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HERITAGEQUEST

The New Jersey State Library brings **HeritageQuest Online** into your home. It's a free resource to all New Jersey residents. If you have always wanted to look for your relatives, build a family tree or write a family history, you will find HeritageQuest invaluable.



You will have access to:

- **Over 20,000 Genealogy & Local History Book Titles** including family and local histories and more than 250 primary source documents such as tax lists, city directories, church and probate records
- **The 1790-1930 U.S. Federal Census** with complete original images, plus many head-of-household name indexes
- **The Periodical Source Index (PERSI)** with subject indexes covering more than 6,300 genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and French (Canada) since 1800
- **The Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files** that identifies over 80,000 Americans who served in the war
- **The Freedman's Bank records (1865-1874)** which enables researchers of African American heritage to search registers of signatures of depositors in branches of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company
- The **Lexis Nexis® U.S. Serial Set** that contains House and Senate documents, such as Private Relief Actions, Memorials and Petitions from 1789-1969.

*State Library Cardholders can access **HeritageQuest** at www.njstatelib.org/cyberdesk by clicking on Electronic Resources. For additional assistance contact refdesk@njstatelib.org or call 609-278-2640 ext. 103.*

Try our Mid-day Training Sessions

They are FREE and informative

April 10-1 to 2 p.m.: **Using Census Records in Your Genealogy Research**

April 17-11 a.m. to noon: **Using the Updated ILLiad to Obtain Books and Articles**

April 29-noon to 1 p.m.: **Using American Fact Finder to Get the Data You Want**

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(Mid-day Training is on the right-hand side as you scroll down)

INTERESTING WEB SITES

TRY OUT THESE SITES:



Is searching simply a "google" or "yahoo" thing for you? Do you want to delve deeper but don't know where to look? Try out these sites:

www.oaister.org provides access to a panorama of digital resources that are virtually invisible to search engines. With more than 15 million records, it has a range that is impressive and includes maps, video, photos, reports and more. Use Oaister to search the "deep web."

www.allinonenews.com collects results from queries passed to the search engines of news sources and merges them into a single ranked list with no duplicates. It searches news in English from more than 1800 sources in more than 200 countries/regions.

www.muckety.com offers visual maps in eight categories: news, business, politics, media, celebs, sports, law and dynasties. You can choose "mucketythis" to select your own topic. Each visual map has a short description of the story that led to its creation.

ATTORNEY DIRECTORIES

The New Jersey State Library law section offers a comprehensive collection of American legal materials, with special emphasis on federal and New Jersey materials. Often patrons ask law staff to recommend attorneys. While we cannot recommend individual attorneys to the public, we can direct you to sources to find an attorney. For example, we have a nationwide directory of corporate counsel, and a directory of litigation attorneys. Two specific and comprehensive resources are *The New Jersey Lawyers Diary* and *Martindale-Hubbel*. Both are both annual publications. The State Library keeps past copies of the *Lawyers Diary* back to 1893, and past copies of *Martindale-Hubbell's New Jersey volume* back to 1940.

The *New Jersey Lawyers Diary* lists all attorneys in New Jersey and includes their location, area of practice and the year they passed the bar. It has a section that includes the name and address of various law services, such as the Legal Aid Society, which provides legal services to individuals who qualify financially for its services.

The *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*, www.martindale.com, is a nationwide multi-volume set of attorney listings. Search online in a keyword search format. For each state, it provides practice profiles and, if available, peer rating reviews. Professional biographies are provided for some law firms in a separate section.

Contact reflaw@njstatelib.org for assistance.

TEST PREPARATION GUIDES

Do you have a Civil Service test you need to prepare for? The State Library has test preparation guides that can help you get ready. There are guides for a wide range of job titles, from accountant to x-ray technician. There are also some general guides that cover topics like Civil Service Grammar and Usage.

Choosing the right guide is not much of a problem when the job title and the test book title match. Occupational therapist, computer operator, and senior legal stenographer are examples of this. It can be trickier, though, when there is no test guide with the same title as the job title. If you need help, contact refdesk@njstatelib.org or call (609) 278-2640 ext. 103. A librarian will help you figure out the best test preparation guide to use.

If you can't get to the library, call us and we'll send the appropriate test book to your office through interoffice mail. The test preparation guides are not available online as electronic books. To use the online catalog to find out the titles of the test books available, go to the [State Library web site](http://www.njstatelib.org) and click on [library catalog](#).

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