Three Most Frequently Used Google Search Operators:

Note: A search string is a word or phrase(s) included in quotes (" ").

**AND**
Search results **must include all terms** connected by the AND operator.

*Example:* “Thomas Mattingly” and “Teresa Twyman”

**OR**
Search results **can include any terms** connected by the OR operator.

*Example:* “Greenough family genealogy” or “grenough family genealogy”

**Proximity (w/#)**
Proximity operators search for **words or phrases that occur near one another**.

*Example:* “abell family w/5 Maryland”

**Hint**
Use the Ctrl F function on your keyboard to search for a word or phrase in the hit you just opened. It works!

**Researchers Beware!**

- Failure to use quotation marks or mis use of the operators shown above will result in many false hits!
- View the web address listed below your search hit to reduce the chances of being taken to a subscription site.
- If you misspell “Genealogy” it will search for your misspelled word.

For a complete list of google search operators, visit: [https://www.hbagency.com/every-google-search-operator-youll-ever-need/](https://www.hbagency.com/every-google-search-operator-youll-ever-need/)