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TRACE YOUR FAMILY TREE WITH HELP FROM UCSLD

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Interested in your family tree? Library card holders from each of the 12 city libraries in Umatilla County have access to *HeritageQuest Online.*

HeritageQuest Online is a web-based tool which allows you to start exploring your heritage by using surnames. All you need to explore your family history is a computer with an Internet connection and your library card in good standing. The convenience of the Internet allows you to search from your local library or from the comfort of your home. You have access to a database containing millions of records – from as far back as the 1700's.

Once connected to *HeritageQuest Online,* users will find several paths to finding information –

- **U.S. Federal Censuses** feature the original images of every extant federal census in the United States, from 1790 through 1940, with name indexes for many decades. In total the collection covers more than 272 million names.
- **Genealogy and local history books** deliver more than 7 million digitized page images from over 28,000 family histories, local histories, and other books.
- **Periodical Source Index (PERSI)** Archive (1800-2009), published by the Allen County Public Library, contains more than 2.3 million records covering both English and French periodicals published around the world since 1800.
- **Revolutionary War** records contain original images from pension and bounty land warrant application files helping to identify more than 80,000 American Army, Navy, and Marine officers and enlisted men from the Revolutionary War era.
- **Freedman's Bank** records, with more than 480,000 names of bank applicants, their dependents, and heirs from 1865–1874 offers valuable data that can provide important clues to tracing African-American ancestors prior to and immediately after the U.S. Civil War. It is considered one of the most important resources for African-American genealogical research.
- **U.S. Serial Set** records the memorials, petitions, and private relief actions made to the U.S. Congress back to 1789, with a total of more than 480,000 pages of information.

HeritageQuest Online is a service provided by the Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) through a group purchasing agreement made on behalf of the public libraries in the County and is provided at no cost to users. This is another example of the District's innovative use of taxpayer dollars to bring exemplary service to the residents of Umatilla County.