

## CVGS RESEARCH GROUP – 13 APRIL 2022

### A) CVGS NEWS

1. “Family History Gazette” monthly newsletter published on Sunday via email to members. It is on the website under the “News” link
2. DNA Interest Group on 20 April, 12 noon PDT. Register on CVGS website at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-4764436>.
3. General Meeting on 27 April, 12 noon PDT. The speaker is Jill Morelli on “FamilySearch: The Other 95%.” Register on CVGS website at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-4780369>.

### B) GENEALOGY NEWS

1. 1950 United States Census was released by the National Archives on 1 April 2022 with 150 million records. [The State of the 1950 United States Census - 3 April 2022](#) summarizes what is available online as of today.

\* To search the census images effectively, you need to know a person’s address and Enumeration District (ED) in 1950. You may know where they lived from family papers, city directories, voter registrations, school yearbooks, vital records, or other records. Then use the Steve Morse Unified Census ED tool at <https://stevemorse.org/census/unified.html> and Google Maps to find the ED.

\* All census images are accessible on the NARA website - <https://1950census.archives.gov/>. There is a rudimentary name index (last names of head of household and different last names in a household, and all given names). The index was created with a handwriting recognition program, and there are many “errors” in the index. Users can add corrections to the indexed names.

\* Ancestry.com has all of the census images online (FREE to access) at <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62308/>. Ancestry has used their handwriting recognition technology to create an index for the census images – see [Ancestry® Proprietary Artificial Intelligence-Powered Handwriting Recognition Technology Processes Over 150 Million Records from the 1950 U.S. Census in Only 9 Days](#). To date, Delaware and Wyoming have been name indexed completely by the FamilySearch volunteers. Ancestry also has a Census Enumeration District Finder at <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/district-map/62308>

\* FamilySearch has all of the census images online (FREE to access) at <https://www.familysearch.org/records/images/search-results?projectId=M9HW-2YP&page=1&fullMap=true&place=1> . After Ancestry used their handwriting recognition software, FamilySearch volunteers can verify or modify the name index – see [FamilySearch: Volunteers Gear Up to Make History with 1950 US Census Community Project](#). There is a 1950 U.S. Census Community Project at <https://www.familysearch.org/getinvolved/1950>. Volunteers

can select a state and review census records and change names and data if the index is not correct. There is a tutorial.

\* MyHeritage has all of the census images online (FREE to access) at <https://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-11009/1950-united-states-federal-census-images> MyHeritage is indexing them with its own indexing team and has finished 7 states (Alaska, American Samoa, Delaware, New Hampshire, Vermont, Virgin Islands, and Wyoming ). The search page is at <https://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-11006/1950-united-states-federal-census>. The search fields are limited to name, address, age, race, gender, birth state, and marriage status. Users can see a list of household members, and add corrected information if desired.

2. MyHeritage has a “Census Helper” that takes your MyHeritage family tree and finds tree people who might be in the 1950 census. See [Introducing the MyHeritage Census Helper™ for the 1950 U.S. Census](#). My 69,000 person tree has a list of over 16,000 potential listings.

### C) RANDY’S WORK

1. 1950 U.S. Census: I created a list of target persons from my extended family (see [Rabbit Holes With Randy - Preparing for the 1950 U.S. Census](#) ), and then worked through my table of names, addresses and EDs for the 1950 U.S. Census and posted [Finding My Parents Family in San Diego in the 1950 U.S. Census](#) on the first day and [Rabbit Holes With Randy -- Chasing 1950 United States Census Records](#) . So far I’ve found 20 out of 31 targets.
2. Found an intriguing will for Peter Seaver of Savannah, Georgia in the Suffolk County, Massachusetts Probate Records. [Amanuensis Monday - 1805 Probate Records of Peter Johonnot Seaver \(1770-1804\) in Suffolk County, Massachusetts](#). Found answers to my questions (they are sad, but real life often is) and posted [Rabbit Holes With Randy -- What Happened to the Peter Johonnot Seaver Family?](#)

### D) USEFUL BLOG POSTS

1. [21 Online Newspaper Research Do’s and Don’ts](#) by Kenneth Marks
2. [Really Last-Minute News about the 1950 US Census Release](#) by Marian B. Wood
3. [My Experience With the 1950 Census/ How I've found hard to find people](#) by Annette Kapple
4. [Researching Colonial Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina](#) by Kathleen Brandt
5. [Changes to Ancestry.com: More Than Cosmetic](#) by James Tanner
6. [Many Paths to Sources: Newspapers, Part 3a](#) by Cari Taplin
7. [Part 7: Pennsylvania Germans: Church Records](#) by Alice Childs
8. [NYC historical vital records go online!](#) by Judy G. Russell
9. [The Sound of Our English Ancestors](#) by Marian Pierre-Louis
10. [Part 6: Pennsylvania Germans: Probate Records](#) by Alice Childs
11. [Add a Transcription to Improve NARA's 1950 Census Index](#) by Marian B. Wood