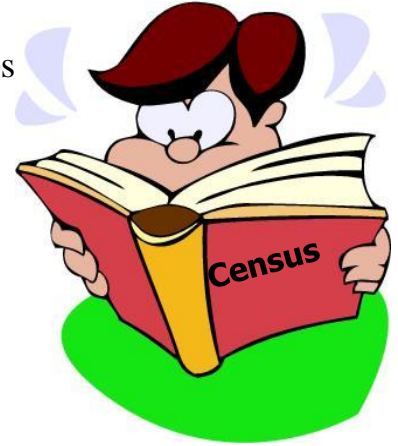


Tracking Down Family

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Using Census and Other Records to Fill in the Gaps



- Collect all the information you have.
 - From yourself and other researchers
 - Census Records
 - Newspaper articles
 - City Directories
- Identify the blanks that you have on the individual
- Create a table
 - If you are tabling the census, create a column for each year
 - Start filling in the table with the information in the census
 - Don't forget to check the neighbors around the individual as you may find family members living next door
- From this table you can still see blanks that need to be filled.

Other places to find information to fill in the blanks.

- Now look for city directories to fill in gaps between census years
 - Directories also give you street addresses and professions
- Books written on the individual
 - Google Books
 - Anazon.com
 - Ancestry.com
- County Records
- Historical Societies, Genealogical Societies
- County/State biographies
- Obits



CONCLUSIONS

- The 1900 census give you valuable information into month and year of birth.
- The 1900 and 1910 give you the number years married and how many children were born and how many were still alive.
- PLEASE: look at the neighbors around the primary search person