

Genealogy Search Tips

Useful tips on choosing search terms, capitalization, word variations, automatic "and" queries, phrase searches, and more. Type "google help" in the search bar to find online GOOGLE help.

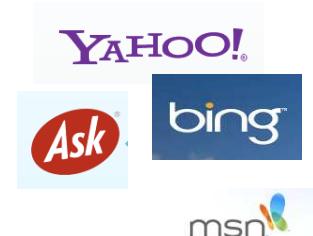
The internet is the richest source of genealogical information today. The amount, scope, and availability of data is staggering, even incomprehensible. It is virtually certain there is valid information about your ancestors on the internet. So how do we find it?

How to search Google safely:

Set your preferences by clicking
“Search settings”.



World Wide Web



- It's OK to use more than one search engine.
- The best search engine is the one where you find what you are looking for.
- Other search engines include, Yahoo, Ask, MSN, BING.

- Google is not case sensitive - [GeNeAIoGy](#) is the same as [genealogy](#)
- Punctuation is not needed. Every word matters. Words that are commonly used, like 'the,' 'a,' and 'for,' are usually ignored
- Google now features "[instant search](#)" - it will anticipate what you are searching for and bring up web sites while you are typing.
- The order of search terms will affect your results. Most of the time you will find exactly what you are looking for by simply typing in the search box and hitting enter, however it is best to learn some basic search rules and tips to help you find what you want or narrow your search.
- Choose descriptive words. The more unique the word, the more likely you are to get results. Words that are not very descriptive like "document" or "website" are not usually needed.

- Even though basic simple searches are often enough, sometimes you may need more power using "[Boolean Operators](#)".
- [Phrase search](#) (""). By putting double quotes around a set of words, you are telling Google to consider the exact words in that exact order without any change. Google already uses the order and the fact that the words are together as a very strong signal and will stray from it only for a good reason, so quotes are usually unnecessary. By insisting on phrase search you might be missing good results accidentally. Example the phrase "Tom Jones" will miss the "Thomas Jones", "Tom D Jones", etc. You may have to search several ways.
- [Terms you want to exclude](#) (-). Attaching a minus sign immediately before a word indicates that you do not want pages that contain this word to appear in your results. The minus sign should appear immediately before the word and should be preceded with a space. Example: "John Kennedy" -President.
- [Search within a specific website](#) (site:). Google allows you to specify that your search results must come from a given website. Example: Hebert Louisiana site: usgenweb.com.

- **Fill in the blanks** (*). The *, or wildcard, is a little-known feature that can be very powerful. If you include * within a query, it tells Google to try to treat the star as a placeholder for any unknown term(s) and then find the best matches. Note that the * operator works only on whole words, not parts of words. Example: Zenos * Warren came to Michigan

Sarah Sweet Warren Wood

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Zenos C. Warren and family moved to Oakland county Michigan, where he died 4 March ...
and his wife *Cornelia Ann Warren* also came to Utah and settled ...

www.bobcatsworld.com/family/Sarah%20Sweet%20Warren%20Wood.pdf

- **Search exactly as is** (+). Google employs synonyms automatically, so that it finds pages that mention, for example, marriage for the query [marriages], or Maine history for the query [ME history]. But sometimes Google helps out a little too much and gives you a synonym when you don't really want it. By attaching a + immediately before a word (remember, don't add a space after the +), you are telling Google to match that word precisely as you typed it.
 - **The OR operator.** Google's default behavior is to consider all the words in a search. If you want to specifically allow either one of several words, you can use the OR operator (note that you have to type 'OR' in ALL CAPS). (The AND operator, by the way, is the default, so it is not needed.)

Example: Samuel Walker la OR MS

Samuel Walker Search
2 pages matching "Samuel Walker" in this book

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'1945 c. Frank, Carl, Marie, Evelyn, Milt, and Helen Walker, Elkhorn, Wis.
After dinner

EDWIN WALKER FAMILY
The Walker family are among the earliest settlers of the area now known as Beaver County, Pa., remaining there until

1850 James, Augustina,
Kendrick, and Walter Francis Wiegand
arrived in Beaver County, Pa., on November 10, 1841. They had two chil-
dren, John and Mary. John married Anna
Frances, the oldest of three girls, who was
born in 1843. The Wiegands were of German
parentage. They moved to Kittanning in
1853. Frances worked as a weaver until

her marriage with George or as we usually
knew him as Walker's Mill. A name
which has been passed down through
several generations. The Wiegands
settled in the Beaver Valley, where
they established a post office. Thereafter
the Wiegands became well known in
Tarenteville.

