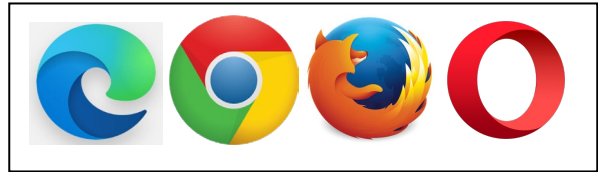


Successful Online Genealogical Searching: Where to Go. How to Search.

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Browsers

A browser is your gateway to the internet.

It's how you search on the internet.

Choosing a browser is like buying a car. Figure out what you need to do before you choose.

Types of Browsers

Microsoft Edge- Quick Buttons

Google Chrome- Chrome Profiles, Google Drive

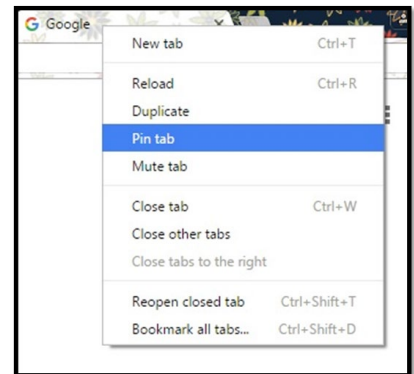
Firefox- Very stable

Opera- Speed Dial and My Flow

A Trick with Browsers

Pin Tabs- right click on the tab and choose "pin tab"

Then each tab will still be there when you close and open.



Efficient Searching

Boolean Operators

+ or **AND**—Use the plus sign for grouping results

Example:

Kelli + Reed

Shows sites that have both Kelli *and* Reed somewhere on the page, but not necessarily Kelli Reed together.

– Use the minus sign to show sites that don't have something.

Example:

Robbins – Baskin

I want Robbins, but I don't want Baskin Robbins.

Quotation Marks

Use quote marks to group things that you want to see side-by-side in a search.

Example:

"George Washington Calderwood" will show sites where all three names appear, but *will not* show George W. Calderwood and *will not* show G. W. Calderwood and *will not* show Geo. W. Calderwood.

* Wildcard—Use to find a book title or something with missing words.

Example:

The * History of Darke County

Results:

The History of Darke County,
The *Biographical* History of Darke County,
The *Centennial* History of Darke County

OR—Use to deal with alternate spellings.

You want to find Bergheimer, Berkheimer, Bergenheimer, and Birkheimer.

Example:

Bergheimer OR Berkheimer OR Bergenheimer OR Birkheimer

TIP: Keep a list of your common surnames and how they are misspelled so that you can copy/paste.

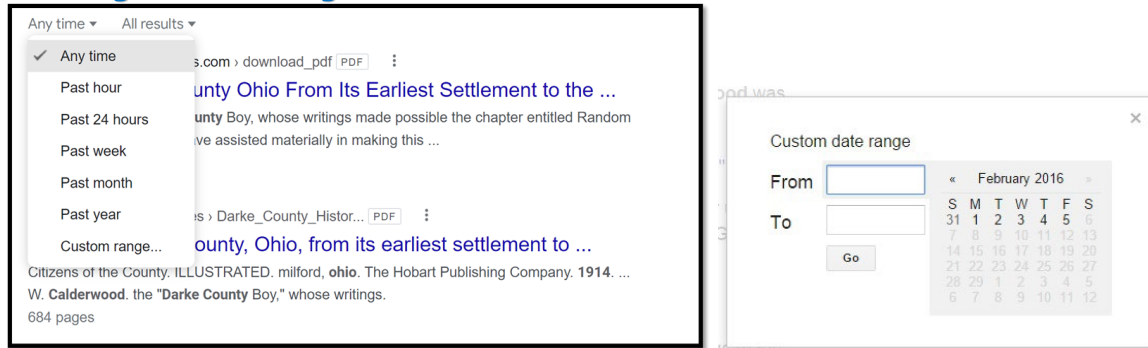
Combine Boolean Operators

Let's say I want to find more information on my great grandfather, Elmer Ellsworth Calderwood who died tragically in 1914. And I want to get "page 1 results."

Search:

"darke county" AND ohio AND 1914 AND Calderwood

Searching Custom Ranges of Time



Genealogy Terminology

Definitions of terms often found in historic records when researching one's ancestors.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Terminology>

There are many acronyms and abbreviations unique to genealogy and family history research that may not be easily found in any other industry's terminology.

DNA Terms (from ISOGEN- International Society of Genetic Genealogy)

http://isogg.org/wiki/Genetics_Glossary

Citations

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Cite_Your_Sources_\(Source_Footnotes\)](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Cite_Your_Sources_(Source_Footnotes))

Genealogy Gems

Internet Places to Find Some Gems

OCLC's WorldCat <https://www.worldcat.org/>

Google Books <https://books.google.com/>

PERSI—Periodical Search Index <https://www.genealogycenter.info/persi/>

Genealogical Societies

Local, National, State Societies

Ancestry Message Boards

<http://boards.ancestry.com/>

Cyndi's List <http://www.cyndislist.com/>