

***HERITAGEQUEST ONLINE***  
***AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE***  
***PROQUEST RESEARCH***  
***COMPANION***

## HeritageQuest Online powered by Ancestry

- Ancestry is the world's largest online family history resource with 2.7 million paying subscribers across all its websites.
- Awarded the “Best for Genealogy” Reference Database in the November 2014 edition of *Library Journal*.
- ProQuest has been the distributor of the Ancestry “Library Edition” since 2004.
- On June 27, 2014, Ancestry and ProQuest announced an expanded partnership and distribution agreement which creates broader and deeper opportunities to deliver premier genealogy resources to libraries. This includes ProQuest’s HeritageQuest Online, Ancestry Library Edition & Fold3™ Library Edition now delivered through the Ancestry search platform.

## What is HeritageQuest Online?

**HeritageQuest Online** offers an essential collection of unique material for genealogical and historical researchers, with coverage dating back to the late 1700s, including:

- U.S. Federal Census records
- Family and local history books
- Revolutionary War records
- Freedman's Bank Records
- Periodical Source Index (PERSI) Archive records
- U.S. Serial Set documents

# Census

- **Complete 1790-1940 U.S. Federal Census, including every-name indexes and greyscale/color images.**
  - Over 140 million names
- **Additional census records include:**
  - U.S. Territories and Military & Naval Forces Schedules
  - U.S. Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940
  - Mortality Schedules 1850-1880
  - 1880 Schedules of Defective, Dependent and Delinquent Classes
  - Selected U.S. Federal Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880

SENSEBUE 1—Free Inhabitants in Grasshopper Falls Township in the County of Jefferson, Kansas enumerated by me, on the 15th day of Sept. 1880. R. W. Wick, Am't Marshal.

Post Office Grasshopper Falls

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		Eliza Lynde	16	♀					Ohio				
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		Oliver	11	M					"				
115	114	Sam'l & Louisa	33	M		Farmer	1500	200	New York				
		Louisa	30	♀					New York				
		Schuyler	5	M					Kansas				
		Warren	3	M					"				
		Harriet	1	♀					"				
		Amberland Culbertson	25	M		Laborer			Illinois				
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		Lena	32	♀					Germany				
		Josephine	9	♀					Missouri				
		Stenika	6	♀					"				
		Benedict	1	M					Kansas				
		Anton	12	M					Missouri				
		John Miller	14	M					"				
		Emily Miller	3	♀					"				
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		Eliza	35	♀					Indiana				
		Marah	16	♀					Iowa				
		Joseph	14	M					"				
		James	12	M					"				
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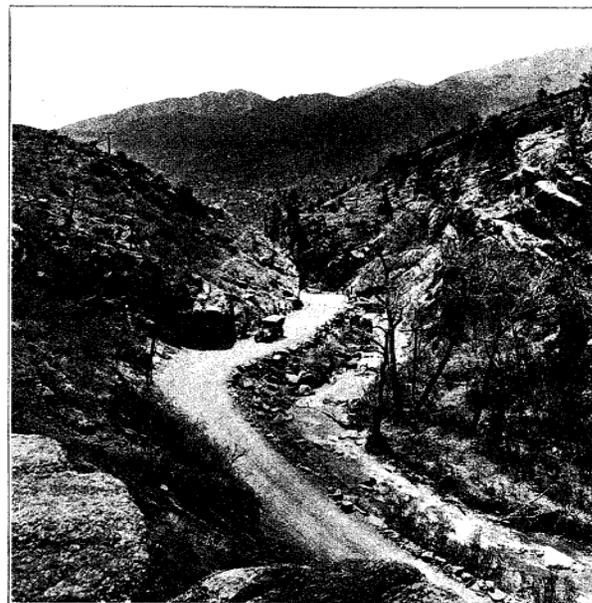
## Genealogy & Local History Books

Over 48,000 books, including nearly

- 10,000 family histories
- 13,000+ local histories
- **20,000 city directories added in February 2015**
- Thumbnail images
- Hit highlighting

*National Parks and Forests and Medicinal Springs 221*

Peak Ocean-to-Ocean Highway follows the historic Ute Trail across the state out of Colorado Springs. The old



IN UTE PASS ON THE PIKE'S PEAK OCEAN-TO-OCEAN HIGHWAY  
Photograph furnished by Underwood & Underwood, N. Y.

