Using a Census Tracker

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 the spreadsheet is helpful because your rows and columns can expand. It is the little facts that will help you decide if the family members 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 father and mother of the parents. 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 have a better conclusion about the family.

Census Tracker					
Head of Household: James			Spouse: Mary		
Birth: 1832			Birth: 1835		
Place: New York			Place: New York		
	Census Years				
Family Members	1860	1870	1880	1900	1910
	New York	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	
James	28 y/o, farmer, born New York Married: 1854 R/W: Yes	37 y/o. M, farmer, Married, Fa: foreign born-No, Mo: foreign born-Yes, Born April 1832	48 y/o, M, married, born April 1832, farmer, Fa: New York, Mo: Ireland		
Mary	25 y/o, F, married: 1854, R/W: yes	36 y/o, F, married, born Oct 1835, Fa & Mo: foreign born	46 y/o, F, married, born Oct 1835, wife, Fa/Mo: born in Ireland	Head of Household 56 y/o, F, Widow, # yrs married 44, born Oct 1835, Mother of 2 children, 2 living, Ireland, Domestic, Fa/Mo: born Ireland	
William	4 y/o, M, born New York	15 y/o, born New York		34 y/o, M, Married X 8 yrs, born New York, Fa: born New York, Mo: Ireland, # of children living	
Mabel				29 y/o, F, married, dau in law, domestic, born Sept 1861, mother of one child, 0 living	
Effie	1 y/o, F, born New York	10 y/o, F, Born New York	21 y/o, F, Single, teacher	31 y/o, F, Single, teacher, born Aug 1859, fa: born New York, Mo: Ireland	