

## Using the U.S. Serial Set in HeritageQuest Online

1. To learn how to access *HeritageQuest Online(HQ)*, see the separate instructions.
2. Once in the database, click on **Search U.S. Serial Set**.
3. Input your ancestor's name in any order.
4. HQ lets you input place names, keywords, and a document date range if desired. It is recommended to start by filling in the **Person Name** field only, unless the name is very common.
5. Click the **Search** button.

Search US Serial Set

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### Search U.S. Serial Set

Search for information about people and places in the Memorial the U.S. Congress.

Person Name

Place Name

Keywords

Document Date Range All dates

**Tip:** Click 'Read more about US Serial Set' on the sidebar to learn more about the records and how they may assist your research.

6. The database will retrieve a list of documents in order of relevancy.
7. Click on the document title that you are interested in.

### U.S. Serial Set Results List

21 of 21 results for People: eli hart, Date: All Dates, Sort: relevancy

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1. <a href="#">Hart, Eli, petition of</a> SERIAL-SET-ID: 70 H.rp.19, Jan 21, 1822, 11 pgs.
2. <a href="#">Hart, Eli, petition of</a> SERIAL-SET-ID: 70 H.rp.3, Dec 24, 1821, 6 pgs.

8. A detailed document record will open.
9. To go directly to the first page including your search term(s), click the hits located next to a section under the **Contents** heading.
10. To browse the full document, click a section under the **Contents** heading.

[View First Search Hit](#) | [Next Document](#)

CITATION and DOCUMENT DETAILS

Title: **Hart, Eli, petition of**  
Full Title: Report of the Committee of Claims in the case of **Eli Hart**.  
Serial Set ID: 70 H.rp.19  
Document Date: Jan 21, 1822  
Author: **Eli Hart**  
Committee: Committee on Claims. House  
Pages: 11

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Subject Headings: Private Relief Action  
Document No: H.rp.19  
Serial Volume: 1  
Congress Session: 17-1  
Session Volume: 1

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DOCUMENT FEATURES

Table(s): Table: Statement of the claim of **Eli Hart**, for the following property, destroyed by the enemy in Buffalo, on or about the 30th December, 1813, viz: (p. 3)

11. The page image will appear.
12. When you are ready, you can advance to the next hit, page, or document.
13. You can also return to your results list by clicking the link at the top of the page.
14. To learn how to print, please see the separate printing instructions.

The screenshot shows the HeritageQuest Online interface. At the top, there are navigation links: RESULTS LIST (circled in red), NOTEBOOK, SEARCH HISTORY, and HELP. Below this is the HeritageQuest Online logo and a menu with categories: CENSUS, BOOKS, PERSI™, FREEDMAN'S, REV WAR, and SERIAL SET. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area is titled 'Page Image' and includes links for 'View Full Citation' and 'Next Document'. Below the title, it shows 'Hart, Eli, petition of' and 'SERIAL-SET-ID: 70 H.rp.19: Jan 21, 1822, 11 pgs.'. There is an 'Add to Notebook' checkbox. At the bottom of the interface, there are buttons for 'Print', 'Download', 'Positive', and 'Negative', a 'Zoom' dropdown set to '100%', and a 'Page 1 of 11 | Jump to:' field with a 'GO' button. The page image itself shows a document with the page number '[ 19 ]' and the title 'REPORT of the Committee of Claims in the case of Eli Hart.'.

## FAQs and Tips for Searching the U.S. Serial Set

1. **What is included in the U.S. Serial Set collection in HeritageQuest?** Private Relief Actions, Memorials, and Petitions from the Serial Set and the American State Papers are included.
2. **For the most accurate searching, read about search commands in HQ's help screens:**  
[http://persi.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/help/serialset\\_search.html](http://persi.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/help/serialset_search.html)
3. **I input a name in the 'Person Names' field, but I can't find it on the page.** When you enter a first and last name in the **Person Names** field, HQ searches for those terms within four words of each other, not in an exact order or right next to each other. Also, if you entered a search term into the **Place Names** or **Keywords** field, the name may not be on the page. When terms are entered in multiple fields, hits are returned for the terms in any of the fields, not necessarily all of the fields. The document will contain all of your search terms, but the pages retrieved as hits may not include all of your search terms.

## For More Information About the Serial Set

**The U.S. Serial Set – Library of Congress, American Memory**

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwss.html>

**Using the Congressional Serial Set for Genealogical Research** - By Jeffery Hartley

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2009/spring/congressional-serial-set.html>

**Those Elusive Early Americans: Public Lands and Claims in the *American State Papers, 1789–1837***-By Chris Naylor -

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2005/summer/state-papers.html>

**Untapped Resources: Private Claims and Private Legislation in the Records of the U.S. Congress** - By

Charles E. Schamel - <http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1995/spring/private-claims-1.html>