

PERSI can be accessed from a home computer if the user has a valid library card from one of the following libraries in the seven county metro area of the Twin Cities:

- Carver County
  - Dakota County
  - Ramsey County
  - St. Paul Public Library
  - Scott County
  - Anoka County
  - Washington County
  - Hennepin County
  - Minneapolis Public Library
1. Bring the public library card to a Hennepin County branch library or to the downtown Minneapolis Public Library. You may also be able to do this by phone by calling 612-630-6000.
  2. Ask the librarian for access approval to the HeritageQuest and other online databases. The librarian will register the card number. Visit < <http://www.hclib.org/pub/> > and select the Reference & Research tab.
  3. Under “Subject Guides”, select the “Genealogy” link. (Databases identified with red radio buttons can be accessed from a home computer. Those with white radio buttons can only be accessed from a library computer.)
  4. Select “HeritageQuest”, enter your library bar code number and a selection of census records, books, PERSI, and other records come up for searching.

It is recommended that the full list of available databases be examined as not everything that may be of interest to a genealogist is contained in the genealogy category. For instance, under the Letter “H” in the listing of databases are

- “*Historical Minneapolis Tribune (1867-1922)*”: Searchable full page images from the Minneapolis Morning Tribune; and,
- “*Historical New York Times 1851-2005*”: Searchable full text back to the first issue. Includes digital reproductions of every page from every available issue.