretary.....1974

Notification of election.....

Fees paid.....

Application sent to Registrar General.....

Approved and registered by Registrar General.....

Certificate of Membership delivered.....

Badge delivered.....

Resigned..... Transferred.....

Deceased.....

IMPORTANT: It is requested that complete dates, month, day and year, be supplied for generations (1), parents, and (2), grandparents of applicant. Complete dates for all generations should be given if possible. Also all names should be given in full.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

16 August 1974

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY
OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I, Gerald R. Ford, being of the age 61 years,
hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from
Ezra Chase who was born in Newbury, Massachusetts on the
9th day of July, 1717, and died in Haverhill, Massachusetts on the
3rd day of March, 1793, and who assisted in establishing American Independence.
I was born in Omaha County of Douglas
State of Nebraska on the 14 day of July, 1913,

Please give all dates in numerals, month first, and all names in full, including wives' maiden names.

	DATE	PLACE AND STATE
(1) I am the son of <u>Gerald R. Ford, Sr.</u>	born <u>1890</u>	<u>Grand Rapids, Mich.</u>
	died <u>1962</u>	
and his () wife <u>Dorothy A. Gardner</u>	born <u>1892</u>	<u>Harvard, Illinois</u>
	died <u>1967</u>	<u>Grand Rapids, Mich.</u>
	Married	
(2) grandson of <u>Levi Addison Gardner</u>	born <u>4-30-1860</u>	<u>Solon Mills, Illinois</u>
	died <u>5-09-1916</u>	<u>Grand Rapids, Mich.</u>
and his () wife <u>Adele Augusta Ayer</u>	born <u>7-02-1867</u>	<u>Harvard, Ill. (Ohio)?</u>
	died <u>8-10-1938</u>	<u>Los Angeles, Calif.</u>
	Married <u>10-21-1884</u>	<u>Harvard, Illinois</u>
(3) great-grandson of <u>George M. Ayer</u>	born <u>1840</u>	<u>Kenosha, Wisconsin</u>
	died	<u>Harvard, Illinois</u>
and his () wife <u>Amy G.</u>	born <u>1849</u>	<u>New York</u>
	died	<u>Harvard, Illinois</u>
	Married <u>ca. 1865-6</u>	
(4) great-grandson of <u>John Varnum Ayer</u>	born <u>1-03-1812</u>	<u>Haverhill, Mass.</u>
	died	<u>Kenosha, Wisconsin</u>
and his () wife <u>Elida Manney</u>	born <u>1813-14</u>	<u>New York</u>
	died	<u>Kenosha, Wisconsin</u>
	Married	
(5) great-grandson of <u>Samuel Ayer</u>	born <u>12-13-1777</u>	<u>Plaistow, N. H.</u>
	died <u>1847</u>	<u>Kenosha, Wisconsin</u>
and his () wife <u>Polly Chase</u>	born <u>8-15-1784</u>	<u>Haverhill, Mass.</u>
	died <u>8-1854</u>	<u>Kenosha, Wisconsin</u>
	Married <u>11-28-1805</u>	<u>Haverhill, Mass.</u>
(6) great-grandson of <u>William Chase</u>	born <u>4-12-1756</u>	<u>Haverhill, Mass.</u>
	died <u>12-08-1839</u>	<u>Haverhill, Mass.</u>
and his () wife <u>Abigail Gove</u>	born <u>9-23-1761</u>	<u>Hampton Falls, N. H.</u>
	died <u>11-29-1844</u>	<u>Haverhill, Mass.</u>
	Married <u>10-01-1783</u>	<u>Kensington.</u>
(7) great-grandson of <u>Ezra Chase</u>	born <u>7-09-1717</u>	<u>Newbury, Mass.</u>
	died <u>3-03-1793</u>	<u>Haverhill, Mass.</u>
and his () wife <u>Judith Davis</u>	born <u>3-12-1721-2</u>	<u>Haverhill, Mass.</u>
	died <u>2-28-1808</u>	<u>Haverhill, Mass.</u>
	Married <u>12-02-1740</u>	<u>Haverhill, Mass.</u>
(8) great-grandson of	born	
	died	
and his () wife	born	
	died	
	Married	

and he, the said Ezra Chase (No. 7) is the ancestor who assisted in
establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Minuteman Massachusetts
Militia

* Applicant was born Leslie L. King, Jr. His parents were divorced
when he was less than 2 years old.

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Applicant affirms his adherence to the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence and his unqualified support of the Constitution of the United States of America, to the end that the inalienable rights of the citizen may be preserved and our ideal representative government perpetuated.

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

"SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society who, being at the age of eighteen years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militia-man or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress or, of any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—*Constitution of National Society, S.A.R., Article III*

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant derives eligibility by descent from more than one Revolutionary ancestor, and it is desired to file additional claims, separate applications on special forms provided for the purpose, should be made in each case and filed with the original.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestors, with dates of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 3, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender his certificate upon failure to pay his membership dues, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or actual disability, to be determined by the Society of which he is a member.

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

Ezra Chase served as a Minuteman in the Massachusetts Militia and he also furnished funds for the maintenance of the Militia.

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Please list below proofs and references for genealogical line by generations:

- (1) Vital Public Records
- (2) Vital Public Records
- (3) 1850 & 1860 Census, Kenosha, Wisconsin; 1880 Census, Harvard, Ill.
- (4) Vital Records, Palistown, N.H. p.87; Haverhill Records, p.231; 1850
1860 Census, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
- (5) Vital Records, Palistown, N.H., pp. 32,59,87; Haverhill Records, p.
231; "7 Generations Descs. of Aquila & Thos Chase".
- (6) "7 Generations" as above. (J.C. Shase, 1928, p.148)
- (7) "7 Generations" as above; History of Haverhill, p.385 (Rev. Svc.)
- (8) _____

Full maiden name of applicant's wife Elizabeth Bloomer born April 8, 1918 married Oct. 15, 1948

NAMES OF CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF APPLICANT

Name	Date of Birth	Residence
<u>Michael Gerald Ford</u>	<u>Mar. 15, 1950</u>	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>
<u>John Gardner Ford</u>	<u>Mar. 16, 1952</u>	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>
<u>Steven Meigs Ford</u>	<u>May 19, 1956</u>	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>
<u>Susan Elizabeth Ford</u>	<u>July 6, 1957</u>	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>

Statement of applicant of services, if any, in the Military or Naval forces of the United States of America.

United States Navy, World War II.

The following are references to the authorities for the record of my ancestor's service and for the genealogical data contained in this application:

Mass. Soldiers & Sailors in the War of the Revolution, Vol. III, p. 350;

History of Haverhill, G. W. Chase, 1861, p. 385.

DAR Patriot Index, p.126

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Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of the Society:

Signature of applicant, (Name in full)

Address,

The White House, Washington, D.C.

Occupation,

The President

The following form of acknowledgment is required

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

ss: _____

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Personally appeared _____

signer of the above and foregoing application and statement, and made oath before me that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Official Signature, _____

[L. S.] _____