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GENEALOGY HINTS AND TIPS

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the St. Louis County Library website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://sclcl.org/>. The website features a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Books, eMedia & More, Using the Library, Research, Genealogy & Local History (highlighted), Events & Classes, Kids, and Teens. A prominent banner for 'Black History Month Celebration' is visible, featuring the text 'DREAM WEAVERS' and 'Educating our Hearts and Minds January 27-February 29, 2012'. Other sections include 'Author Events', 'Tax Help', 'eMedia', and 'What's New'. The bottom of the page shows a dock with various application icons.

Log into the St. Louis County Library website, sclcl.org, and click on "Genealogy & Local History".

The screenshot shows the Safari browser window displaying the St. Louis County Library website. The page is titled "Genealogy & local history | St. Louis County Library". The main navigation bar includes "My Account", "Locations", "How do I...?", and "Español". A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar is the library's logo and social media icons. The main content area is divided into several sections:

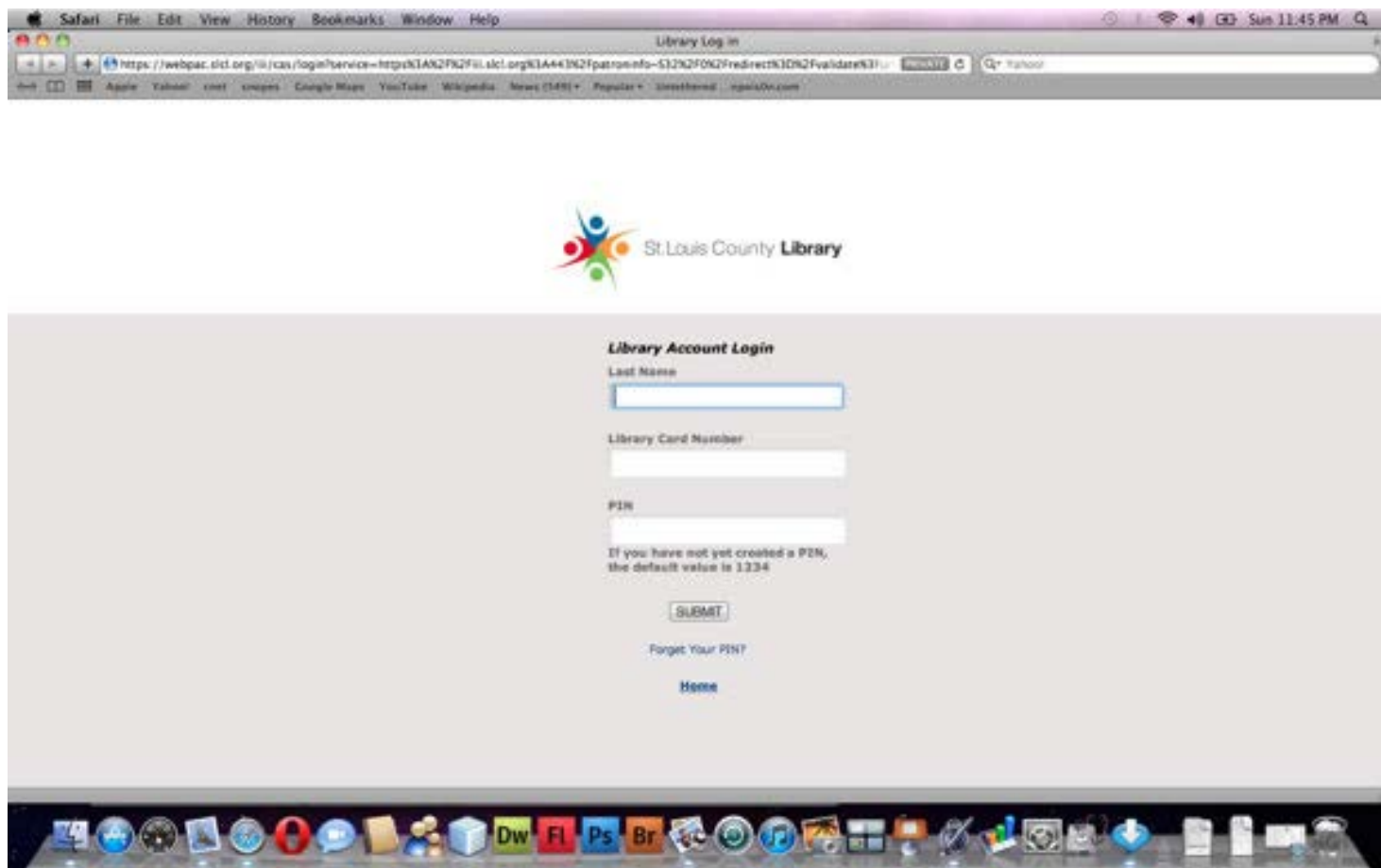
- Genealogy and History**: A sidebar menu with links for "Holdings & Collections", "Preparing for a Visit", "Security Policy", "Indexes", "Finding Aids & Guides", "Databases & Websites", "PastPorts (Newsletters)", "Publications", "Genealogical Forms", and "Services".
- Location**: A map showing the library's location in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Address**: The library's address: "St. Louis County Library Headquarters, Tier 5 (3rd floor), 1645 S. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-994-3300, ext 2070, scollections@slcl.org".
- Hours**: Operating hours: "Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.", "Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.", "Sundays (through May 18) 1:00-6:00 p.m.", and "Holiday closings".

