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### Websites

MSL Genealogy -  
[www.maine.gov/msl/  
services/genealogy/](http://www.maine.gov/msl/services/genealogy/)

Vital Records Researcher  
Card - [www.maine.gov/dhhs/  
forms.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/forms.shtml)

MSL Classes -  
[www.maine.gov/msl/  
services/classes](http://www.maine.gov/msl/services/classes)

Maine Genealogical Society  
-<http://maineroots.org>

Maine State Archives-  
[www.maine.gov/sos/arc](http://www.maine.gov/sos/arc)

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## Searching For Your Roots With HeritageQuest Online!

HeritageQuest is a marvelous database for the genealogist to use! We at the State Library are happy to offer it to both the in-house patron, and to those who are registered borrowers of ours; all you need is the barcode which has been assigned to you, found on the back of your membership card. It's that easy!

Several components are at your fingertips: 1) the U.S. Census through 1930, mainly heads-of-households; 2) over 28,000 family and local histories have been indexed, searchable by person, place or book title; 3) PERSI, which stands for PERiodical Source Index-search for people, periodicals, places and articles on how to do various types of genealogy. Revolutionary War (4) provides selected records from Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, and includes helpful information such as a link to

the history of the era, and a glossary. The Freedmen's Bank, module #5, was just what it sounded like; this bank was opened for freed slaves. Records of depositors in 29 branches from 1865 to 1874 are included, with lots



of personal data, such as names of family members. The last part is entitled Memorials, Petitions, and Private Relief Actions of the U.S. Congress, in the U.S. Serial Set; years covered are from 1789 through 1969; options are person, place and/or keyword, and date range, if known.

Documents and reports of the House and Senate are to be found here: proposed legislation and issues under investigation. Again, as with the other components, more information is available with a link on the left-hand side of the page.

General features are found at the very top of the page, once a component is selected. References to records may be checked off and saved, automatically adding them to your "Notebook". The "Search History" option is useful for backtracking one's steps. The newest feature is the "Learning Center", which takes you to a variety of video lessons at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.

Give HeritageQuest a try, as soon as you can! Be sure to join the State Library, if you have not already done so, to take advantage of this source!

## Maine Genealogical Society 2012 Annual Family History Conference

Mark your calendars! The MGS annual conference is coming up on September 22! Doors open at 8AM, at Jeff's Catering in Brewer. Featured speaker will be Ted Steele, discussing family stories in "Did It Really Happen That

Way?". The day will continue with 3 breakout sessions, and 4 other speakers. New this year will be "topic tables" at lunch time-you could even start your own! Extra time will be built in for visiting vendors

and exhibitors. A Query Board will be available for anyone seeking an answer-or two-regarding their research. For details, go to: <http://conference.maineroots.org>. Registration continues until September 15th! See you there!