HeritageQuest Online

HeritageQuest provides access to genealogy and local history resources including the 1790 to 1930 U.S. Federal Census, the full-text of over 25,000 family and local histories, the PERSI (PERiodical Source Index) of 6,300 local history and genealogy periodicals, Revolutionary War pension and land grant records, and the records of the Freedman's Bank. HeritageQuest is available at all libraries in the Chester County Library System and from home. You will need a 14-digit Chester County Library System card number for remote access.

Accessing HeritageQuest Online from the Library:
- Go to the Chester County Library System's website, <www.ccls.org>.
- Click on Databases (under Internet Links).
- Click on A to Z Online Databases.
- Scroll down and click on HeritageQuest.

To Use HeritageQuest Online from Home:
- Go to the Chester County Library System's website, <www.ccls.org>.
- Click on Databases (under Internet Links).
- Click on A to Z Online Databases.
- Scroll down and click on HeritageQuest Online - Remote Access.
- Enter your name in the first box.
- Enter your 14-digit library card number in the second box.
- Click on the Proceed to Database button.
- Click on HeritageQuest Online to enter the database.

U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS

Basic Search
- Fill in the appropriate boxes and click Submit. If you get results, click the link for the census year you wish to see.
- Click the name of the person to see that person in the census.

Advanced Search
- Fill in as many boxes as necessary; the Browse function may be used to select the correct form of the place.
- Click Submit.

BOOKS
- Click Books, and then click on the kind of Book search to be performed: People, Places or Publications.
- Fill in the boxes as appropriate.

PERSI
- Click PERSI to locate magazine articles about specific persons or places. PERSI is an index maintained by the Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- Copies of articles located in PERSI may be obtained from that source using the form provided.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR
- Fill in the boxes as appropriate and click Submit.

FREEDMAN'S BANK
The Bank was created in 1865 for the benefit of freed slaves after the Civil War.
- Fill in the boxes as appropriate and click Submit.

There are detailed Help screens to assist in searching and in printing or downloading results.