

2022 Genealogy Series: 1950 Census







The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is pleased to present this educational series of lectures on how to do family research.

As one of the nation's premier genealogy institutions, it is our mission to inform the public about National Archives' holdings that relate to family history and to make those records available to you.



About the Lecture Series

These lectures will demonstrate how to use records from the 1950 Census and other federal resources for genealogical research. Our presenters include experts from the National Archives and Records Administration and the U.S. Census Bureau. Sessions are intended for beginners to experienced family historians – all are welcome!







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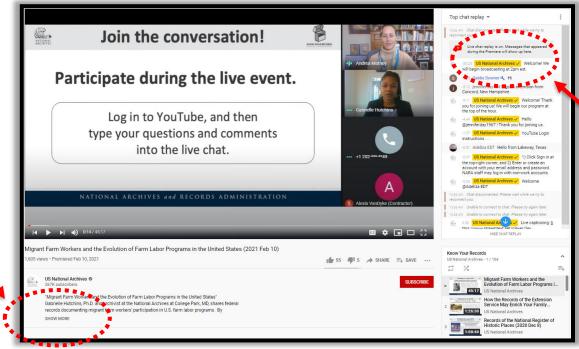




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- log in
- participate
- ask questions

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March 16

1 p.m. ET

March 30

1 p.m. ET

April 27

1 p.m. ET

March-April Schedule

March 2	Overview o	f What's	on the	1950	Census
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Claire Kluskens - Genealogy/Census Subject Matter Expert and digital projects archivist

National Archives at College Park, MD

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National Archives at Denver, CO

1 p.m. ET National Archives in Washington, DC

Brandi Oswald - Supervisory archivist, Cartographic Branch

The Story of the 1950 Census P8 Indian Reservation Schedule

The 1950 Census Website: Design, Development, and Features to Expect

Mapping the 1950 Census: Census Enumeration District Maps at the National Archives

Michael L. Knight - Web Branch Chief, Office of Innovation (Digital Engagement Division)

Cody White - Native American-Related Records Subject Matter Expert and archivist

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May Schedule

May 11 From Parchments to Printouts: History of the Census from 1790 to 1950

1 p.m. ET Sharon Tosi Lacey - Chief Historian
U.S. Census Bureau

May 18 History of Census Records and the National Archives

1 p.m. ET Jessie Kratz - Historian of the National Archives

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May 25 Historic Census Bureau Sources for Filipino, Guamanian and Chamorro, American Samoan, and Native Hawaiian Research

Christopher Martin - Historian

Christopher Martin – Historian U.S. Census Bureau







The 1950 Census Website: Design, Development, and Features to Expect

This presentation will provide attendees with an overview of the design and development approach that was used in the creation of the 1950 Census website. Attendees will also learn about the various search and discovery features that will be available on the website when it is launched on April 1, 2022.







Presenter Biography



Michael L. Knight

Michael L. Knight serves as the Web Branch Chief within NARA's Office of Innovation (Digital Engagement Division). Michael joined NARA in 2017 as a Project Manager within the Office of Innovation's Project Management Division. He has worked extensively on web development and design projects, and is also a subject matter expert on agile product development methods. Michael is a Certified Scrum Professional, Certified Scrum Master, and a certified Project Management Professional.



The 1950 Census Website:

Design, Development, and Features to Expect

Michael L. Knight



Agenda

- Project Overview
- Design and Development Approach
- Features to Expect at Launch
 - Location Search
 - Name Search
 - Transcription



Overview

- The 1950 Census website will launch on April 1, 2022
- Will provide access to an estimated:
 - 6.57 million population schedule pages
 - 9,634 enumeration district maps
 - 33,360 Form P8, Indian Reservation schedules



Design & Development Approach



Development Approach

- Incorporated agile and user-centered design approaches into the development process.
 - User Research
 - Incremental and Iterative Workflow
 - Transparency



User Research

- The NARA User Experience (UX) team interviewed 21 stakeholders, which include 3 internal stakeholders, 15 genealogists and family researchers, and 3 stakeholders with a specific interest in Native American census records.
- Stakeholders were interviewed individually and asked very similar openended questions to gather as much insight as possible (i.e., design, features, concerns, expectations, etc.).



