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19 May 2022

7:00 P.M. Jerry Escobar of the Portuguese Society of America speaking on Portuguese genealogy, history and language

Presidents Message

By David Wolff

The flowers are blooming, or have already bloomed. The birds have mated and are nesting on the eggs. The grass is up and lushly green in our yards. The temperatures are up enough to not to require a heavy jacket. In other words, Spring has Sprung!
There is a question in the air. Have we started our yearly review of our genealogical data, be it in a program in our computers, on file cards in our hands, or in file folders in file cabinet(s) somewhere? Hopefully, with the rebirth of Spring, we will all have the energy, and the enthusiasm, to check our work done during our forced Covid hibernation.

I recently started to try to match the files for my families with the files from my sister in Oregon. We both know we are correct in our facts, so they should all be the same, right. NO!!! Thus begins Spring cleaning for one of us. (As a side note: My info is always correct!!!)

May Program

By Vicky Wolff

The program for May 19, 2022. Speaker Jerry Escobar will be speaking to us about the Portuguese Fraternal Society of America. We will be partaking of Portuguese genealogy, history and heritage. We have a Portuguese Society of America right here in Modesto located @ 1100 14th Street Suite E. Be sure to be in attendance as we learn more about our Portuguese Heritage and happenings right here in Modesto!



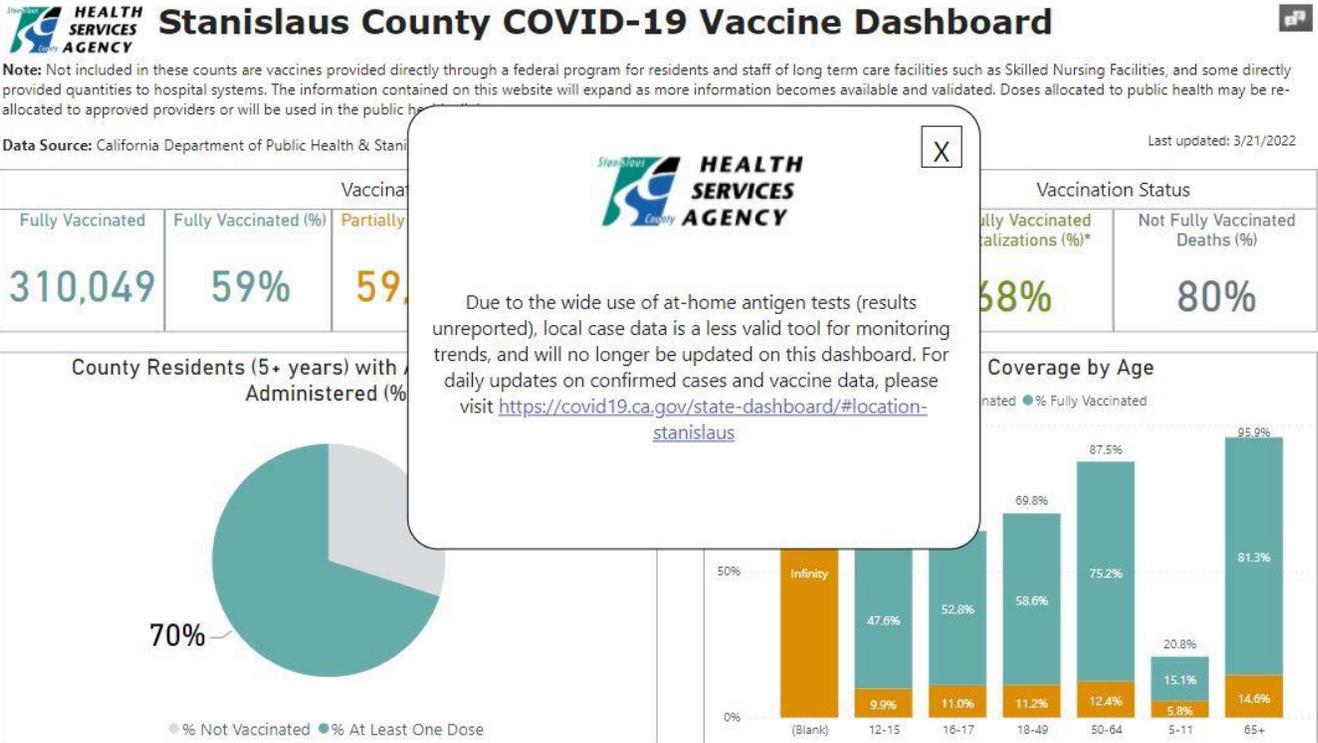
Genealogy Writing Group

By Joann McDonald

The Writing group is alive and well. We meet on Thursday at 10:00 A.M. at the home of Joann MacDonald. Group started in June of 2004 after Millie Starr and I attended NGS conference in Sacramento.