Below these sections is a green banner for "Genealogy and Local History" with a welcome message: "Welcome to the Special Collections Department. Our new website is still under construction. All Special Collections Department pages can still be accessed on the library's old website." The bottom of the page shows a dock with various application icons.

Click on "Databases & Websites" in the Genealogy and History section on the far left of the page.

The screenshot shows a Safari browser window displaying the St. Louis County Library's website. The page is titled "Genealogy & Local History Resources | St. Louis County Library". The sidebar on the left includes a "Genealogy and History" menu with options like "Genealogy & Local History", "Holdings & Collections", "Preparing for a Visit", "Security Policy", "Indexes", "Finding Aids & Guides", "Databases & Websites", "PastPorts (Newsletters)", "Publications", "Genealogical Forms", and "Services". Below this is a "CONTACT A LIBRARIAN" section with contact information: "Call: 314-894-3300 ext. 2073", "Email: reference@slco.org", "Visit us at: 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63131". The main content area is titled "Genealogy & Local History Resources" and lists several databases with external links: "Access NewspaperARCHIVE.com", "African-American History Online [Facts On File]", "African-American Newspapers: 19th Century PY's 1, 2 & 3", "American Civil War Research Database [Alexander Street]", "American Civil War: Letters and Diaries [Alexander Street]", "American Indian History Online [Facts On File]", "American National Biography", "Ancestry Library Edition [In Library Use Only]", "Civil War: A Newspaper Perspective", "Fold3 (formerly Footnote.com)", "Gale U.S. History in Context", "Gale World History in Context", "HeritageQuest Online", and "Historical New York Times [ProQuest]". The "HeritageQuest Online" link is highlighted in blue.

Click on the HeritageQuest Online link. This will take you to a large database that has Revolutionary War pension files, census records, and many books containing family and local histories. This is truly an amazing site. With a bit of luck you might find nearly all of the documentation you need to link yourself with your patriot ancestor. Best of all, it is free to access. All you need is a St. Louis County Library card.



Just enter your last name, card number and PIN. If you don't have a PIN just use 1234.

HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE

- 🔍 **Search Census** Find ancestors in the complete set of U.S. Federal Census images from 1790-1930, including name indexes for many years.
- 🔍 **Search Books** Find information on people and places described in over 28,000 family and local histories.
- 🔍 **Search PERSI™** Find information about people and places from this index of over 2.3 million genealogy and local history articles.
- 🔍 **Search Revolutionary War** Search selected records from the Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files.
- 🔍 **Search Freedman's Bank** Search for individuals in Freedman's Bank (1865-1834), which was founded to serve African Americans.
- 🔍 **Search U.S. Serial Set** Search the Memorials, Petitions, and Private Relief Actions of the U.S. Congress in the LexisNexis® U.S. Serial Set.