Iterative and Incremental Workflow

- Two-week development intervals (i.e., sprints)
- Efforts within each sprint were centered on the development of specific design and/or functional elements of the 1950 Census website.
- The efforts of each sprint compounded throughout the project, ultimately producing the version of the website that will be launch on April 1st.

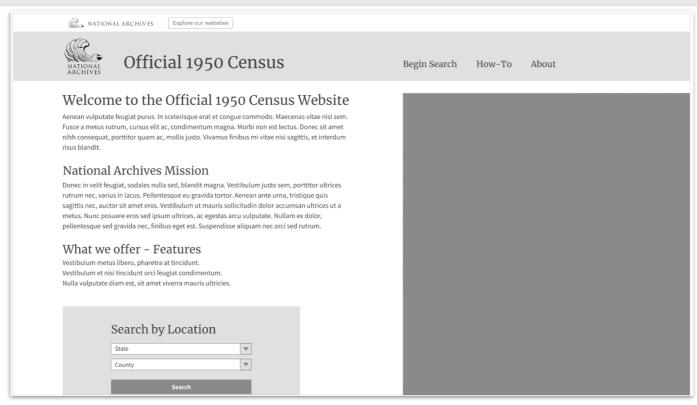


Transparency

- Each sprint concluded with a sprint demo.
 - The product(s) of the sprint were showcased, and participants were invited to provide feedback.
- Feedback on the product(s) helped to determine specific changes and helped to guide the direction of the website development.

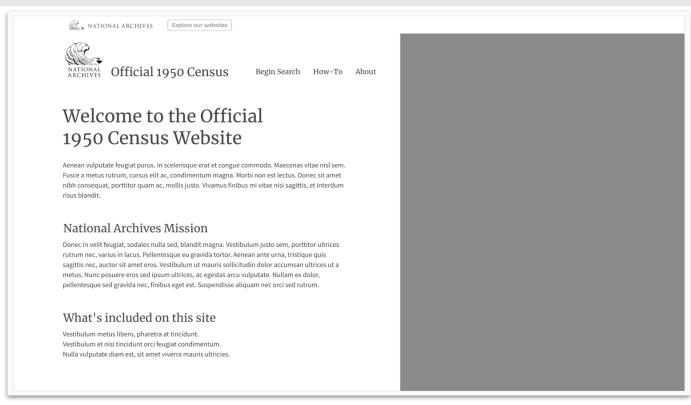


Design Progression



(Sample of website homepage wireframe)





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(Sample of website homepage mockup)





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Features to Expect

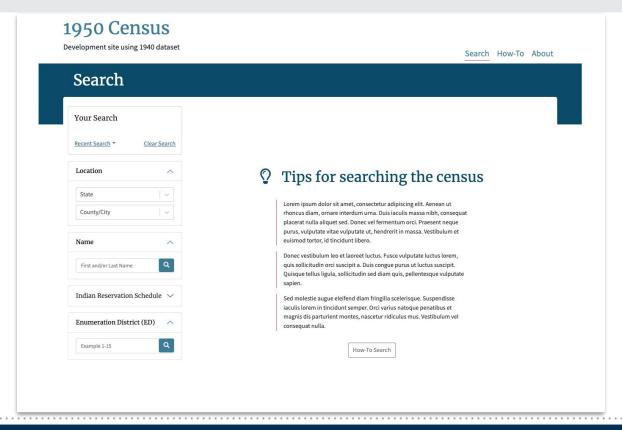


Location Search

Website visitors will have the ability to search the census records by **state**, **county/city**, **reservation**, and **enumeration district**.

