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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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<td>Claire Kluskens</td>
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<td>Christopher Martin – Historian of U.S. Census Bureau</td>
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As part of the 1950 population census, the Census Bureau used a special schedule on certain Native reservations nationwide. Join archivist Cody White as he explains the genesis, creation, and execution of the 1950 P8 Indian Reservation schedule, which will be available online on April 1, 2022.
Cody White is an archivist with the National Archives at Denver and the agency Subject Matter Expert for Native American–Related Records. He holds a B.A. in history from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and a Master of Library and Information Science from UCLA. He has been with the National Archives since 2012.
The Story of the 1950 Census
P8 Indian Reservation Schedule
Cody White, Archivist (April 27, 2022)

Form P8 - Indian Reservation Schedule (page 14)
Size - 16" x 10½"
Color - white paper, black ink
Number printed - 175,000
Use - This schedule, completed by the enumerator at the same
time as and in addition to the regular P1, was filled
for each household on a Federal Indian Reservation to
provide the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Interior
Department with special information. Personnel from the
Census field offices called upon the Reservation offici-
cials to make arrangements for the actual enumeration.
Distribution - Included in Enumerator's portfolio.

Section V—FEDERAL INDIAN RESERVATIONS
Special Schedule.—If you are as-
item e, serial number of the dwelling
unit, should be copied from column 3
Enumerator training material for the P8 schedule

Central Classified Files; File 16014-1949-034
The Native schedule used in the 1910 decennial census.

The Native schedule used on select reservations in the 1880 decennial census.
1947 Census Bureau Report showing data collected on Natives in the decennial census from 1890-1940.

Reference Materials Binder 37 - Indian Reservations

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The 27,000 square mile Navajo Nation as seen in 1935, and a sample of road conditions therein in 1933.
The questions on the P8 went through extensive workshopping and culling.

Central Classified Files: File 16014-1949-034
The final version of the P8 schedule that was used in 1950.

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ANOTHER PURPOSE OF THE 1950 P8 SCHEDULE?

Excerpt from a February 1950 supporting statement submitted by the Census Bureau to the Bureau of Budget to cover the extra cost of the P8 schedule.

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ANOTHER PURPOSE OF THE 1950 P8 SCHEDULE?
(continued)

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) memos attached to an enumeration district and reservation crosswalk record, noting reservations to add.

*Central Classified Files; File 16014-1949-034*
Enumeration districts were adjusted to conform to reservation or grazing district boundaries.

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The P8 forms shipped out only weeks before the 1950 census was to commence. Here a field chief telegraphed the Census headquarters for the status of the mailing.

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From the Census Bureau District Supervisor’s Program Manuel, discussion of compensation for staff enumerating on the reservations.

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Staff noted objections in the United Pueblos Agency to the ceremony question; enumerators were then advised to skip the question.

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Undated photograph, “Village Square, Isleta Pueblo, New Mexico”
By September 1950, the Census Bureau had nearly every P8 schedule returned.

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The proposed homepage for the 1950 census records, including the P8 schedules, as of December 2021 when I assembled this talk...
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