

EXERCISE: INTERNET SEARCH

During this exercise, experiment with using Boolean and other search techniques to help find information on your ancestors.

1. For a relative that you know a lot about (e.g., name, birthdate, hometown, school attended, etc.):

NAME: _____

- a. Search by SURNAME only. Record number of hits: _____
 - b. Search by SURNAME +FIRSTNAME. Hits: _____
 - c. SURNAME +FIRSTNAME +COUNTRY Hits: _____
 - d. As above but put in some NOT or – entries: Hits: _____
2. Use a similar approach to search for a relative that you don't have full information on. Try to complete the following:

Name	Key dates		Spouse/Partner	Mother's Maiden Name
	Birth	Death		

COMMENTS:

3. Compare search engines. Search for the LASTNAME of the ancestor above using Google, Bing and DuckDuckGo.

NAME: _____

- a. [Google](#) : _____ hits
- b. [Bing](#) (Microsoft): _____ hits
- c. [DuckDuckGo](#) (independent): _____ hits