The Wiegands' home and the post
office from the past are still owned
by the Wiegand family. The Wiegand
home still has the same roof on the side of
the house where it was built.

Samuel Walker my great-grandfather and

- Number ranges: GOOGLE will work with **numbers and number ranges**. Just type two numbers separated by two periods with no spaces. Example: "Etienne Hebert" 1720..1780.
- "Free genealogy search help for google". Type this phrase into the search box and you can create a series of different searches using tips or "tricks" that will likely improve your results. The different searches will give you many different ways of using Google to find ancestry information on the Internet.

First Name Last Name
 Spouse Father
 Last Name
 Mother
 Last Name
 Place of Birth:
 Place of Death:

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LIBERTY COUNTY
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MIDWAY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MARRIAGE RECORDS: 1753-1858
Alphabetical by Surname

Midway Congregational Church, located in the Midway community of Liberty County, is one of the oldest churches in the State of Georgia. On the 6th of December, 1752, Mr. Benjamin Baker and Mr. Samuel Bacon, with their families, arrived at Midway, in Liberty County, Georgia. This place was called Midway, because it stood about half way between the rivers Altamaha and Ogeechee. Mrs. Baker died the day after their arrival. Their minister, Rev. Mr. Osgood, finding a general desire among those who remained in Carolina to remove, accompanied them to Georgia, where the whole Church and society eventually settled. The Midway community produced many patriots during the American Revolution as well as Georgia with two governors and two of its most distinguished judges.

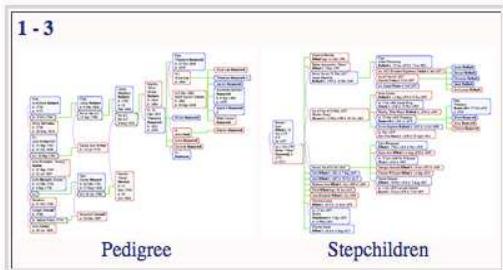
[A History of the Midway Community](#)

Husband	Wife	Marrige Date
Alexander, John (Rev.)	Godfrey, Hannah	3/27/1764
Anderson, David	McClenning, Mary	2/20/1775
Andrew, Benjamin	Philbin, Mary	9/28/1782
Andrew, John	Andrew, Manoe	4/25/1785
Andrews, Joseph	Sylvester, Lydia	6/-1817
Andrews, Joseph	Shave, Dorcas	3/25/1819

this image included a link to associated history and records

Martha "Miss Mittie" Bullock Roosevelt, 1834-1884

Stepchildren and pedigree of Mittie Roosevelt



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The Union Siege of Vicksburg

In 1863, Ulysses S. Grant forces forces, gaining control of the Mis cutting the Confederacy in two.

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Transcript

The Battle of Vicksburg is a battle fought during the American Civil War. It will cover a musical video for Union General

This screenshot shows a video player interface for a historical video titled "The Union Siege of Vicksburg". The video frame displays a portrait of a man in a military uniform, likely Ulysses S. Grant. To the right of the video, there is descriptive text about the battle and a link to "Watch Similar Videos". Below the video frame, there are controls for pausing, volume, and sharing, along with a transcript link.

