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7:00 P.M. 1950 US Census "How to" by Jackie Niemeyer.

Presidents Message

By David Wolff

The trees have bloomed and the leaves are budding forth. The flowers are waving their stems and blooms. Spring has arrived and the blood starts flowing in the veins of every red-blooded genealogist. It is now time to shake off the gloom of winter, and the pandemic isolation, and open your research to find where you left off. For most of us this is a time of re-establishing where we were trying to go with our research. OR, it is a time to start in a whole new direction, family, or state from where we had been previously working. I know we are all wishing we would hit the proverbial Mother Lode of information which would answer all of our questions and fill in all of our blank holes. (I'm going to let you in on a secret: It ain't there!). But look at all the fun you will have searching. May this spring season be the start of major breakthroughs for everyone.

April Program

By Vicky Wolff

Jackie Niemeyer will present a "How to" program on the 1950 U.S. Census which will be released April 1, 2022.

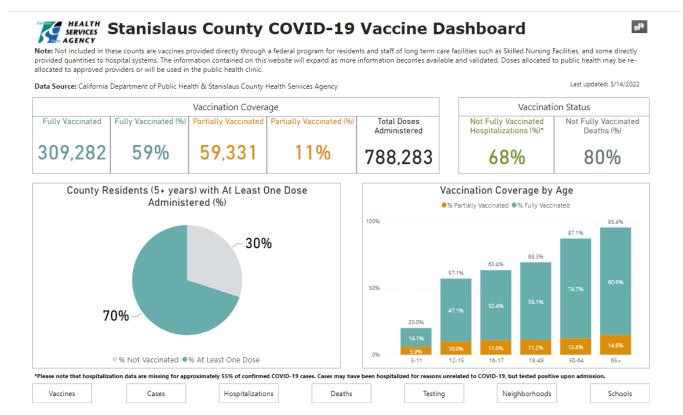
Genealogy Writing Group

By Joann McDonald

The Writing group has starting up again. We meet on Thursday at 10:00 A.M. at the home of Joann MacDonald. Hope to get the group started again. Group started in June of 2004 after Millie and I attended NGS conference in Sacramento.

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.





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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 use some volunteer assistance!

Jackie Niemeyer jackie.niemeyer@prodigy.net



Fast Facts

Censuses are not conducted in a vacuum. They occur amidst internal and external crisis, shifts in cultural interests, and events that become "defining moments" for each generation. Census data reflect the growth of the population as well as the changing values and interests of the American people.

Fast Facts provides a portrait of the United States both statistically and culturally. In addition to census-related statistics, the innovations, events, and icons of each decade are highlighted. Each page illustrates the thought and culture of the population counted during each decade's census.

1950

Census Day was April 1, 1950.

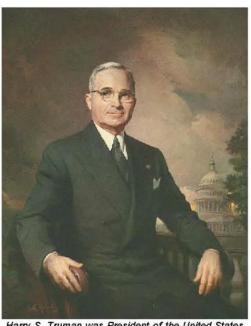
Enumeration

The 1950 census encompassed the continental United States, the territories of Alaska and Hawaii, American Samoa, the Canal Zone, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and some of the smaller island territories.

Americans abroad were enumerated for the first time in 1950. Provisions were made to count members of the armed forces, crews of vessels, and employees of the United States government living in foreign countries, along with any members of their families also abroad. This enumeration was carried out through cooperative arrangements with the departments of Defense and State, the United States Maritime Administration and other federal agencies that took responsibility for distributing and collecting specially designed questionnaires.

Other persons living abroad were to be reported by their families or neighbors in the United States, but the quality of these data was considered to be poor and they were not included in the published statistics.

A new survey on residential financing was conducted as part of the 1950 census. In a separate operation, information was collected on a sample basis from owners of owner-occupied and rental properties and mortgage lenders.



Harry S. Truman was President of the United States on Census Day, April 1, 1950.

Efforts to Improve Coverage and Completeness

Several procedures were used to improve the accuracy and completeness of the 1950 census, including: improved enumerator training, providing enumerators with detailed street maps of their assigned areas, publishing "Missed Person" forms in local newspapers, and setting a specific night to conduct a special enumeration of persons in hotels, tourist courts, and other places frequented by transients.

