

Here Comes The 1950 Census! What To Expect!

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I have four goals for this talk: give an overview of how the 1950 census was done and what's on it; suggest what you can do now to prepare; discuss locational tools for finding people on the census when it first becomes public on April 1st, 2022; and introduce you to my YouTube channel, "JDW Talks" with many videos on the 1950 census, and other videos on census and Ellis Island topics, plus natural history videos.

I don't expect initially there will be a name index (but I may be wrong) for the 1950 census, so location tools will be needed on opening day to find people. We (Steve Morse, I, and our volunteers) have produced such tools to help genealogists successfully search this census. It took us about 8 years to accomplish that task with our 69 volunteers. The National Archives also has put online 1950 enumeration district maps and will have a fully functional 1950 website on April 1st, 2022.

One-Step Website: <https://stevemorse.org/>

1950 Instructions on Location Searching (tutorial quiz):

<http://stevemorse.org/census/quiz1950.php>

Unified Tool: <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/unified.html>

Census Bureau:

https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/1950.html

Blank Form:

www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/questionnaires/1950_1.html

Full 1950 enumerator handbook copy: <https://tinyurl.com/3dy75d88>

ED Maps: <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/arc1950edmaps.html>;

Americans Abroad missing in rollout <https://tinyurl.com/8st4d8ke>

Getting Ready for the 1950 Census: <https://stevemorse.org/census/1950census.htm>

Block maps for Housing Census and Social Statistics:

<https://www.census.gov/library/publications/1953/dec/housing-vol-05.html> and

<https://stevemorse.org/census/1940-1950blocks.html> (all the block maps)

1950 Home Cost by state <https://tinyurl.com/2rfh57bu>

SF 1949/1950 Telephone Directories <https://tinyurl.com/4cfx56vv>

National Archives Catalog: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

Auntie Jen's links to many 1950 websites <https://tinyurl.com/fn6dhdx>

Joel's Website <https://sites.google.com/site/census1950/>.

JDW Talks: <https://tinyurl.com/yy2oksh8>

Address Books, Birth/Death/Marriage Certificates, City Directories and Telephone Directories, Court Records, Diaries, Employment Records, Land and Tax Records, Letters Envelopes and Other Correspondence, Local Newspapers, Naturalization Records, Oral Interviews, Photographs, Relatives Memories, Residential/Home Away College Attended In April 1950, School and Church Records, Scrapbooks, Social Security Application, Their 1940 Location if They Haven't Moved, WW2 Draft Registrations