Recipes are suggested for the next meeting topic! Please bring a piece of writing to share and extra copies. Piece of writing can be about an ancestor, an object from your family...what ever you care to write about. We now have a group of 5 members.

Joann can be contacted at JMastergardener@aol.com for more information.



*Please note that hospitalization data are missing for approximately 55% of confirmed COVID-19 cases. Cases may have been hospitalized for reasons unrelated to COVID-19, but tested positive upon admission.

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Stanislaus County Library Downtown Modesto

by Jackie Niemeyer

GENEALOGY HELP AVAILABLE ON MONDAYS FROM NOON to 4 PM IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ROOM AT THE STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY AT 1500 I STREET IN MODESTO

Whether you are a beginner and need help getting started or have hit a brick wall in your research come see us. We have a great selection of genealogy materials along with volunteers to help you. The library also has free wi-fi available. **Come check us out!**

Also Jackie could still use some volunteer assistance!



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1950 Census Information

The official 1950 census day was April 1. There were 20 questions asked similar to the 1940 census and 5 people on each page were asked additional questions at the bottom of the page. To see the blank form and the questions asked go to www.census.gov/history.

In order to find your family on the census you will need to know the Enumeration District Number and the persons address. It will be several months before an all name index is available. Your 1950 address can be found in old city directories or phone books. Once you have an address you can go to stevemorse.org. He has several finding tools including the 1950 E. D. maps to locate the E. D. number you need.

A good free site to find your family in 1950 is archives.gov at the National Archives. Click on 1950 Census Records, then Search the 1950 Census, then Begin Search. You can enter the state, county, name and E.D. number to search. You will be given a list of possibilities. Keep in mind that this index is a computer generated one so there may be some errors. Click on the Population Schedule button to see each page with that name to see if it is your person. Don't forget to see if your person was one of those chosen for extra questions at the bottom. Also if your family is at the top or bottom of the page be sure to check the prior or next page of the census so you don't miss anyone in the household. There is also a button to Help Us Transcribe Names at this site. By clicking this you can edit your names or any other names you want. You have to give them your e-mail address and they will give you a verification code to use. On entering this code they will ask you what line you want to edit then you will enter the surname and first names that you see on that line. You can then continue editing names by line as much or as few as you want to.

Another free site to find your 1950 families is at familysearch.org/1950census. Click on Explore Images or Browse 1950 Census Images. Enter the state and county you want and it will give you a list of the E. D. numbers and descriptions. Click on the one you are interested in and scroll through the images to find your family. Family search is doing a name review of the census first, then they will do a family review later. To help with the indexing click on Start Now. You can enter a state and surname to do. You will have to log into their site if you have an account or get a log in name and password but there is no charge with them. If you enter a surname to index it will take you to a census page with that surname and highlight in blue what they want you to edit. They will give you three options to choose, either Match, Edit or Unsure. If the computer generated name matches what you see hit Match. If it is not right click Edit and enter the correct spelling of what you see. If you are unsure then hit Unsure. This census has a lot of people not at home or vacant lines. If the blue highlight wants you to edit one of these lines there is a button in the lower right of the screen called Not a Name as an option so click on that for those lines. The blue highlight will then move to the first name, then other names on the page. You can do as many or as few as you want.

Newspaper Finds

Evidence of the G.I. Bill in the 1950 Census

April 14, 2022 by Jenny Ashcraft

The 1950 U.S. Census records have been released. Several states are already indexed and searchable on Ancestry®. Others will become available in the coming weeks and months. This historical snapshot of life in the United States in 1950 reveals the significant impact of landmark legislation signed into law in 1944 – the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act, also known as the G.I. Bill. The bill created sweeping new benefits for millions of veterans returning home from WWII. Those benefits included money for education, job training, low-interest home loans, and unemployment benefits.

Berwyn Life, Berwyn, Ill – December 17, 1944

By the time the 1950 U.S. Census was enumerated, nearly 8 million veterans had taken advantage of benefits offered through the G.I. Bill. One landmark provision of the bill was funding for education. Before the war, a college education was out of reach for the average American. The G.I. Bill, however, flung the doors to universities and vocational schools wide open with benefits that covered tuition, books, supplies, and offered a living stipend. A college education was now within reach, and many veterans took advantage of the opportunity. Educational funding had the added benefit of preventing too many veterans from flooding the job market all at once. In 1947, nearly half of those admitted to college were veterans, and between 1940-1950, the number of college and university degrees earned doubled. You will see this reflected in the 1950 Census where every fifth person answered supplemental questions related to education.

Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, NY – February 4, 1945

Another popular benefit offered through the G.I. Bill was low-interest home loans. The VA Home Loan benefit granted 4.3 million low-interest, zero down payment home loans between 1945-1955. Veterans starting families snapped up the home loans and moved to the suburbs. The 1950 Census reveals many new neighborhoods and mass-produced subdivisions all around the country as veterans became the largest single group of homeowners. The Census also asked if respondents lived in a house or on a farm, and a supplemental question asked if they lived in the same house a year ago. You can explore enumeration district maps for the 1950 Census here on Ancestry®.

The News and Observer, Raleigh, NC – August 21, 2000

The G.I. Bill led to a building boom that helped usher in an era of unprecedented prosperity and growth for the middle class. Homeownership cemented the stability of millions of veterans’ families, fueled job growth, and added substantially to personal income and consumer demand. WWII rations and shortages gave way to abundance and prosperity that shaped the country for decades. In the 1950 Census, a sample population was asked if they served in the U.S. Armed forces during WWI, WWII, or at any other time including present service. Respondents also declared how much money they earned and the source of those earnings.

Other benefits offered through the G.I. Bill included unemployment benefits, money to start a business, additional veterans hospitals, and veteran job counseling and employment services. The 1950 Census asked supplemental questions to a 3.5 percent sample of the population. These questions included what type of work they did, the kind of business they worked in, and what class of worker they were.

Explore the impact of the G.I. Bill on your family tree when you search the 1950 U.S. Census Records on Ancestry.com®. Search Newspapers.com™ today to learn more about the G.I. Bill.

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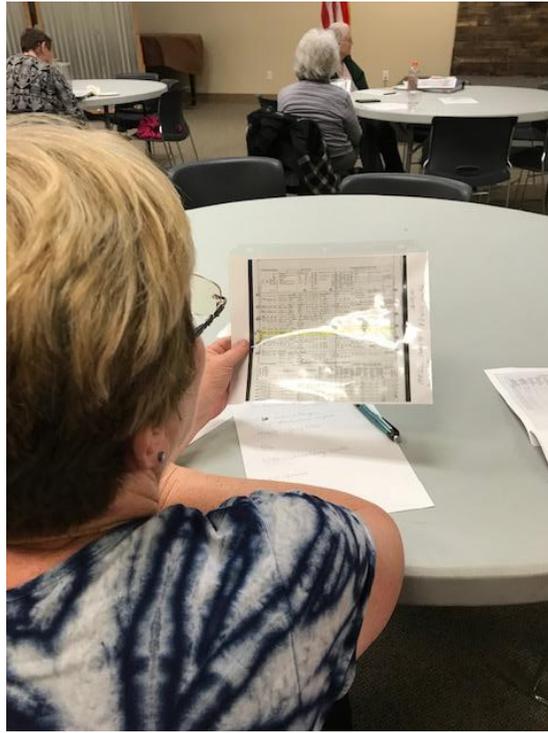
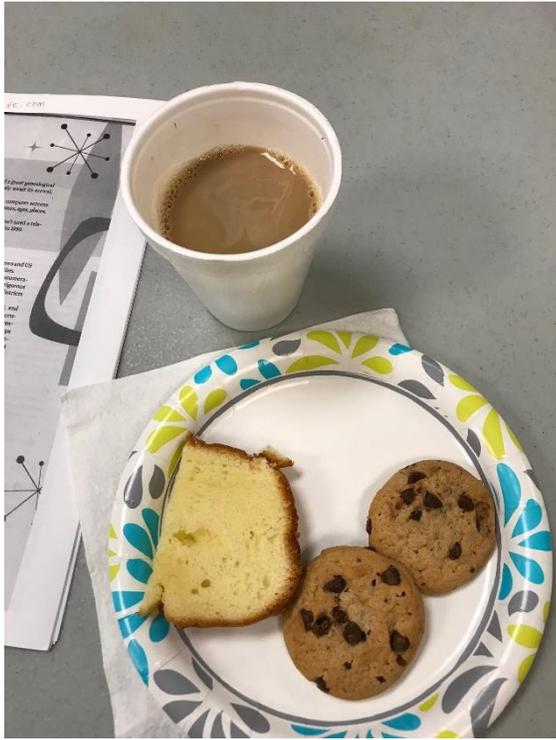
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Photo Captures from our April 21h GSSC General Meeting and 1950 US Census Presentation

Photos by Hlhennig



1950 United States census -
The United States census of 1950, conducted by the Census Bureau, determined the resident population of the United States to be 150,697,361, an increase of 14.5 %
Most populous state: New York; 14,830,192
Total population: 150,697,361 (14.5%)
Least populous state: Nevada; 160,083



