HeritageQuest is powered by Ancestry.com and uses Ancestry’s search platform.

Simply click on the record set (e.g. Census, Books and Directories, Revolutionary War, etc.) that you would like to search to begin searching.

There is no “search all record sets” option. Only one record set can be searched at a time.

To follow this guide, select **Search Census**.

You can search across all census records by using the search screen to the left, or select a specific year to search only that year.
The HQ census search has an every name index to the 1790-1940 general population schedules, and also includes additional special census schedules, not previously included with HQ. This is the same index that is in Ancestry Library Edition.

Special Census Schedules

You can input data in as little as one field, or as many as all of the fields in order to search.

If you would like to mimic the “old” HQ census search, try searching with a surname and make it an Exact search. Then add a Lived In location and also restrict it to Exact.

Next, select the census year of interest. To follow this guide, select 1850.
To better determine which is the correct individual, hover your mouse over the entries to view more data about the household.

For those not trying to mimic an “old” HQ census search, input as much information as desired and then click Search.
Use the “sliders” to the left of the screen to narrow down search results. Then click Update.

To follow this guide, click on the 1850 census.

Continue to refine your search as necessary.

To edit your search terms select Edit Search and a search box will open.

Click Send Document, to send it to your personal Discovery Page. From home you have the option to download or print.