Santa Fé Trail and National Old Trails road skirt the southern part of Colorado. The National Roosevelt-Midland Trail, the Detroit, Lincoln, Denver, and

# Revolutionary War Records

Trace ancestry back to the Revolutionary War era

- Revolutionary War Era Pension Records
- Complete NARA M804 Collection, digitized from 2,670 microfilm rolls.
- It is an every-name index of both pensioners and applicants.
- It has all of the pension applications from NARA, regards of their page count and genealogical value.
- Bounty-Land-Warrant Records
- Over 81,000 pension files listing over 138,000 American military, naval, and marine officers, enlisted men and dependents

**BOUNTY LAND CLAIM.**

State of *Illinois*  
County of *Clark* } ss.

On this *twenty fourth* day of *April* A. D. one thousand eight hundred and *fifty five* personally appeared before me, *Wm. C. Whitlock* a Justice of the Peace, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Jonathan Hicklin* aged *one hundred (supposed)* years, a resident of *Livingston, Clark Co.* in the State of *Illinois* who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical *person* who was a *Soldier* in the Company commanded by Captain *David Williams* in the *Regiment of* *\_\_\_\_\_* commanded by *\_\_\_\_\_* in the war of the United States against *\_\_\_\_\_* that he was a substitute for *Thomas Seegers* who was drafted in *August* County *Ky.* in *\_\_\_\_\_* about the *Spring* of *\_\_\_\_\_* A. D. *1779* about that time - for the term of *three* *months* and continued in actual service in said war for the term of *2 months* as said substitute and was honorably discharged at *Big Bone Lakes State of Kentucky* *some time in the fall or month of September* A. D. *1777* or about that time on account of *the time of said Thomas Seegers draft (which he the affiant swears having refused as will appear by the muster rolls of said Company I made application under the act of Con - Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1780. at which time I saw the day relative month above, having now forgotten them - to which I by leave to refer)*

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the "act granting additional bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military services of the United States," approved March 3, 1865. And refers to his former declaration made under act of *Congress Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1780* upon which he obtained a Land Warrant No. *\_\_\_\_\_* for *Sixty Acres* acres, which he having legally transferred and disposed of, is not within his power now to return.

He further declares that he has not received a warrant for bounty land under any other act of Congress, nor made any application therefor, than the one above referred to, under act of *Con - Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1780* upon which he obtained the said Land Warrant, No. *\_\_\_\_\_* for *Sixty* acres, and the one now presented *Jonathan Hicklin*

## Freedman's Bank Records

An important resource for African American genealogical research

- Personal data on over 105,000 depositor accounts
- Names for over 489,000 individuals
- Covers 1865-1874

Includes original image

Record for <i>York Alexander 1124</i>
Date, and No. of Application, <i>Dec. 5, 1866</i>
Name of Master, <i>Martin Alexander</i>
Name of Mistress, <i>Sally Alexander</i>
Plantation,
Height, and Complexion, <i>5 ft 9 in. black</i>
Father or Mother? <i>Married?</i> <i>Single</i>
Name of Children,
Regiment and Company, <i>C. D. 107th U.S.C.</i>
Place of Birth, <i>Baltimore Ky</i>
Residence, <i>Mussett</i>
Occupation, <i>Farm</i>
REMARKS, <i>Scars between the Eyes</i>
Signature, <i>York Alexander</i> <i>Ward</i>
Record for <i>Jerry Chick 1125</i>

## Searching Census, Books and Directories, Revolutionary War, Freedman's Bank

- Use truncation / wildcard symbols (see below) or the **Exact match option** that appears beneath each field when you begin typing.\*
- Boolean and proximity operators (AND, OR, AND NOT, NEAR, etc.) are **not permitted**.\*
- Truncation symbols (\*) and wildcard symbols (?) are **permitted** to replace letters (e.g., Eli?abeth) or truncate a name or term to search for variant forms (e.g., Sam\*).\*
- Add ***Life Events*** or ***Family Members*** names to increase the precision of your search.\*
- ***Keyword*** searching can also add focus to your search. Use “double quotes” when phrase searching (e.g., “civil rights”).\*

*\*Same behavior as Ancestry Library Edition*

# Periodical Source Index (PERSI) Archive

Largest index of its type:

- Highly respected index from the Allen County Library (IN)
- Over 2.5 million records from over 6,500 genealogy and local history periodicals
- Archival records up to and including 2010
- Covers the U.S., Canada, and abroad from 1800 onwards

Search by people, place, how-to, and title browse

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People Places How To's Periodicals