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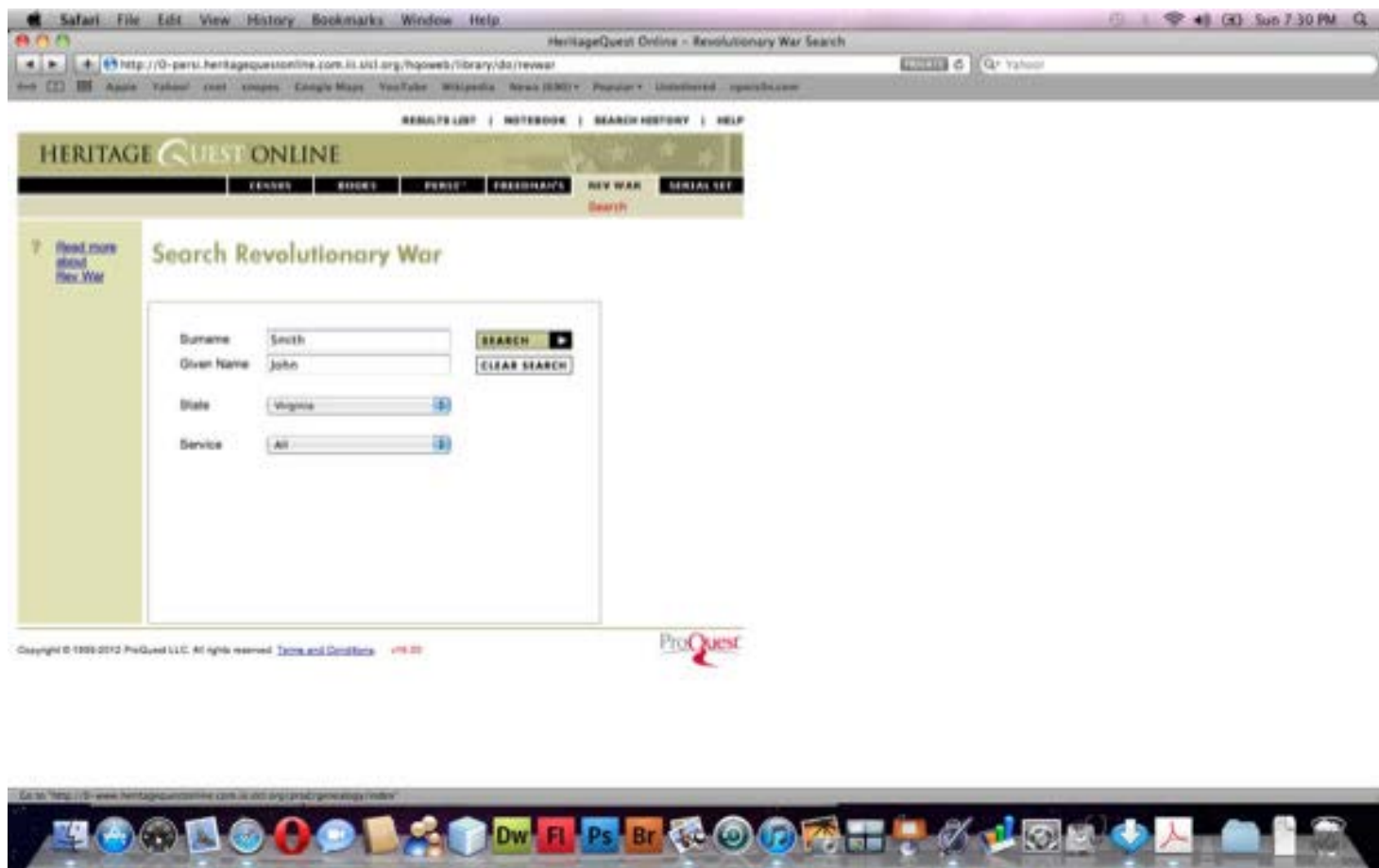
ProQuest

Here it is. Census records from 1790-1930 are available with the exception of 1830, 1840, and 1850. You will be viewing the actual handwritten sheet filled out by the census-taker.

Books allows you to search for people and places. You can search for a specific person, a last name, or even search for a specific place. All of the books have been microfilmed so you can view the entire book, not just the page that contains what you were searching for. You can print or save to your computer as a PDF.

PERSI is almost the same thing for magazine and journal articles. The actual article is not available for viewing but a link is provided that allows you to order a copy of the article for a fee.

Revolutionary War contains pension files. The entire file is not available for viewing but the portions of the file that contain information about the soldier's service and family usually are. These can be printed or downloaded to your computer.



Just entering random information. Looking for a pension for John Smith from Virginia. Enter as much information as you have.

HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE

Revolutionary War Search Results

23 of 23 results for Surname: Smith, Given Name: John, State: Virginia

Click on a surname to view the revolutionary war records.

Sort By: Surname

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23 results. Just start clicking and see which one is the one you are seeking.



Census works just like pension search. Entire what you know. The more the better your results.



Just click on the one you want to view the actual worksheet completed by the census-taker.



This works just like the others. Click on the one that you want and then enter as much information as you have. Of all the items on HeritageQuest Online, I find this one to be the most useful. You will truly be amazed at everything that you can find.

Another tool of the online genealogist in Cyndi's List (cyndislist.com).

Cyndi's List has been a trusted genealogy research site for more than 15 years. Cyndi's List is free for everyone to use and it is meant to be your starting point when researching online.

What exactly is Cyndi's List?

- A categorized & cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet.
- A list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.
- A free jumping-off point for you to use in your online research.
- A "card catalog" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.
- Your genealogical research portal onto the Internet.

Whenever you are beginning a search and aren't quite sure where to begin, this is a great place to start.

Another excellent resource are the Family History Centers operated by the LDS church. Genealogy is like a sacrament for a Mormon. Mormon theology hold that salvation is available to you even after you die through a baptism by proxy. A living member of the LDS church will be baptized in your place, granting you salvation and sealing you for all eternity with your extended family. Because of this belief, all "good" Mormons are genealogists to some degree. Although some shoddy work was accepted many years ago, today the church will not engage in these rituals unless the research meets high standards of proof. The family history centers are open to the public and contain a wide variety of records that vary from location to location. Anyone can request via interlibrary loan materials from the main library in Salt Lake City. There may be additional charges for nonchurch members, but these are nominal.

An often overlooked source of information about your patriot ancestor are re-enactment groups. I am researching an ancestor that served in Lamb's Artillery. In an effort to learn more about the duties, uniform, and anything else possible about my ancestor, I contacted a group that portrays Lamb's Artillery. They were very helpful in telling me about the uniform my ancestor may have worn as well as his typical duties. They even found his name on some rosters and were able to tell me some of the places he was stationed.