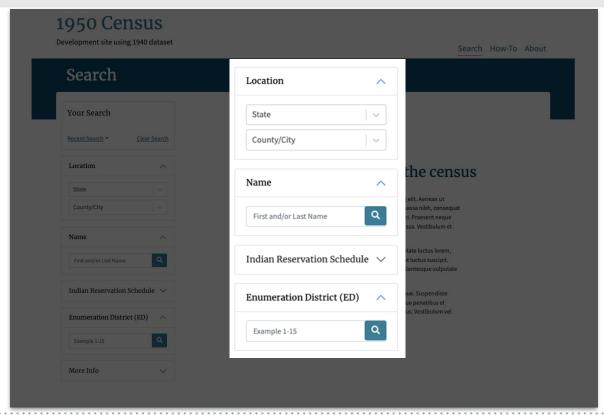


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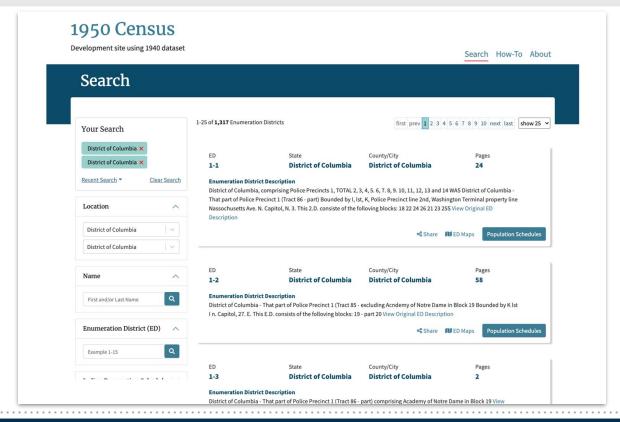
(Search Landing Page)





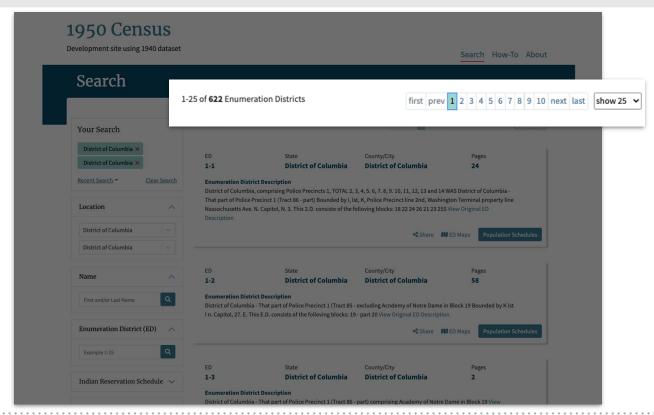
(Detailed view of search filters)





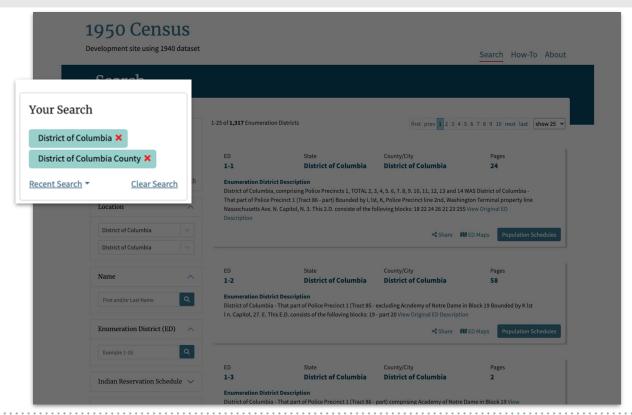
(Search Results Page)





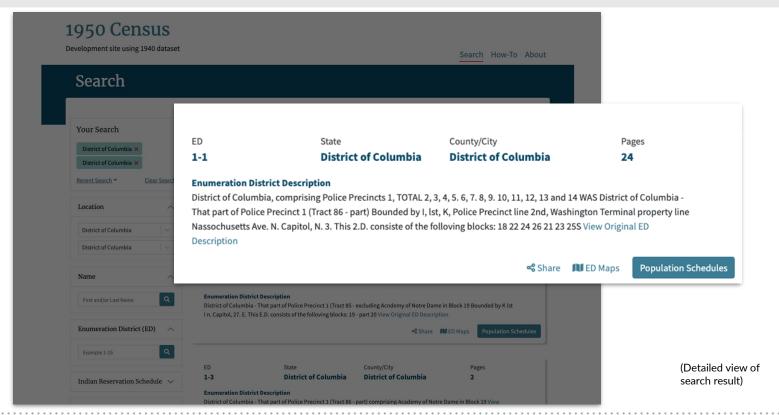
(Search results navigation options)



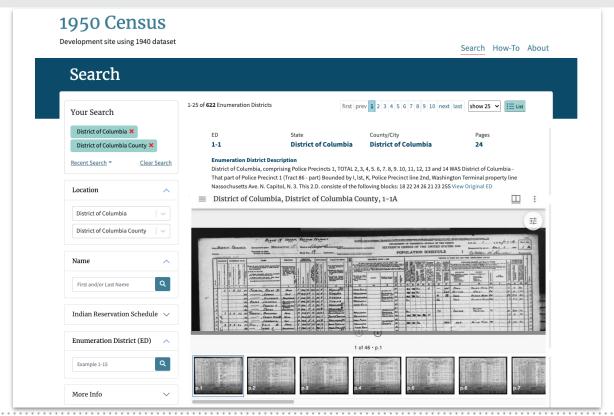


(Detailed view of active search filters)



