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April 1st marks 1 year until the 1950 Census is released!!

Let the count down begin. In case you miss it (since we are a little late in getting this out to you) head over to Youtube and look for Elvenses with Lisa. Our favorite genealogist Lisa Louise Cooke has a whole episode on what to expect and not expect on the 1950 census and what you can do now to get ready for its release.

Remember how 1940 came out unindexed and you needed to know where your people were to find them in an enumeration district map before you could look for them?

Sounds like that is the case again, except, there was a baby boom after World War 2 so we have a lot more people to look through.

Some other interesting things on the 1950 census, US citizens abroad were counted (within certain categories), there were special infant cards for babies born between Jan-Mar, there was a special effort to enumerate transient individuals, and much more.

For a fantastic article all about the 1950 census including what you can do now to get ready check out Lisa Louise Cooke's article.

<https://lisalouisecooke.com/2021/04/06/1950-census/>

And check out her Youtube video all about it,

[Elvenses with Lisa](#)

Ancestry Library Edition has extended at home access through June!

Use your library card to log in at the library's link at

[www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org)

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## Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are being held virtually via ZOOM at 7 pm.

An invite will be sent to members two days before.

If you are not a member please email- [infofcgs@gmail.com](mailto:infofcgs@gmail.com) to receive an invite.

## APRIL MEETING

Tuesday April 13th at 7 PM via ZOOM.

"There's Gold in Those Directories" City & County Directory Information— presented by Diane Manley.

Upcoming:

May 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Zoom  
Mid-West Genealogy (KS, OK and NE)— Kathy Burrow

June 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Zoom  
“Court Records”— Judy Harless

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## It's Never Too Early to Talk SEMINAR!

This year's seminar will be Saturday October 30th. Our speaker will be Gena Philibert-Ortega. Gena is an author, researcher and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. She holds a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Psychology and Women's Studies) and a Master's Degree in Religion. Gena's published works include two books, and numerous articles published in magazines and online. She is the editor of the Utah Genealogical Association's magazine, Crossroads. Her writings can be found on her blogs, Gena's Genealogy and Food Family Ephemera as well as the GenealogyBank blog. Gena is an instructor for The National Institute for Genealogical Studies. She has presented to diverse groups worldwide including the National Genealogical Society Conference, the Alberta Genealogical Society Conference, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Legacy Family Tree Webinar series. Her projects have included genealogical research for the first season of PBS's Genealogy Roadshow and the Travel Channel's Follow Your Past.

More info to come !!

Another great program by Jamie Mayhew!

If you missed Jamie's presentation on newspapers here are a few websites you may want to look into and a couple of tips.

Tip #1– Newspapers rely on OCR technology for you to be able keyword search in them. This technology only works if the paper is legible and in a font that the computer recognizes. Sometimes you still have to read each page of the paper if its really old or dark. It's getting better but if you don't find something by keyword this could be why.

Tip #2– If you don't find your particular name, try an address, or just a last or first name to see what might be found. (I tried looking for an uncle Elbert before and turns out he went by Joe. I found him when I tried search by last name only.)

Places to search for FREE:

[Chronicling America](#) –Library of Congress & National Endowment of the Humanities project

State Newspaper Projects- Google “State digital newspapers”

[California Digital Newspaper Project](#)

[Fulton History](#)—MANY New York and Surrounding Newspapers

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A REQUEST FOR HELP

We have a very excited new genealogist who has done a lot of research but isn't sure if it's the right stuff. If anyone is willing to work with them to help authenticate their research please let Melissa know. Email the [infofcgs@gmail.com](mailto:infofcgs@gmail.com) or call the Heritage Center 600-6230.

A long time member and past President, Alice Partain has moved. If anyone would like to send her a little cheer by mail or by phone contact us at [infofcgs@gmail.com](mailto:infofcgs@gmail.com) and we'll get you her new information.

If you missed Fresno History: Hiding in Plain Sight it is available on the FCPL's Library Youtube channel [https://youtu.be/\\_YZQuLCUxA4](https://youtu.be/_YZQuLCUxA4)

It is fantastic!

## 2021 FCGS BOARD MEMBERS

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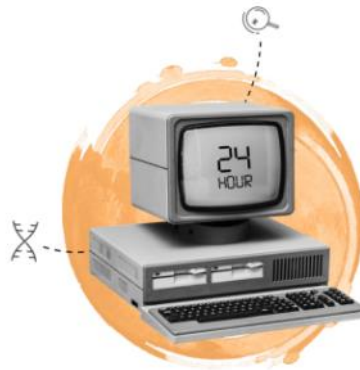
April 8-9, 2021

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[www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com/24](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com/24)

They will also be available for a week for free at Family Tree Webinars.

There is a great variety of talks available!



### SULTANA ASSOCIATION REUNION

*\*ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL TIME.\**

Friday, April 23: 7:00-8:30 pm

- 7:00 p.m.– PowerPoint presentation (45 min) “The Invisible Wounds: A Perspective on Mental Health Issues During the Civil War” by Hilda Koontz.
- 8:00 p.m. – Highlights of a couple of new items in the Sultana Disaster Museum.

Saturday, April 24: 1:00-3:00 pm

- Video presentation (35 min.) “The Sultana Disaster Museum: A Tribute In The Making” by Mark and Mike Marshall (filmmakers of the wonder Sultana documentary “The Sultana Remembered.”
- Video presentation (12 min) “Remembering Sultana: A Memorial,” drone video of Sultana sites by Lt. Col. Brandon Ford.
- PowerPoint presentation (45 min) “The Sultana: The First Two Years” by Gene Salecker.

To sign up go to :

<https://www.thesultanaassociation.com/the-association>



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