



Sample Searches: HeritageQuest Online

U.S. Federal Census – 1790 to 1930

1. Conduct a *Basic Search* for **Cornelius VanHorn in 1870 Wisconsin**. The search results will bring back references of this person.
2. Conduct an *Advanced Search* for **Race: BLACK in 1870 Kentucky** (over 69K quick results out of 377K total population (18%); select **Boyd County** from the list of results and sort the list by age or given name. For comparison, perform same search for 1910 KY (84K out of 685K, or 12%).
3. In “Find By Page Number” – Search: **Series 1920-T625, Roll: 1438, and Page: 259**. The center of the page will show the entry for Harvey Firestone, his family and all the servants.
4. Click on the BROWSE link below the Census tab, and browse to **1850, Illinois, Sangamon County, Springfield, Image 103 of 114**. *Abraham Lincoln* and family about 2/3rds down the page.
5. *Browse census, select year 1860, select the state of Georgia, select SLAVE as the County, and select SLAVE as the Location*. This combination of fields will display the 1860 Slave Schedule for the entire state of Georgia. *Note: Once a state has been selected that a link “View state map” will display. You may click on the link to view a map of the state for the selected census in relationship to the state today via county boundaries. The maps also display Indian Territories.*

Genealogy & Local History Collection (BOOKS)

- **People**
 - Search **Robert near:2 Taft** (finds Robert within 2 words of Taft). This method makes the search more precise and helps find people when the middle name or initial is unknown. [Alternate example: Keyword: **Thomas Jefferson near:5 Virginia** to find a person in a certain location.]
 - Combination search for a person and keyword: Person: **Black Kettle** and Keyword: “**Sand Creek**” (with quotation marks).
- **Places** Search **Washtenaw County Michigan** to Michigan as place name to narrow the search results. Then add surname of **Breitenbach**. Add full name of **Breitenbach, Martin** to further narrow to a single result. The book retells the story of this gentlemen’s murder.
- **Keyword** A search on Keyword: **minister**; add Place: **Virginia** to narrow results. Return to the search page and add Person Name: **Joshua Adams** the search in order to find results for a specific person, in a particular location, in conjunction with a keyword search (in this case an occupation).
- **Publications - Advanced Search**
 - Search a **city name** and the keyword **DIRECTORY** in the title field to find all city directories for a particular city: Keyword: **Directory** City of Publication: **Nashville**
 - **Subject search for your city**. Most cities are listed two ways: state-county-city (or state-city) and city-county-state (or city-state). Click on the Browse button next to the Subject field and search for the city of interest. Check mark the results of interest to automatically enter them into your search fields.

PERSI (Periodicals Source Index)

1. Search Surname: **Stewart** in the “*People*” search page; choose # 4 in the Article Results List: “Ella Nora Phillips Stewart, first woman pharmacist in the nation, b. 1891” to find the article details which includes publication name, volume and issue where the article appears. (Note: PERSI is a *surname*-only index.)
2. Search **Tennessee** in “*Places*”; choose **Wills** in “Record Type”.
3. Search the “*How To’s*” articles by selecting the “How To’s” link beneath the PERSI tab, enter Keyword: **Handwriting** to retrieve articles on the subject. Or you can use the pull down box to search on some of the more popular terms.



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4. Search *Periodicals* to see if a publication is represented in the collection. Enter **Mayflower** and click on **Mayflower Quarterly**. The screen then shows the citation, the volumes and issues along with known repositories. Click on the link to one of the issues to view the titles of all the articles in that issue.

Revolutionary War

1. Search **Caleb Jordan** in **NC** to find his Grade (*Private*) and Warrant Numbers (*12281 and 13247*).
2. Search for **George Miller** who fought in the **Continental Army (CONT)**. He was recognized in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Read the 10 images (pages) to see what he earned and who he served under.
3. Search for **Elizabeth Shelton**. Her record is an excellent example of a Widow's Pension application file, complete with family records, various declarations and statements from state government and military officials, a family property schedule and statement of income, and a 1936 Veteran's Administration response to a request for information regarding member's of the Shelton family's pension files.

U.S. Serial Set

1. Search on name: **Cobb Nichols**. The documents retrieved will describe how Nichols' land became an island after the Corps of Engineers constructed a canal on nearby property.
2. Search for a Keyword phrase: "**women's suffrage**" to find a variety of documents regarding the women's suffrage movement in the United States.
3. Search on name: **Lewis Armstrong**, and select the *16th result* ("Memorial on counting vote of people of Louisiana for the appointment of presidential electors, November 7, 1876"; SERIAL-SET-ID: 1723 S.misdoc.14). This document features multiple authors, many sections, and a variety of tables. If you click on "*1 hits*" (to the left of Section 6), you will be taken to page 285 of the Serial Set document that includes a statement given by Mr. Lewis Armstrong regarding whom he voted for and why: "I did this because I had put my money in the Freedmen's Bank in Natchez (\$290) which I have never been able to get again...".

Freedman's Bank Records

1. Based on the information found in the U.S. Serial Set #2 (see above) for Lewis Armstrong, search Surname: **Armstrong**, App Year: **ALL**, Branch Location: **MS (Mississippi)-Natchez**. This will yield results for Jane and Louis Armstrong. Click on either last name to view the record for Mr. Armstrong (both names on the record have been indexed). We can assume, based upon the information found in Mr. Armstrong's statement in the U.S. Serial Set data, that he is the only Lewis/Louis Armstrong with an account at the Natchez Freedman's Bank branch, this is the same Mr. Armstrong found in the U.S. Serial Set document.
2. Search Surname: **Collins**, Given Name: **Lizzie**, App. Year: **1865**, Branch: **KY (Kentucky)-Louisville**. Miss Collins is not married, but claims to have a beau that she will marry soon, not to mention that she discloses that she had been serving as a spy of one of the local military regiments.

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