### Article Results List

Refine search

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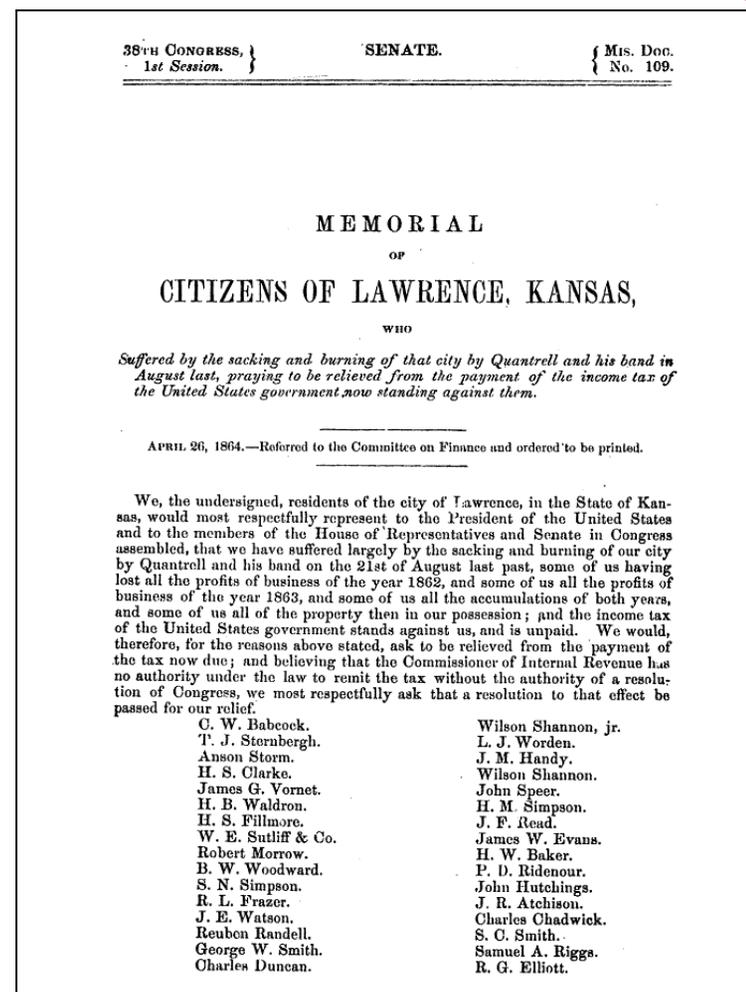
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4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Sports, 1899+</a> Kansas Heritage. Topeka KS: Autumn 2006. Vol. 14 Iss. 3
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8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Bibliographic list of county histories, Gre-Jef</a> Kansas Review. Topeka KS: Aug 2006. Vol. 31 Iss. 4
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## U.S. Serial Set

Unique materials published in “serial” from the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives

- Over 144,000 Private Relief Actions, Memorials, and Petitions – selected
- Covers 1789-1969



# Research Aids Page



## GETTING STARTED

Whether you are just starting your family history or you are looking for a new perspective on your research these guides will put you in the right frame of mind.

[Ancestry Anne's Top 10 Search Tips](#)

[Creating Timelines that Produce Answers](#)

[Ancestry DNA 101: The Insider's Guide to DNA](#)



## CENSUS

Census records are often to establish a framework for your ancestor's life. We offer some tips on how to get the most out of them.

[10 Census Tips](#)

[10 Census Questions That Lead to More Answers](#)

[Follow Your Family Using Census Records](#)

[5 Steps Beyond: The 1910 Census](#)



## BEYOND THE BASICS

Ready to move beyond the census records? Here are a few ideas to get you moving.

[Using Religious Records](#)

[Guide to Searching for Death Records](#)

[5 Military Favorites](#)



## IMMIGRATION

Where did your ancestors come from? And how do you find them once you know?

[Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors](#)

[10 Things to Know about Passenger Lists](#)

[Finding Your Irish Ancestors in the U.S. and Ireland](#)

[Finding Your Ancestors from the UK and Ireland](#)



## MILITARY

Military records are rich with genealogical information that will grow your family tree. Let us show you how to get the most out of them.

[Tips for Success: Military Records](#)

[Your Family Tree in the American Revolution](#)

[Find Your Civil War Ancestor](#)

[Find Them in World War II](#)



## ETHNIC

Where your ancestors African American, Swedish, German or Canadian? Here are a few thoughts to get you started.

[African American Family Research](#)

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# Maps

The counties your ancestors lived in probably changed their boundaries and even their names once or twice during their lifetime. Find your state and look at the changes over time. Or see the entire U.S. by decade.

