

## **Everything Old is New Again: Introducing the 1950 U.S. Census**

The 1950 U.S. Census was released April 1, 2022 after the mandatory 72-year hold. This is a new data set for genealogists in a familiar format. In this presentation, we will review how information was gathered and processed for the census. We will survey what record sets were produced, which sets are available and how to access them. Finally, we will look at steps you can take before diving into these newly released census records so you will be able to search with confidence.

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Laura Kovarik has been involved in genealogy for more than 25 years, including leadership and educational positions at the local and state levels. Laura has enhanced her genealogical education through conferences, institutes and study groups. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists as well as the National Genealogical Society, Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) and other local genealogical and historical societies. Her writing has appeared in Fox Tales and The Quarterly, the ISGS magazine.

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