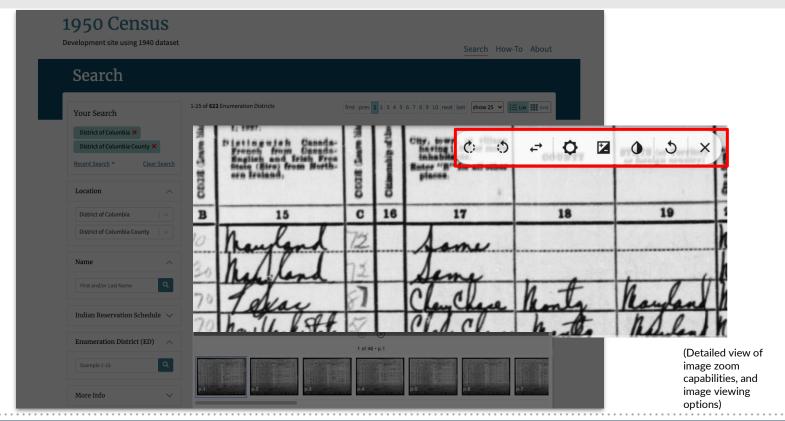






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Name Search

Website visitors will have the ability to search for names that may appear within population schedules.

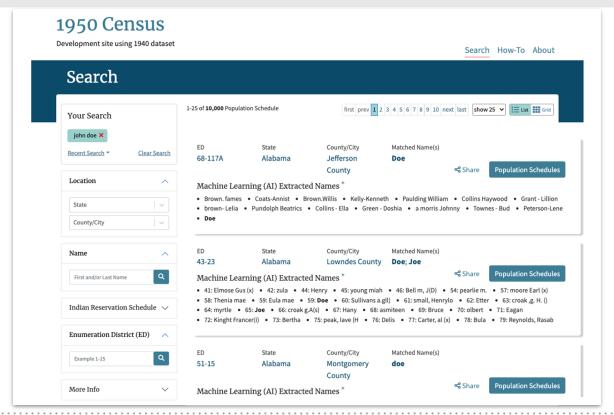


Name Search

- Used Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Optical Character Recognition (OCR)
 technology to extract names and line numbers from population schedules.
- Searches may include an individual's first and/ or last name.
- Search results will also return variations or misspellings of the specified name.



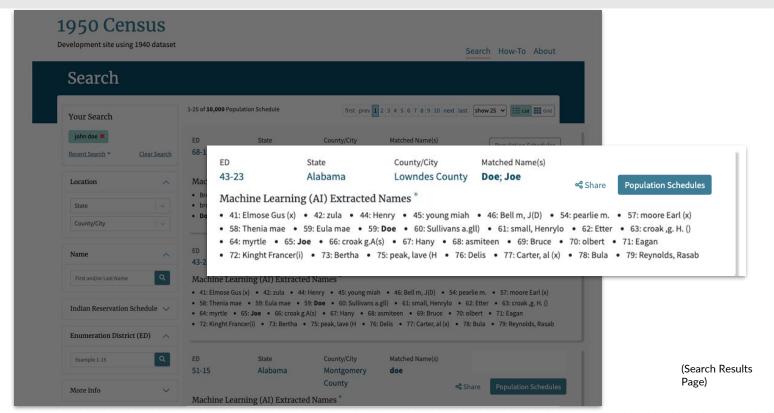
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Name Search (continued)