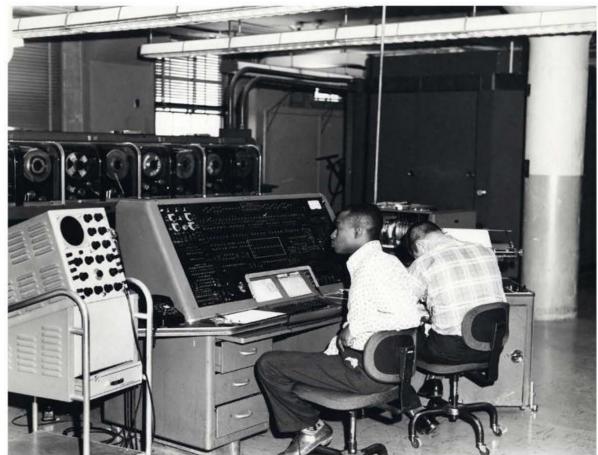
For the first time, a post-enumeration survey was instituted as a further check on the accuracy and completeness of the count. The Census Bureau recanvassed a sample of about 3,500 small areas and compared these to the original census listings to identify households that may have been omitted in the original enumeration. In addition, a sample of about 22,000 households was reinterviewed to determine the number of persons likely omitted in the initial count.

Technological Advancement

The Census Bureau began use of the first non-military computer shortly after completing the 1950 enumeration. UNIVAC I (for Universal Automatic Computer), the first of a series, was delivered in 1951, and helped tabulate some of the statistics for the 1954 economic censuses. It weighed 16,000 pounds and used 5.000 vacuum tubes.

Intercensal Activity

In August of 1954, Congress codified the various statutes, including 1929's Fifteenth Census Act, which authorized the decennial and other censuses, as Title 13, US Code. Since then, Title 13 (along with other laws) has been the underlying authority that governs the actions of the Bureau.



UNIVAC I at the U.S. Census Bureau.

On March 6, 1902, an act of Congress established the permanent Census Bureau within the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The agency moved to the U.S. Department of Commerce and Labor in 1903, and to its current home within the U.S. Department of Commerce in 1913.

Publications related to the census data collected from 1790 to 2010 are available at https://www.census.gov/prod/www/decennial.html.

Visit the National Archives Web site to access 1940 Census records—http://1940census.archives.gov.

Decennial census records are confidential for 72 years to protect respondents' privacy.

Records from the 1950 to 2010 censuses can **only** be obtained by the person named in the record or their heir after submitting form <u>BC-600 or BC-600sp</u> (Spanish).

Online subscription services are available to access the 1790–1940 census records.

Many public libraries provide access to these services free of charge to their patrons.

Contact your local library to inquire if it has subscribed to one of these services. https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/1950.html

Additional Library Request

By Jackie Niemeyer

We've had a request down at the library from someone looking for their own copy of the book "Wood Colony Distirct" by Lowell Beachler. He was one of our long term members who wrote the book in 2002 and it is a great reference for families that lived and settled there. We have a copy in special Collections and a patron would like to get his own copy of it. His name is Roger Green at (209) 765-4667 and he would be willing to pay for it.

Also on my give away table we have had a binder for a Sadorous/Sadorous/Saddoris family that we are looking for a home for. Some of the names in it are a George Sadorous born 1778 Germany who married a Sarah Evans and they both died in Holmes Co., Ohio. There is also a William Sadorous from Somerset County, Pennsylvania. This binder belonged to one of our deceased members and I would like to find someone to give it to. Contact me at our meetings or at jackie.niemeyer@prodigy.net if you would like to have it.

Photo Captures from our March 17th GSSC General Meeting Photos by Hlhennig







Good Fellowship and exchange of Irish genealogical information was shared among attendees









Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit

The Easter Bunny's Baaack!



He's back at our See's store called "GSSC Easter Candy Store" at this link:

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/genealogicalsos easter candy store3/candy?h=JUD BYR5262

Just select and tap it and it takes you right into the store. The store is OPEN through March 28th at 5pm.

Our Easter offerings include:

- The new Scotch Mallow "egg."
 I sampled one to make sure it tasted OK...Mmm!
- And the Bunny box lots of fun! It's a great gift for kids and grown kids.

Why take part? Besides our general expenses, up to half of the proceeds go to fully fund our Millie Starr scholarship fund. It's so nice to present this award to a deserving young person.

Problems ordering?: Call me, **Judy Byrne**, at 209-523-7161



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2022 RENEWAL / NEW Membership form

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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

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Orangeburg Ave, Modesto, CA

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