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11. **Map** - This area displays the map, My Maps and much more.
12. **Street View** - Click this to view and navigate street-level imagery.
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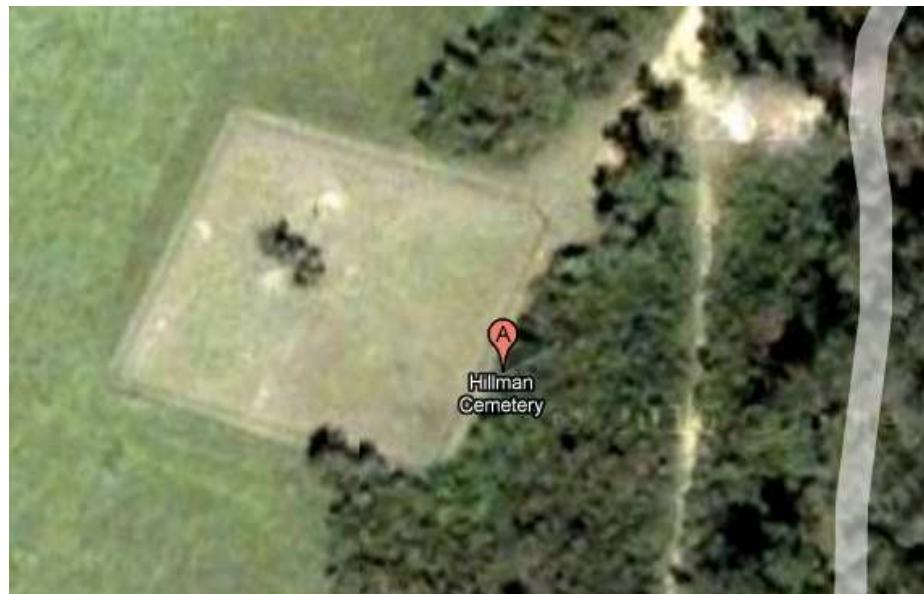
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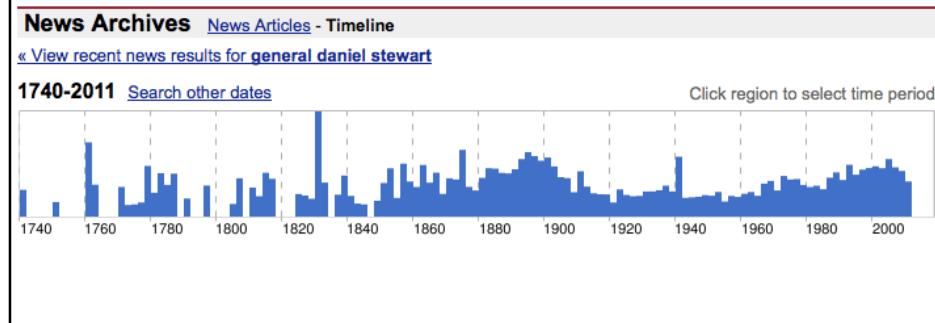


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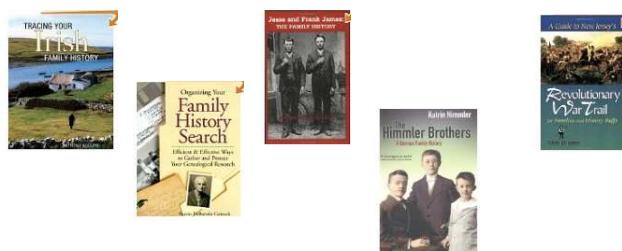
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As an early pioneer of the burned Mississippi counties of Jackson and Greene, William Bartholomew left few clues to his

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Ball's son, Sampson Edward Ball, was three years of age, and William Bartholomew Ball was five years of age.

Rebecca Ball, widow of Edward Ball, married Rev. Thomas Quarterman in South Carolina and returned to their home in Midway, Ga. CA 1782 or 1783.

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[The writer's] son, William Daniel Ball, married Mary Hines in 1826, and they were living in Perry, Houston County, Ga., in 1834, so his father, William Bartholomew Ball, must have been visiting him when he wrote this letter to the Governor of Georgia.



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Amelia J., JOHN, AMOS SWEET, ABEL, WILLIAM, WILLIAM
WILLIAM, dau. of John (122) and Mariam Challis, b. December 12th, 1847; m. June 9th, 1866, Volney Orr; res. Holland, N. Y.

Children—
MARION, b. September 20th, 1868.
LEON, b. October 2nd, 1870.
LILLIAN, b. June 24th, 1872.
JESSIE, b. July 17th, 1874, d. August 18th, 1900.

Grandchildren of Amelia J. (Tanner) Orr (374):
Marion m. July 4th, 1899, Philip Van Dixon.

Children—
JOSEPHINE, b. February 23rd, 1890.
GERALD, b. January 23rd, 1892.
MERLE, b. March 4th, 1894.
MILDRED, b. February 17th, 1896.
VOLNEY, b. August 16th, 1898.

Leon m. March 14th, 1899, Jennie S. Cooper.

