

ProQuest Information and Learning is a global leader in collecting, organizing and distributing value-added information to researchers. **HeritageQuest Online** provides libraries with research materials for genealogists and historians which include the Genealogy & Local History Collection, the U.S. Federal Census Collection, the Periodical Source Index (PERSI), and the Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Applications.

Welcome to HeritageQuest Online!

HeritageQuest Online presents a varied and in-depth set of data for genealogists and historians. It is designed to help amateur and professional genealogists, local historians, and public library patrons to search and use data from the 1790-1930 U.S. Federal Censuses, the full text of more than 20,000 family and local histories, a subject index of 6,300 local history and genealogy periodicals through PERSI, and a database of Revolutionary War pension and bounty-land warrant files.

1. U.S. Federal Census (1790 -1930)

HeritageQuest Online displays each page of census data as a digitized image. The top of the page shows the series, roll and page numbers of each entry. You can enlarge the image by using the Zoom feature, or change the image from positive to negative. Click on the arrows next to Page to see the page of census data before or after the page you are viewing. If your search returned multiple names, you can click on the arrows next to Name to see the page displaying each name you retrieved. You can Print a census record or Download it to a disc by clicking on the appropriate commands.

Three Tabs provide Three Search Options:

- **Basic Search**
 - Surname
 - Given Name
 - Census Year
 - State
- **Advanced Search**
 - Surname
 - Given Name
 - Census Year
 - State
 - County (ability to Browse)
 - Location (ability to Browse)
 - Age, Sex, Race*
 - Birthplace* (ability to Browse)
- **Find By Page Number (Microfilm/fiche)**
 - Series (with examples)

- Roll (with examples)
- Page (with examples)

*Age, Sex, Race, and Birthplace available only for 1850 forward (with the exception of 1890)

Browse Census Search Option

Browse Census allows you to access all census years by locality. It is useful for viewing census records for years that are not yet name-indexed.

You can select parameters in a stepwise manner until you reach your desired results. Browse Census requires four steps to narrow your search results:

1. Census Year
2. State
3. County
4. Location

U.S. Census Maps by Dollarhide and Thorndale are also a valuable part of the Census Collection, found under the Browse Census search option. These maps show each state from 1790 to 1920 and the county boundaries in existence at the time of the census. The county boundaries are not the same as congressional districts, which was the basis for pulling up military units as well as representations. Note: The 1920 maps will reflect any changes that may have taken place for the 1930 census. The authors knew that there would not be enough changes to merit another edition and thus place those notes on the maps.

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2. Genealogy & Local History Collection

HeritageQuest Online offers full-text searching of over 20,000 local and family history books and primary historical source materials. Results will display full citations as well as digital images of relevant book pages, allowing you to search for specific information or to browse within a book.

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Search Options include:

People

- Person Names (with examples)
- Place Names (with examples)
- Keywords (with examples)

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Places

- Place Names (with examples)
- Person Names (with examples)
- Keywords (with examples)

Publications with advanced searching

- Keyword(s)
- Title
- Author (ability to Browse)
- City of Publication (ability to Browse)
- Publisher (ability to Browse)
- Publication Date (Range)
- Subject (ability to Browse)
- Language (choose from 15 or All)

Browse Option includes:

Books, journals, monographs, etc.

3. PERSI (Periodical Source Index)

The **Periodical Source Index** provides access to over 1.6 million citations from over 6,300 English language and French Canadian genealogy and local history journals written since 1800.

Researchers can browse journals or perform basic and advanced searches based on keywords, people, places, and research methodologies.

You can also search by historical event/place – such as the Andersonville Prison, and so on. This is a great historical database index that genealogists, students, and historians can use to enhance their research.

Search Options include:

People Search for information about ancestors or relatives in periodical articles.

- Surname (Ex. Smith, smit*)
- Keywords (Ex. Irish, Civil War)
- Periodical (New England, Military)

Places – (Basic or Advanced) Search for information about towns, cities or regions in periodical articles.

Tabs for U.S., Canada, or Other Countries

- **State/Province** (Ex. New York, Florida)
- **County** (Ex. Davidson, New Hanover)
- **Keywords** (Ex. Quakers)
- **Record Type:**
Biography, Cemeteries, Census Records, Church Records, Court Records, Deeds,

Directories, Histories, Institutions, Land Records, Maps, Military Records, Naturalization, Obituaries, Other Records, Passenger Lists, Probate Records, School Records, Tax Records, Vital Records, Voter Records, and Wills.

Advanced includes all of the above plus

- **Locale** (Ex. Queens)

How To's – Search for articles on research methodologies.

- **Keyword** (Ex. German)

Record Type including: Biography, Cemeteries, Census Records, Church Records, Court Records, Deeds, Directories, Histories, Institutions, Land Records, Maps, Military Records, Naturalization, Obituaries, Other Records, Passenger Lists, Probate Records, School Records, Tax Records, Vital Records, Voter Records, and Wills.

Periodicals – Search periodicals by providing a title keyword (Ex. New England) or **Browse** periodicals in beginning with a specific letter

4. Revolutionary War

Extracted from the NARA Series M805 of selected records, **HeritageQuest Online** offers pension and bounty-land warrant application files for over 80,000 military, naval, and marine officers and enlisted men from the **American Revolutionary War**. Often there is information on the spouse and/or children if they received benefits on behalf of the veteran. The place of residence is also included in the record which allows greater flexibility for the researcher. These records can be searched or browsed for genealogical and historical research. There is a link included to "Read more about Rev War".

Search Options include:

- **Surname**
- **Given Name**
- **State** (18 States include): Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia.
- **Service Options** include: 4 Regiment Artillery, Armand's Corps, artillery Artificers, CAN (Canada), CONT (Continental Army), Engineers, FR (France), Foreign, General Hospital, GER (Germany), Hazen's Regiment,

IN (Indian War), Invalid Corps, Lee's Legion, Military Hospital, Navy, SCT (Scotland), Sea Service, Von Heer's Corps, or War of 1812

5. Results List, Notebook, Search History, Help

- The **Results List** takes users to a list of materials that meet their search criteria, ranked by relevance. User can customize the results, set number of citations per page, sort by element of choice, modify the search, or move from the citation of choice to full page image with one keystroke.
- The **Notebook** feature allows the user to take notes on census records, books, or citations then print, email, or download them during the current session.
- The **Search History** saves every search used during a session. Users can retrieve their previous search strategies for reuse or modifications.
- **Help** is a thorough and well-designed feature of HeritageQuest. Clicking on Help will open a window that offers assistance using the screen which is currently displayed. A table of contents within the Help window can be used to access other topics.

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