The interface shows a map of the United States with state boundaries. A pop-up window for Colorado is open, displaying a detailed map of the state in 1860. The map shows various counties and territories, including Nebraska Territory, Utah Territory, Kansas Territory, New Mexico Territory, and "Indian Territory". A legend indicates that white lines represent modern county boundaries and black lines represent 1860 boundaries. A scale bar at the bottom shows distances in miles. Below the map, there is a section for "CENSUS AVAILABILITY" and a note that federal census records for Colorado began in 1870. A "Downloadable State Guide" link is also present.

The Maps now have their own tab!

The interactive map will direct you to the entire collection of maps for that state.

Maps can easily be saved, printed, or emailed (as an image file) with a right-click of the mouse.

Downloadable State Guides (PDFs) are available for each state.



# Family History Month

## For genealogy societies or genealogy clubs

- Assist in documenting family histories and settlement of an area
- Find and compile records of notable and interesting people who helped shape community
- Make family connections; who owned land
- Know your community's history
- Know how buildings were used
- What military activity took place in your community
- Who were the veterans and where are they buried
- Where did immigrants come from

# School/Classroom Projects

- **Create a Timeline**
  - Track an Ancestor's life
  - Link relatives to a historical event
  - Show what you know and still want to find out
- **Follow Family Using Census Records**
  - Trace migratory patterns in state & country
  - Develop questions that lead to more answers
  - Determine where each record can lead
  - Tips for Census Use (Research Aid)
- **Go Beyond Basics**
  - Vital, Court, Religious or Cemetery records
  - Military service records, Blacksheep records
- **Information Literacy Tool**
  - Use genealogy sources, introduce complex text and primary documents to paint a picture of your American past
  - Show how census data & schedules evolved to current finding aids and databases



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- Unique primary and secondary research sources
- Exclusive online research tools
- Exclusive research network partnership
- User-friendly resource with 24/7 unlimited site and remote access

# Unique Partnerships

This program was developed through a wide variety of publishing partners, whose participation is greatly appreciated:

- AfriGeneas
- Allen County Public Library
- Ancestry
- Dr. James Rose
- Genealogical Publishing Company

# Dedicated Focus



## Directly serve the unique needs of the African American family research community

The screenshot shows the ProQuest African American Heritage website. At the top, a yellow banner reads "Welcome back LINCOLN PARK SATELLITE LIBRARY - PENN HILLS LIBRARY SYSTEM patron!". Below this is the ProQuest logo and the site title "African American Heritage". A navigation bar includes "Home", "Search", "Browse", "Publications", and "Community", along with "Search History", "My Notebook", and "Help".

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## Search: All collections

Search for records of people in all of our collections. Enter as little or as much information as you know. The more information you can enter the better. For example, if you know the state a person lived in, you'll really narrow your search and reduce the number or irrelevant results.

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First Name:

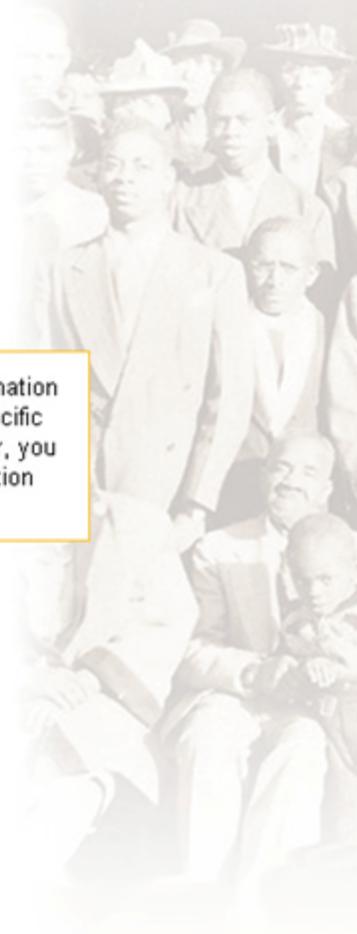
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- **Vital records**
- **Free/d and slave records**
- **Church records**
- **Court records**
- **And much more!**

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### About the Census

The census is conducted every ten years. African Americans were identified by race in the census starting in 1860.

[More information.](#)

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## Search: U.S. Federal Census Records

Use this search form to find African Americans in the U.S. Federal Census records. If known, enter a Last and First name, then select a Census Year and State. More [search help](#).

