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ELECTRONIC RESOURCE OF THE MONTH!

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HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE

HOW DO I FIND *HeritageQuest Online*?

In-Library and Home (Remote Access with a valid LAPL Library card)

HeritageQuest Online is available online at all LAPL locations and remotely from the LAPL website under **Research & Homework** in the alphabetical online resources menu and under the subject category of *History, Geography & Genealogy*.

DESCRIPTION: *HeritageQuest Online* is a growing collection of research materials for tracing family history and American culture. Beginning or professional genealogists can use these primary sources, local and family histories, and finding aids, with coverage back to the late 1700's and over 28,000 books from their home or the library. Materials cover all 50 states and Canada. Search, browse, print, e-mail, and download in Adobe PDF format enabled.

The database is divided into six main subject areas that contain millions of records that help put family research in its historical, social, and cultural context. ▼

- ▶ **Search Census** Find ancestors in the complete set of U.S. Federal Census images from 1790–1940, including name indexes for many years.
- ▶ **Search Books** Find information on people and places described in over 28,000 family and local histories.
- ▶ **Search PERSI™ Archive** Find information about people and places from this index of over 2.3 million genealogy and local history articles (1800-2009).
- ▶ **Search Revolutionary War** Search selected records from the Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files.
- ▶ **Search Freedman's Bank** Search for individuals in Freedman's Bank (1865-1874), which was founded to serve African Americans.
- ▶ **Search U.S. Serial Set** Search the Memorials, Petitions, and Private Relief Actions of the U.S. Congress in the ProQuest® U.S. Serial Set.

To Start: Click on one of the six main subject areas. The search box and options for that section will then be visible along with a Help link explaining that particular section. The other five subject areas will display on the top navigational bar on the top of the page allowing you to switch to another subject easily.

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CENSUS

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Search :: Browse

CENSUS – The page images for the entire census 1790-1930 are included and 1940 is being added. In addition to searching by name, the census records can be searched by place of birth, age, ethnicity and other variables in advanced search. Researchers can quickly see all African-Americans or all persons born in Ireland living in a state or county. Zoom in to enlarge pages for better viewing up to 200 or 400 per cent.

BOOKS – Every page of each book is presented and can be downloaded or copied. Titles are from libraries nationwide. To begin, choose *People* (ancestors or relatives), *Places* (towns, cities or regions), or *Publications* (books, journals, monographs, etc.) to search.

PERSI – The PERiodical Source Index is a comprehensive subject index covering more than 6,600 genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and French (Canada) between 1800 and 2009. The researcher has the ability to search on surnames, locations, and methodologies as well as the ability to browse the journals by title and keyword. There are more than 2.3 million article citations.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION & BOUNTY LAND WARRANT APPLICATION FILES

– Collection details records of 80,000+ individuals who served in the Revolutionary War and contains both genealogical and historical information. Each veteran file usually contains six or more pages that include former rank, unit, and period of service, age or date of birth, residence, and sometimes genealogical information on other family members.

FREEDMAN'S BANK RECORDS – At the close of the Civil War, the Freedman's Savings & Trust Company was the primary bank for America's freed slaves and others from 1865-1874. This collection documents more than 105,000 bank depositors and over 480,000 of their dependents and heirs. It is considered one of the most important resources for African-American genealogical research.

U.S. SERIAL SET – Glimpses into people and places on whose behalf Congressional action was sought between 1789-1969 including Private Relief Actions, Memorials, and Petitions. The subject matter covered includes: pensions, military and naval matters, claims of election fraud, public works projects, immigration and naturalization, land grants, taxation, and many types of monetary claims made by individuals and businesses.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Getting Started Guide online <http://persi.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/help/start.html>

(If link does not open, copy and paste the URL into your browser.)

Feature links accessible from the top of the page:

- *Results List* – save and use selected results to create lists.
- *Notebook* – where you can take notes on findings and save selected results/citations for printing, e-mailing, or downloading.
- *Search History* – edit and combine searches.
- *Learning Center* – video lessons on relevant genealogy subjects, such as *Principles for Beginning Genealogy*.