

Handout: *Google Tips for Genealogists*

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Google Your Family Tree

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Available online from:
<http://googleyourfamilytree.com>
http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/google_your_family_tree



Key Google search URLs for methods mentioned in the program:

BASIC SEARCH: www.google.com

MAP SEARCH: maps.google.com

TRANSLATION: www.google.com/language_tools

IMAGE SEARCH: images.google.com

BOOK SEARCH: books.google.com

VIDEO SEARCH: video.google.com

Sample John Evans railroad keyword search example explained during the program:

"john evans" 1865..1875 +moffat +byers ~railroad ~investment denver pacific

QUOTES	" "	"john evans"	EXACT PHRASE MUST EXIST
DATE RANGE	. .	1865..1875	DATE RANGE RETURNS ONLY INCLUSIVE DATES
PLUS SIGN	+	+moffatt	REQUIRED KEYWORD MUST EXIST IN RESULT
MINUS SIGN	-	-chivington	EXCLUDE ALL RESULTS WHICH CONTAIN KEYWORD
TILDE	~	~railroad	RETURN ANY SYNONYMS OR RELATED TERMS
ASTERISK	*	"john * evans"	WILDCARD INSIDE QUOTES TO RETURN VARIATIONS
NOTHING		denver	KEYWORD IS DESIRED BUT NOT MANDATORY

Sample Rootsweb SITE: search example explained during the program:

site:rootsweb.com routh missouri

site:rootsweb.ancestry.com routh missouri

SITE:	site:domain-name.com	RESTRICT SEARCH TO SINGLE INTERNET DOMAIN
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Select foreign language Google search domains mentioned in the program:

GERMANY: www.google.de

SWEDEN: www.google.se

POLAND: www.google.pl

SWITZERLAND: www.google.ch

FRANCE: www.google.fr

SPAIN: www.google.es

BELGIUM: www.google.be

AUSTRALIA: www.google.com.au

ITALY: www.google.it

IRELAND: www.google.ie

AUSTRIA: www.google.at

UNITED KINGDOM: www.google.co.uk

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Suggested further Google Search research reading:

http://www.googleguide.com/crafting_queries.html

http://www.googleguide.com/advanced_operators_reference.html