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"Marie Huten" 1700..1750 +PA	Everything	once a day	Only the best results	Email
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"Samuel Walker" +Pennsylvania	Everything	once a day	Only the best results	Email
"Sarah Ann Davis" 1730..1770 +North Carolina	Everything	once a day	Only the best results	Email
"Sarah Westner" Louisiana	Everything	once a day	All results	Email
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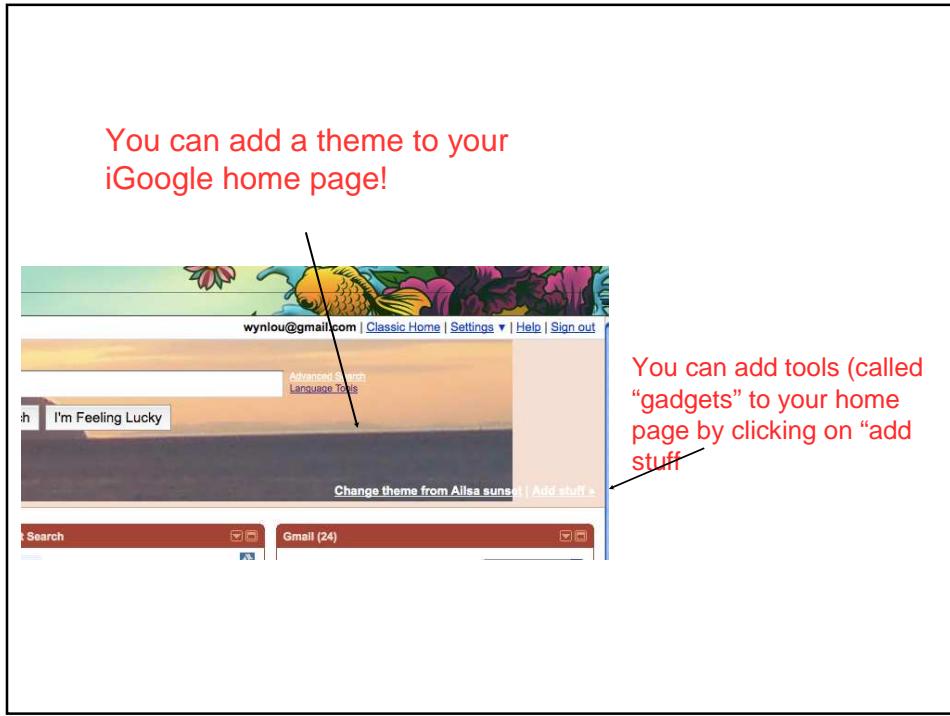
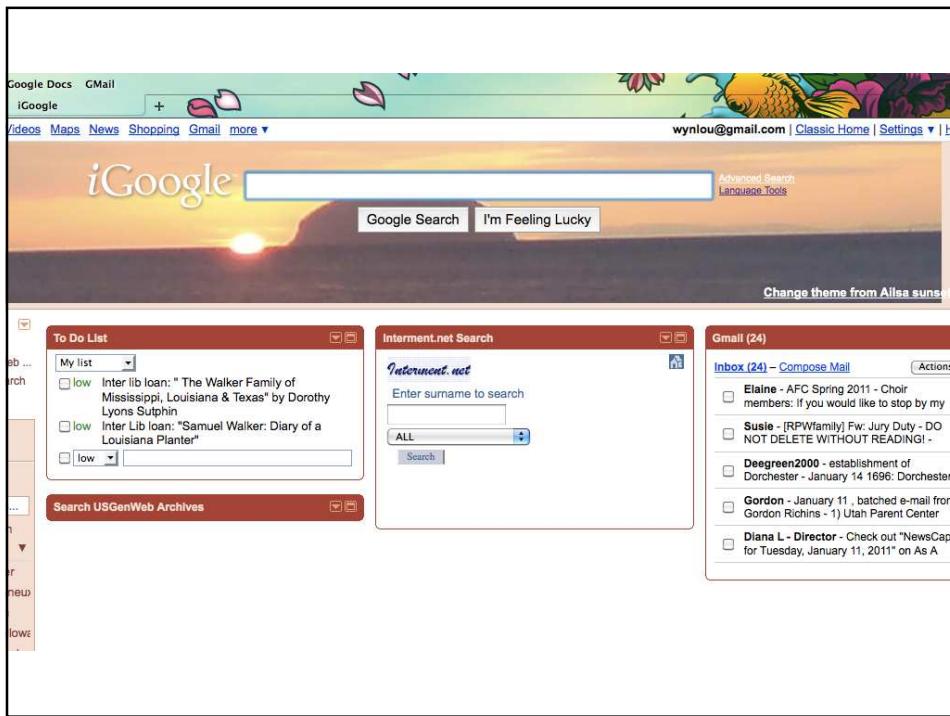
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