

Here Comes The 1950 Census!

What's in it and how to find people by location!

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I have three goals for this talk: give an overview of how the 1950 census was done and what's on it; 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 14 videos on the 1950 census, and other videos on census and Ellis Island topics, plus my natural history videos. See <https://tinyurl.com/yy2oksh8>.

I don't expect initially there will be a name index 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.

1950 Instructions on Location Searching (tutorial quiz):

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

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

ED Definition Scans: <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/eddef1224.html>

ED Definitions Searchable:

<http://www.stevemorse.org/ed/ed.php?year=1950&state=AL&keywords=>

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

IPUMS Enumerator Manual: <https://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/inst1950.shtml>

https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/census_instructions/

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

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

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)

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

Problems with ED Maps paper: <https://tinyurl.com/yayqlacg>

NARA preparing for the 1950 census:

<https://aotus.blogs.archives.gov/2021/03/24/preparing-for-the-1950-census/>

<https://tinyurl.com/fn6dhdc> Auntie Jen's links to many 1950 websites

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

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