

# Heritage Quest

This free research site is provided through Badgerlink, and can be accessed at [www.apl.org/e](http://www.apl.org/e) from home. Choose "Heritage Quest" from the list of available resources. You will need to log in using your library card number. You may also use it in the library without having to log in.

Heritage Quest has records from the Federal Census, immigration, Freedman's Bank, PERSI (an index to genealogical journals), a large collection of local history and family history books, city directories, and much more. Choose a collection to search from the home page, or click "Search". A search box tailored to that search will pop up.

A screenshot of the HeritageQuest search interface. It features a "SEARCH" button and a checkbox for "Match all terms exactly". There are input fields for "First & Middle Name(s)" and "Last Name". Below these are sections for "Birth" and "Death", each with dropdowns for "Day" and "Month", and input fields for "Year" and "Location". There is also an "Any Event" section with a dropdown and an input field. An "Add family member" section is present with a "Spouse" label and input fields for "First & Middle Name(s)" and "Last Name". A "Keyword" section has an input field and a dropdown menu with the example "e.g. pilot or 'Flying Tigers'". A "Cemetery" section has an input field. At the bottom, there is a "SEARCH" button and a "Clear search" link.

On the main page you will find links to helpful information, such as this explanation of how to send records you find to your email.

Now you can send the records you find home. Select the "Send document" button on the left of the Record page.

#### Send Your Find Home!

Enter your email address and we will send you a link to your personalized Discovery Page where you can view and download all of the great finds you make while here.

[Send document](#)

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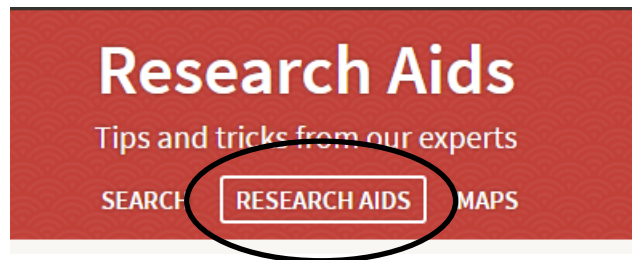
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The Research Aids page suggests new ways to search, as well as explaining the U.S. Census and other types of records.



One useful guide shows how counties in the U.S. changed over time. Click on “Maps” to find this tool.

## Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920

Look at your state to see how counties changed over time

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The counties your ancestors lived in probably changed their boundaries and even their names once or twice during their lifetime. Find your state and look at the changes over time. [Or see the entire U.S. by decade.](#)

A map of the United States with state abbreviations. On the right side, there is a vertical list of state abbreviations in circles: VT, NH, ME, MA, RI, CT, NJ, DE, MD, DC. Lines connect these circles to their corresponding states on the map. The "MAPS" button in the navigation bar above is circled in black.

To learn more about the U.S. Census: [Historical U.S. Censuses](#), [Published Statewide Censuses and Indexes](#), [Countywide Census Indexes](#), [Non-population Census Schedules](#), [Census Forms](#).

