HeritageQuest has a collection of over 40,000 full-text books and city directories. The books include family histories, local histories, military histories, church histories, and other publications.

From the HQ Home Page, choose **Search Books and Directories**.

If you are searching for your ancestor in the books (not directories), first try a **Publications** search.

Search for the surname in the **Subject** field and click **Submit**.

Click on the title that you are interested in.
Start by bypassing the search fields and go straight for the book's index, if one is included.

Ancestor looking for: George Washington Fancher.

You can jump ahead in the index by inputting an image number in the box at the bottom of the image viewer.

To jump to a particular page number, click on the book title (top left of the screen, usually in blue). A search screen will open. Input the page number into the page field and click the search button.
Click Record. The page will open.

**Books -- People Search**

Try various searches, applying different combinations of “Exact” to the fields.

Try various search terms in the **Keyword** field, such as:
- Spouse’s surname
- Mother’s maiden name
- Children’s names
- Profession

Then select the title of interest.

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**139. EDMOND MEADE FANCHER (Elias, Elijah, John),** born 20 Dec. 1810, supposedly in Pawling, N. Y., died in Perrysburg, N. Y., 2 Oct. 1856. He married JANE L. GATES, daughter of Jonas Gates, born in Bennington, Vt., in 1819 and died in Hanover, N. Y., 2 April 1881. Edmond was a dentist and in 1850 resided in Orangeville, N. Y.

Children, first four born in Johnsonburg, N. Y., last in Middlebury, N. Y.:

i. GEORGE WASHINGTON b. a. Sept. 1846; d. in Silver Lake, N. Y., 5 Aug. 1923; m. (1), in Sherman, N. Y., 19 Aug. 1866, CALISTA A. LIVERMORE, daughter of Jesse and Polly (Rawson) Livermore, b. in Hanover 6 Feb. 1838; d. in South Dayton, N. Y., 8 Feb. 1908; m. (2), 23 June 1910, Clara P. Kendall, a second cousin of his first wife, b. in Sheridan 2 March 1860. He was a dentist and member of the Odd Fellows. Six children.

ii. EUGENE ELIAS, b. 30 Oct. 1847, m. in Perrysburg, N. Y., 27 March 1889, MARIE ERCHEL.

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**All Family Histories and Genealogy Books results for George Fancher**

- Historical and biographical history of the township of Dayton, Cattaraugus County, New York, comprising the villages of Cottage
- The Livermore family of America
Try searching for your ancestor’s spouse’s name in the **First & Middle Name(s)** and **Last Name** fields and input your ancestor’s surname in the **Keyword** field.

Sort the results by name or by results count.

**Books - City Directories**

HeritageQuest Online provides over 20,000 historical city directories for all over the United States. Buffalo and other Erie County locations are included. This is the same collection that is in Ancestry Library Edition. Buffalo directories included are 1861-1960. Tonawanda directories included are most years from 1903-1935. Other locations may be included with the Buffalo or Tonawanda directories.
Input the following:

- **First Name**
- **Last Name**
- **Location** [or input the city name and state in the Publication Title field]
- **Any Event** - Input a year or year range - OR - input a year or year range in the Residence Year field.

Click **View Record** next to the name of interest to view the page image.
To browse the directories, input the city and state in the Publication Title field. Then input the year in the Residence Year field. Then click Search.
Click **View Record** next to any name.

Once you are in the directory, you can use the arrows at the bottom of the page to move forwards or backwards, or input an image number to jump ahead or behind.

Click the image of the filmstrip if you would like to see a filmstrip of the directory’s images.

You can scroll through the filmstrip and click on an image if desired.
Switch Directories (Browse)

Once a city directory is open, you can switch directories by clicking on the state name, city name, or year.

A menu will open. Simply click your choice to open the desired directory.

Research an Address

Tip: If you are researching an address do the following:

- Put the address number and street name in quotes in the **Keyword** field. [Don’t input the street suffix, for example, Ave., Rd., St., etc.]
- Put the city in the **Location** field.
- Input a year or year range in the **Residence Year** field.
- Make sure all fields are set to “Exact.”

All matches for the street address may not be exact in the search results, though all terms entered should be on the page. Keep in mind that Optical Character Recognition may not “read” text correctly.