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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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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.
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 open-ended 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 launched 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)
Design Progression (continued)

Welcome to the Official 1950 Census Website


National Archives Mission


What's included on this site

Vestibulum metus libero, pharetra at tincidunt.
Vestibulum et nisi tincidunt orci feugiat condimentum.
Nulla vulputate diam est, sit amet viverra mauris ultricies.
Design Progression (continued)

The Official 1950 Census

Welcome to the Official 1950 Census Website


Begin Search
Donec in velit feugiat, sodales nulla sed, blandit magna. Vestibulum justo sem.

How-To Search
Donec in velit feugiat, sodales nulla sed, blandit magna. Vestibulum justo sem.
Design Progression (continued)
Design Progression (continued)

The Official 1950 Census

Welcome to the Official 1950 Census Website


Begin Search  How-To Search

(Sample of website homepage mockup)
Features to Expect
Location Search

Website visitors will have the ability to search the census records by state, county/city, reservation, and enumeration district.
Location Search (continued)
### 1950 Census

**Location Search (continued)**

#### Search

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**Enumeration District Description**  
District of Columbia, comprising Police Precincts 1, TOTAL 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 WAS of District of Columbia - That part of Police Precinct 1 (Tract 86 - part) Bounded by L, M, K, Police Precinct Line 2nd, Washington Terminal property line Massachusetts Ave. N. Capitol, N. 3. This E.D. consists of the following blocks: 10 22 24 26 28 23 255 View Original ED Description

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**Enumeration District Description**  
District of Columbia - That part of Police Precinct 1 (Tract 86 - part) comprising Academy of Notre Dame in Block 19 View
Location Search (continued)
Location Search (continued)
Location Search (continued)

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Search

Your Search

- District of Columbia
- District of Columbia County

Location

- District of Columbia
- District of Columbia County

Name

- First and/or Last Name

Indian Reservation Schedule

Enumeration District (ED)

- Example 1-15

More Info

(Search Results Page)
Location Search (continued)
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.
Transcription
Website visitors will have the ability to transcribe names that appear within population schedules.
Transcription

- 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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Search

Your Search

Location
Maryland
Prince Georges

Name
First and/or Last Name

Enumeration District (ED)
Example 3-15

Indian Reservation Schedule

Recent Search ▲
Clear Search

ED  State  County/City  Pages
17-1  Maryland  Prince Georges  24

Enumeration District Description
Election District 1, Vanover; Election District 1, Vanover; Vanover - That part excluding U.S. Naval Radio Receiving Station Bounded by
District of Columbia, District of Columbia County, 1-1A

(Transcription prompt and workflow)
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Search

Your Search
- Maryland
- Prince Georges
- 17-1

Search

Location
- Maryland
- Prince Georges

Name
- First and/or Last Name

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Indian Reservation Schedule

Search

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About

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Transcription prompt and workflow

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Search

Your Search

Maryland
Prince Georges
17-1

Location

Maryland
Prince Georges

Name
First and/or Last Name

Enumeration District (ED)
Example 1-15

Indian Reservation Schedule

SELECT LINE NUMBER

Line 1
TRANSRIPTION HISTORY
2/9/2022, 10:52:14 AM
Doe, John

Line 3
TRANSRIPTION
2/9/2022, 10:59:28 AM
Doe, Jane

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