Exploring Fold3 & HeritageQuest Databases

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I. General information/Why Important

    A. Both have at-home access with SLCL library card so always free to use

    B. If out of town, local library may have access

    C. Give you a great base to begin your genealogy research

    D. Both owned by ancestry.com, share some of the same data sets

II. How to access

    A. Slcl.org ->

    B. Research tab ->

    C. Online genealogy resources ->

    D. Choose database ->

    E. Log in with last name, library card number and pin

III. HeritageQuest

    A. Ancestry.com "lite"

    B. Use for census and other records

    C. Research aids tab

    D. Maps tab

    E. Search tab

    F. Census example

    G. Book example

    H. Probate example

    I. Freedman's Bank example

IV.   Fold3
   A.   Use for military and non-military records including city directories
   B.   Missing military records
   C.   What does Fold3 mean?
   D.   Types of military records
   E.   Help tab
   F.   Memorials tab
   G.   Ways to search military records-Civil War example
          1.   From home page search box/search tab
          2.   From conflict
          3.   Browse
   H.   Ways to search non-military records-City directory example
          1.   From home page search box/search tab
          2.   From non-military
          3.   Browse
   I.   Search specific type of record/data set in search box-Headstone application example
   J.   Recently updated

V.   Shared databases
   A.   U.S. Federal Census-use HeritageQuest
   B.   City directories-use Fold3
   C.   Social Security Death Index-use HeritageQuest, great substitute for death certificate
   D.   Others

VI.   Final thoughts
   A.   Free databases with remote access
   B.   Important beginning and advanced genealogy data sets
   C.   Fold3 great place to go for military ancestors, interface can be challenging
   D.   Good luck!