

SOME RESOURCES FOR USING THE 1950 U.S. CENSUS

A. WEBSITES TO VIEW, BROWSE, OR SEARCH THE CENSUS IMAGES

1. National Archives search page
<https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950> ; free, with name index; helps to know Enumeration District.
2. Ancestry.com <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62308/>
3. FamilySearch.org
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United_States_Census_1950
This wiki article links to many sources and websites, including FamilySearch's own Community Project. It also has sample census forms and question lists for the various schedules.
4. MyHeritage.com <https://www.myheritage.com/census/us/1950census/>
5. stevemorse.org (best for ED descriptions and map downloads; see B.2)

B. USEFOOL TOOLS

1. Ancestry.com : 1950 Census (enumeration) district finder (see A.2). Type a place name, click to see the ED maps, georeferenced and overlaid (tiled). Does not allow street level search in big cities. Does allow zooming and panning.
2. stevemorse.org <https://stevemorse.org>: Unified Census ED Finder.
ED descriptions and images. Get transcribed text of ED descriptions, and view original ED descriptions. Also has links to census images at other sites.

C. SOME WEBINARS ABOUT THE 1950 CENSUS

1. National Archives Genealogy Series (via YouTube):
<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-series/2022>
Free and no registration required. Slides for most presentations are already available and can be viewed any time.
 - a) *Already presented* and still available at YouTube:
"Overview of what's on the 1950 Census"
"Mapping the 1950 Census: Census Enumeration District Maps at the National Archives"
"The 1950 Census Website: Design, Development, and Features to Expect"
 - b) *Yet to come* (date & time refer to live presentation with Q&A; all are live Wednesdays at 1 p.m. ET):
Apr 27 "The Story of the 1950 Census P8 Indian Reservation Schedule"
May 11 "From Parchments to Printouts: History of the Census from 1790 to 1950"
May 18 "History of Census Records and the National Archives"
May 25 "Historic Census Bureau Sources for Filipino, Guamanian and Chamorro American Samoan, and Native Hawaiian Research"

2. Jewish Genealogy Society of Washington State <https://jgsws.org>
"Getting Ready for the 1950 Census: Searching With and Without a Name Index,"
presented by Stephen Morse.
11 April 2022 at 7:00 pm PDT (10:00 pm ET) via Zoom (registration required)
3. American Ancestors
<https://americanancestors.org/events?date=2022-04-14>
"Discover the 1950 U.S. Federal Census" presented by Lindsay Fulton.
14 April 2022, 3:00 pm ET (free, registration required)
4. North Hills Genealogists <https://northhillsgenealogists.org>
"Preparing to Use the 1950 Census" presented by Carla Cegielski.
18 April 2022, 6:45 pm (Zoom; free, registration required)
5. Legacy Family Tree Webinars <https://familytreewebinars.com>
"Everything You Need to Know About the 1950 Census" presented by Lisa Louise Cooke,
7 April 2022 at 5:00 pm EDT. (free, registration required; this webinar may be available
free for a week or so after the live event.)
6. Dear Myrtle Census Genie Series <https://blog.dearmyrtle.com/p/censusgenie.html>
This is a series of discussions carried out during census season, "Next Meeting: 1-15
April 2022 nightly, until we get the hang of indexing." Register once, attend any live
meetings. These are archived on YouTube.

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