

Using a Census Tracker & Research Log

- ❖ The following is an example of how to use this Census Tracker. You can print them out, and write in the columns, the information that is presented on each Census
- ❖ Using a spreadsheet is helpful because your rows and columns can expand as you add additional information.
- ❖ It is the little facts that will help you decide if the family members you are exploring are the same for each Census found, especially if they have moved around the USA.
- ❖ Compare the occupation, ages of family members, where each person was born, even the birth country of the couple's father and mother..
- ❖ You may find small inconsistencies in ages, or places of birth, but if the majority of the information you've written down is similar, then you can create a better assessment about that family.
- ❖ There are two different ways to track census information. One is to use the Census Tracker worksheet, which is actually pretty nice if you have a couple of individuals that have the same name & are living very close to each other. You want to follow these people over time and see how the family changes, where they may settle, children coming to the family, and so on.
- ❖ You may find yourself following SEVERAL families to see which of the individuals with the same name is actually your ancestor.
- ❖ I personally find that I like to include census information into my research log for the head of family. There is an example of this that you can view by clicking on the tab - "Research Log Example" in this section.