Transcription

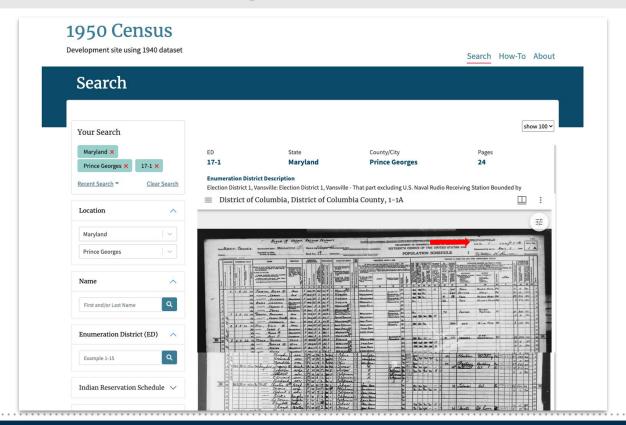
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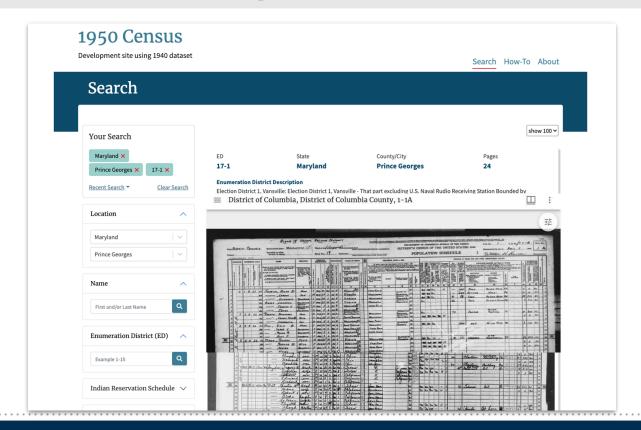
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- Website visitors will have the ability to transcribe names that appear within population schedules.
- Transcriptions will be added to the website's name index, improving name search accuracy over time.
- Contributions will be moderated by NARA community managers.

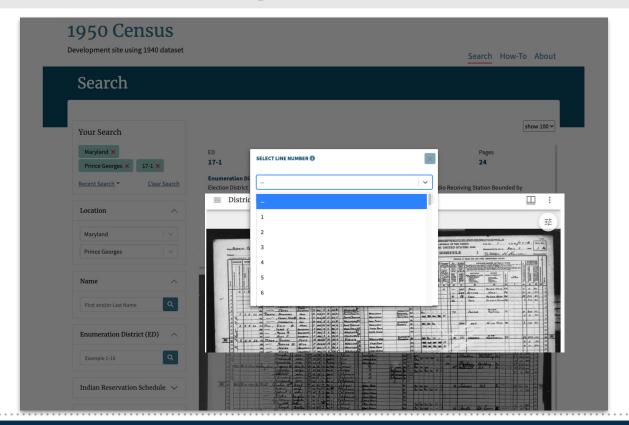




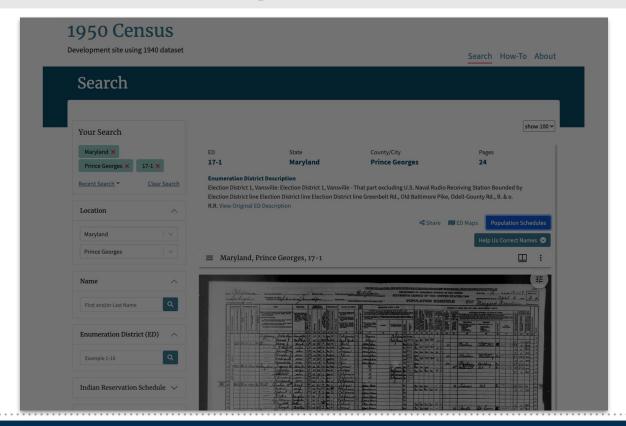




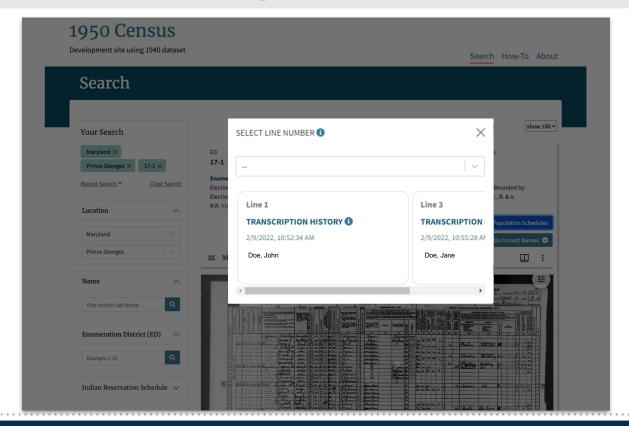














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Know Your Records

www.archives.gov/calendar/know-your-records

Videos and Handouts on You Tube







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