Last Name:

Last Name Spelling:

First Name:

Census Year:

State:



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#### ▼ [Hide more search options](#)

County:   
[Select from list >](#)

Location:   
[Select from list >](#)

Age:

Sex:

Race:

Birthplace:   
[Select from list >](#)



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## Results: Census

You searched for Last Name: **Meredith** (Exact), First Name: **Richard**, Year: **1920**, State: **Michigan**, County: **WAYNE**, Location: **Detroit**, Age: **61-70**, Sex: **Male**, Race: **Mulatto**

Click on a last name to view the census image.

500 records returned

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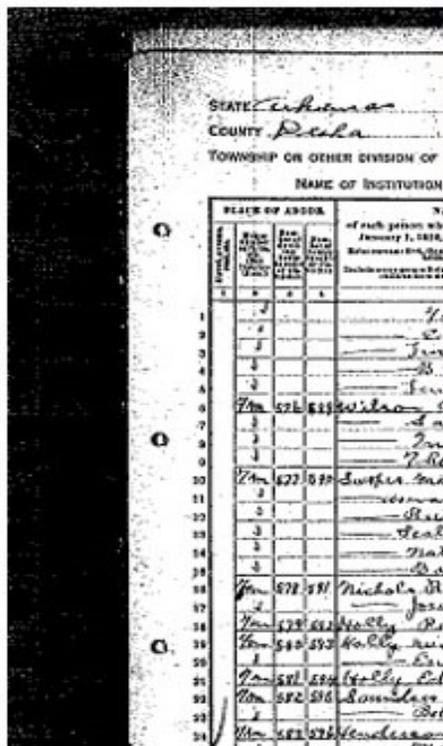
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Last Name First Name  
JOHNSON ROBERT

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### Notes

Census Record

This could be grandfather Johnson. I'll have to show it to mom.

Close on Save

Save Notes Cancel Clear Notes

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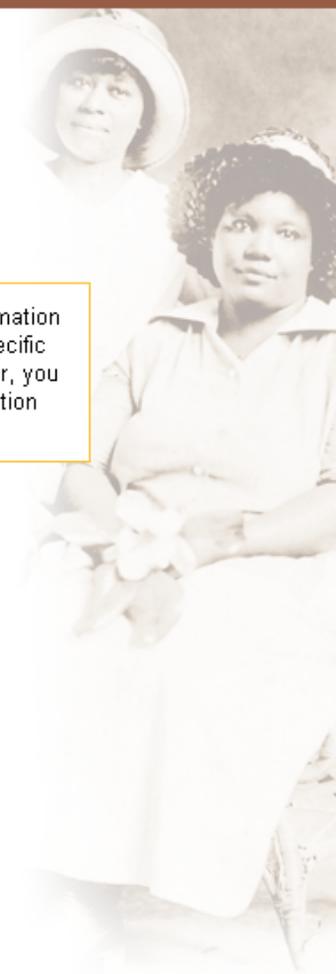
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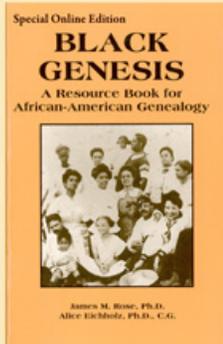
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### About the Book

Part I provides an overview of general research principles and methodology, while Part II contains a rundown of specific resources for all fifty states, Canada, and the West Indies. Under each location, the information is organized by categories such as Important Dates, State and County Records, and Internet Resources.

Resources described include research guides, published genealogies, community studies on African-American families and, most importantly, original research material that can be found in national, state, county, and city archives, and in historical societies and libraries.

### About the Authors

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Texas

**State and County Records**

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 Bureau of Vital Statistics, Texas Department of Health  
 P.O. Box 12040  
 Austin, TX 78711  
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/default.shtm>

Birth and death records began statewide in 1910. Statewide indexes (not the actual records) are available from the Texas State Library and Archives. Marriage records are available statewide from 1966; earlier ones can be located at the county clerk's office in the county where the marriage took place. Divorces are indexed statewide from 1968, with the actual records housed in the clerk of district court's office in the county where the divorce was granted.

**Cemetery and Church Records**

A growing collection of online transcriptions of African-American cemetery records in Texas can be found at <http://www.prairiebluff.com/aacemetery/tx.htm>.

**Military Records**

Civil War publications and official records can be found at the Texas State Library and Archives.  
 Fort Davis National Historic Site, El Paso Military records, 1854–91, of "Buffalo Soldiers" and other African-American troops who served in the Indian wars.

