

In the space below, please provide your family SURNAME and use a checkmark for each decade your family has lived in the Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania Area.

Family Surname	pre-1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1900-present

USEFUL RESEARCH TIPS:

- 1. Census records every 10 years (federal), every 5 years (state) beginning in 1790.
- 2. Generations are calculated by the era:

Pre-1865, 12-20 years

1900-1990s; 20 years

1990s-present; 25- 30 years

- 3. People married at 18 and began having children immediately thereafter.
- 4. If you don't know the date when your ancestor was born, use the era to guess, +/- 5 years for illiteracy. For example:

Leola Evans, never married, was 88 when she died in 1900. Calculate the ages you should expect to find her in official records by creating a cheat sheet with the +/- 5 years mentioned above.

Leola – b. in 1812

Age/yr: 8/1820 (1815-1825); 18/1830 (1825-1835); 28/1840 (1835-18445), and so on.

- 5. Most people were buried not more than 5 miles from their homes.