

# 3 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

## HERITAGEQUEST



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### Use the Maps feature to see how counties changed

Click on the “Maps” link in the banner at the top. You can see how NC county boundaries have changed, which can affect genealogy research.

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### City directories are a useful alternative to census records

Search for family names in city directories, which were printed instead of handwritten. Handwritten census records have spelling errors and can pose challenges for character recognition.

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### Explore the Freedman's Bank records

Search the records of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company for African American genealogy research. This is different from the Freedman's Bureau records available online from the Library of Congress.

## Search Challenges

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### Beginner

Which county was originally part of Orange County in North Carolina? Durham County or Chatham County?

### Intermediate

Find Elvis Presley in the 1940 Census.

### Advanced

Find Charles R. Douglass—Frederick Douglass's son—in the Freedman's Bank records.



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