



## ONLINE RESEARCH WITH U.S. CENSUS RECORDS

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The Library of Michigan is one of the few libraries in the country that maintains the complete set of U.S. census records and indexes on microfilm, covering the years 1790-1930. The Library also houses many of the surviving mortality and agricultural schedules, the 1890 Veteran's census, enumeration district descriptions, and much more.

Via the Michigan eLibrary (<http://mel.org>), the Library of Michigan offers free home access for Michigan residents to HeritageQuest Online. Ancestry Library Edition (ALE) is also available to onsite users at the Library of Michigan; your local public library may also subscribe to ALE.

Between these two databases, researchers have total access to the complete set of U.S. census records, both indexes and images. Here is a quick reference guide to both Ancestry and HeritageQuest:

### **Ancestry Library Edition**

- Every-name indexes and images for every available census, 1790-1930
  - 1890 Veteran's Census
  - 1850 & 1860 Slave Schedules
  - 1850-1880 Mortality Schedules
  - 1930 Merchant Seaman
- Soundex searching
- Truncation and wildcard searching
  - Use \*
  - Stephen\* will search for Stephen; Stephens; Stephenson; etc.

### **HeritageQuest Online**

- Head of household indexes:
  - 1790-1820; 1860-1870; 1890-1920; partial 1930
- Every-name index and images, 1880
- Images for every available census, 1790-1930
- No truncation or wildcard searching
- Negative imaging available
- Search results sorted alphabetically by surname