



Heritage Quest

Scope: A database to search for ancestors and relatives; includes searches of census information, local history, selected Revolutionary War records and Freedman's Bank (1865-1874) which was founded to serve African Americans.

How to Access:

- Click once on the word “Chicopee CLIC” on the Chicopee Public Library homepage (www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org).
- Click once on the label “Genealogy”.
- Click once on “Heritage Quest”.
- Log on using the CLIC username and password. (Check the “Homework Helper” bookmark, or see the librarian, if you forget the username and password).

How to Search?

Select the database of information you would like to search:

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- ▶ **Search Census** Find ancestors in the complete set of U.S. Federal Census images from 1790-1930, including name indexes for many years.
- ▶ **Search Books** Find information on people and places described in over 22,000 family and local histories.
- ▶ **Search PERSI™** Find information about people and places from this index of over 2.1 million genealogy and local history articles.
- ▶ **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 LexisNexis® U.S. Serial Set.



1. **Census:** Census material covers 1790-1830. The basic search requires a surname (last name) and/or a given name (first name). You can limit by census year and/or the state. [Note: Advanced Search allows you more limiters like age, sex, race, and birthplace.]
Example: Washington (surname), George (given name)
2. **Books:** Over 22,000 local and family history books that is full-text searchable. You can search for people or places or browse through the available books.
Example: Chicopee, MA (place name)
3. **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) since 1800.
Example: Civil War (keyword), New England (periodical), Brown (surname)
4. **Revolutionary War:** 80,000 pension and bounty-land-warrant application files based on the participation of American military, naval, and marine officers and enlisted men in the Revolutionary War. [Year span: 1800-1900]
Example: Indian War (service), Vermont (state), Smith (surname)
5. **Freedman's Bank:** Contains signatures of and personal identification data about depositors in 29 branch offices of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865-74. The Company was incorporated by an act of as a banking institution established in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, for the benefit of freed slaves.
Example: Bank Location: New Orleans, LA, Smith (surname)
6. **U.S. Serials Set:** Search for information about people and places in the Memorials, Petitions and Private Relief Actions of the U.S. Congress.

Also available at the library is Ancestry.com for more genealogical research.

The library's local history room (Chicopee Room) has local history information available for genealogical research.

Questions??

If you have questions, please ask a Reference Librarian and call us at 413-594-1800 x108 or visit us at 449 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013. Meebo: chicopee_ref