HeritageQuest Online

What is it?

➢ **HeritageQuest Online** is a comprehensive treasury of American genealogical sources – rich in unique primary resources, local and family histories, and finding aids.

➢ It delivers an essential collection of genealogical and historical sources – with coverage dating back to the 1700s – that can help people find their ancestors and discover a place’s past.

Getting Started

Access HeritageQuest Online through any web browser:

1. Go to the library’s website at [www.mymanatee.org/library](http://www.mymanatee.org/library) and click on the orange **Research & Learning** button and then on the **Articles, Research & Information** button.

2. Click on **Genealogy** and then on the **HeritageQuest Online** link. You will be prompted to log in with your Patron ID # (back of card) and PIN number.
Using HeritageQuest Online

1. The home page of HeritageQuest consists of 3 tabs: Search, Research Aids, and Maps.

2. Search allows you to conduct advanced searches using keywords, names, location, year, and various life events. When viewing a record for a person, the page will provide you with that person’s information such as name, address, and gender as well as the original source’s publication information. There is also often a scanned image of the original source which you can save to your computer or email to someone. (See images below)

3. The Research Aids tab gives you search tips and helpful information on how to use the directories, census, and indexes.

4. The map tab allows you to look at maps of all 50 states from 1790-1920 that show how the states and their counties have grown and changed over the years.

Contact Us

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