

Things to Think About in Sourcing a Census Aka Food for Thought

Some of the things to think about when sourcing a census are:

- More than one person is generally in the same household
- Usually other family members live in the same location
- It may be helpful to your later research to see the big picture of how the families are listed in the census in your later research.

There are basically two ways to source your census findings:

1. Create a different Master Source for each individual you find in the census.
2. Create a location Master Source and cite all individuals you find in that location together.
 - a. When I source censuses I like this method. I actually write out the household number, and key facts of each individual in the same order as the census taker did in the Master Source for something like "US Census: District 14, Hawkins, Tennessee". I want the information on over 18 families from this area in 1850.
 - b. Then I cite this Source to each individual that I find in that area.