**Newspapers**

*Freeman's Press* (Austin), July 25 to October 17, 1868. Weekly. Continues *Freedman's Press*. Holdings: July 25 to October 17, 1868 (incomplete); CSdS, CSS, CU, DLC, IHI, LU-NO, MdBMC, MIKW, TNF, WHI.

See also *Texas Newspapers on Microfilm at the Texas State Library* at <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ref/about/news.html>.

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- The trouble with strong opinions (1m 25s)
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- Narrowing your topic (2m 55s)
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Terms

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Topic Aid

Search Aid

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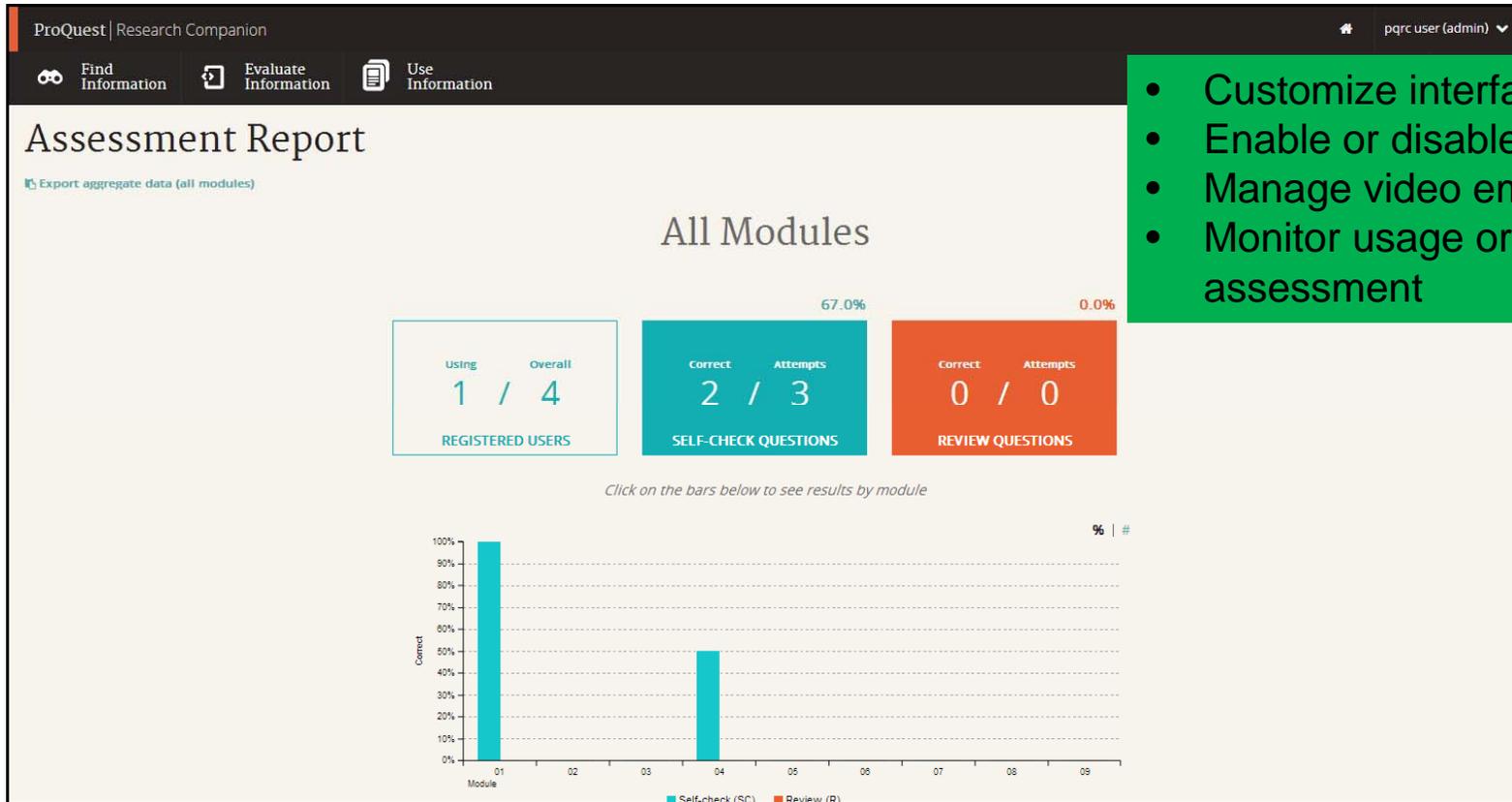
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Other Search Terms

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