**1950 US Census
Presentation by
Jackie Niemeyer**



1950 US Census Tools

<https://stevemorse.org/census/unified.html> Steve Morse's Unified 1950 Census ED Finder

<https://genealogybargains.com/free-genealogy-cheat-sheets/> Thomas MacEntee 1950 US Census Research Tracking Sheet (Excel)

<https://1950census.archives.gov/search/> 1950 Census Official 1950 Census Website

NARA Tips for searching the census

Tip #1: Search for the first and last name of the head of household (plus state and county of residence if known) because the surname was written on the census form only on the line for the head of household and other persons in the household with a different surname.

Tip #2: To narrow your search to find specific records, you can select multiple filters. Or to conduct a broader search, you may choose to select one filter at a time.

Tip #3: You don't have to know the exact spelling of a person's name in order to perform a name search. Enter as much as you know. The search engine will return any close variations or matches.

Tip #4: Once you've found a record of interest, click on the buttons or links labeled "Population Schedules", "ED Maps", or "View Original ED Description" to view a digitized copy of the records.

Tip #5: Use the built-in transcription feature to correct and add names to the site's name index. Your contributions can help make the 1950 Census population schedules more discoverable for everyone.

<https://www.ancestry.com/c/1950-census> All 1950 census images are live and FREE to explore now.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/district-map/62308>

<https://lisalouisecooke.com/2021/04/06/1950-census/> Lisa Cooke's tips to researching the 1950 Census

<https://www.carnegielibrary.org/tools-tips-for-searching-the-1950-census/>

Carnegie Library Tools & Tips for Searching the 1950 Census

An excellent tutorial "How To" for your 1950 US Census research

Tools & Tips for Searching the 1950 Census

April 3, 2022

By Deb Huegel

The 1950 Census, available on April 1st, can be searched by Enumeration District (ED) while its indexing is being completed, which is what will make it easily searchable by name. An Enumeration District is an area that could be canvassed by a single census taker or enumerator. Each ED within a state has a unique number that consists of two parts. The first part is a prefix number assigned to each county and the second part is a district number within that county. In order to determine your family members' ED and search for them in the census right away, you need to know their address.

There are a number of different ways to find a family's address:

The 1940 Census, along the left side of the record

Address books

Birth, marriage, and death certificates

City directories

Phone books

Diaries

Letters

Scrapbooks

Employment records

School and church records

Local newspapers and books

Naturalization records

Social security applications

World War II draft registrations

Relatives and family friends

Phone books and local newspapers are available on microfilm at CLP-Main. City directories are also available on microfilm at Main, on Ancestry.com and on the Historic Pittsburgh website. Ancestry.com and Familysearch.org can be used to look for other sources of information, such as social security applications and draft registrations, if the original paper records are not available.

When you have found as much information as you can about your ancestor's 1950 address, the easiest way to determine the ED is to use the Unified Census ED Finder by Stephen Morse and Joel Weintraub. To use the ED Finder, enter as much of the address as you know in the state, county, city or town, house number and street boxes. You can use the "see google map" tab to find cross streets or back streets that may help to zoom in on the correct location. Add the cross or back street from the drop-down menu. Ideally, you'll have narrowed your search to one ED, but more than one is fine. You'll then be looking at the census records in those EDs for your family.

Toward the bottom of the page of the ED Finder, there are several other links to tools that can help find your family's address. The 1950 Tutorial Quiz can also help you decide which of these tools to use if you need additional help.

Follow these steps to search Ancestry.com using your family's ED. We'll also publish a video soon in our Virtual Genealogy series to help.

1. From any page on Ancestry.com, click the Search tab and select Card Catalog.
2. On the Card Catalog page, type 1950 into the Keyword(s) field on the left side of the page and click Search. Click on 1950 U.S. Federal Census on the right side of the page.
3. Under Browse this collection on the right, select the state, county, and populated place (a city, township, municipality, hamlet, or village).
4. Again on the right side of the page, click the link to the ED number that matches your family's location. If you see a link saying Not stated, click that link.
5. Click the arrow on the right or an image at the bottom of the page to page through the ED.

If you need additional help, please contact the library at 412.622.3114, email us at padept@carnegielibrary.org or visit us. Our staff will be happy to assist you.

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 The newsletter is posted at this website, along with other interesting society-related items.

General meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd **Thursday** of each month, except July and December at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.

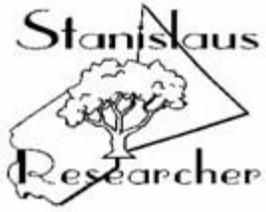
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