

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/>