VA-KY-Creeches Files Instructions

All direct Creech descendants are listed in alphabetical order.  To help distinguish same-names, spouse names are next to Creech names.  Also a summary of the lineage including the first name only of the Creech lineage back to John, Jonathan, or Elijah.  There is also a column that shows both parents of each generation; spouse in parentheses, spouse order in brackets.

Start with VA-KY-Creech Index. Let's use a trivial example.   We find old John Creech in rows 3104 and 3105, and we know it's him because his lineage is...John.  He appears in two lines because he had two wives, and they are shown. Most important is his Creech Number, which is 1.

Now let's take a bit more complicated example.  Let's say you wanted to find Ira Creech, son of Henry.  We find him in line 2976, 2977 and 2978 of the Index File because he had three wives, and they are shown.  His Creech number is 6168--this is the key--and his lineage is Jonathan2Henry3Ira.  For good measure, his extended lineage is Jonathan Creech (Jane Blair [2]) II: Henry Creech (Mahala Field [1]) III: Ira Creech (Elizabeth Ray [1]).  There is one of these lines for each wife.  This is what will lead us to his census data.

Open VA-KY-Creech Census by Year.  Scroll down to Creech number 6168.  There, under Gen 3, you find him.  Scroll over and you find his first census entry in 1840: "w/Henry; 1M 1836-40."  Until a child is on his own, he is referred back to the parent as a master.  (This might be a weakness, but there were pros and cons to the other ways of doing it).  You also see that Ira is listed in censuses through 1900, and deceased in 1910.  Listed next to him is his first wife Elizabeth Ray.  His second wife, Lou Turner is in the next line.  They had one child in the Gen 4 Column, Charles.  His third wife, listed after Charles, is Sally Workizer, but her last name is highlighted in orange because I think it's right but I can't prove it to my satisfaction.  Under the column Comments there are a couple of notes.  Scroll over beyond that is the list of Creeches and spouses in order and the lineage.

Open VA-KY-Creech Raw Census.  Let's use Ira's 1870 census data to find his complete census line: MO, Lawrence, Mt. Vernon, 54; 30 (1840) [Lou, 29 (1841)].  This puts him in Lawrence County MO, Mt Vernon Twp, family 54. This file is ordered by year, then State, then County, then Township or Enumeration District.

Ira is age 30 (born ca 1840).  His spouse, Lou, is 29 (born ca 1841).  Note that Charles is with them, age 3 (born ca 1867).  In the master census db file, scrolling down to 1870, MO, Lawrence, Mt Vernon, family 54, we find them in rows 2199, 2200 and 2201.  Ira and Lou have the same Creech Number and Lou is listed as Spouse, 2 and granddaughter-in-law of the first generation.

Couple of other notes on the creeches by census year file.  In the column "Creech Spouse" if a Creech married a Creech, it's noted there--the spouse's Creech number is present and in purple.  Creech Spouse children are always listed with the father to avoid replication.  When a cell is highlighted in bright yellow, it is a child that is inferred but not documented by the census.  Thus, when a woman says in 1900 she had two children, one alive, one is listed as "Child Creech," highlighted in yellow and noted in 1910 as "Deceased per 1910 census"  This is also the case for children born after 1880 but married by 1900.  They are in yellow because they are inferred. (See lines 6165 and 6166 for an example).