

The Vermont Department of Libraries has discontinued the subscription to HeritageQuest as of January 1, 2020. There are multiple reasons for this discontinuance, but most prominent is that better access to genealogical records is available through MyVermont.gov and FamilySearch. Both of these options are available for free to Vermonters.

Vermont vital records are accessible to all Vermonters through MyVermont.gov. Please see this page on the VTLIB website for guidance on how to access that information: https://libraries.vermont.gov/state_library/genealogy .

FamilySearch is available here: <https://www.familysearch.org/> . Search for records, create your family tree, and pull records from their extensive database.

“The Department of Libraries is aware that many users may feel comfortable with HeritageQuest. Because of the breadth of genealogical information now available at no cost on the internet, it is not justifiable to continue to pay for a database that duplicates these records. FamilySearch is intuitive and simple for casual users to serious researchers. We are confident that users will develop a level of comfort with these free databases that will rival or surpass HeritageQuest.”

“If you have questions about these databases, please contact Thomas.mcmurdo@vermont.gov .”