"Googling Your Genealogy" Worksheet

Step 1: Pick a name and locations from your own family that you are interested in researching and enter the relevant information in the boxes below.

Given Name (First Name)	Surname (Last Name)	Town 1	Town 2	State

Step 2: Substitute your information from above in the Google search box of your browser as requested for the generic search query terms below and record the number of "hits" Google returns in the "Results" column. The **bold** term in the search query is the one to be added in that search. It does not need to be **bold** in your search box. Ignore the words in (parentheses) and [brackets] below. They are hints and not part of your search.

Search Query	Results
surname (last name) [should be a single word in most cases]	
surname **family** [use the word "family']	
surname family **state** [pick a state of interest]	
given name(s) surname family state	
"given name surname**"** family state	
"given name surname" OR "surname, given name" family state	
"given name * surname" family state	
"given name surname" OR "surname, given name" **OR "given name * surname"** family state	
"given name * surname" family state **~genealogy**	
"given name * surname" family state ~genealogy **town1**	
"given name * surname" family state ~genealogy town 1 **OR town 2**	
surname "new york" OR boston OR baltimore site:immigrantships.net	
"given name surname" filetype:ged	
given name surname born	
"given name surname" born	
"given name * surname" ~born	
given name surname obituary	
"given name * surname" obituary	
"given name * surname" obituary date range [e.g. 1890…1940]	

Remember, when you are doing an obituary search, your person's name may be listed in the obituaries of family members who precede or who follow them in death. So adjust your date range in such searches to cover the range of possibilities you wish to retrieve.

Finding Other Researchers Who Share Your Interests in Free Resources	Number found
RootsWeb **Researchers**: http://rsl.rootsweb.ancestry.com/#search [just enter **surname**]	
Same as above but **add a location [make sure to use 2 character state abbreviations]**	
World Connect: http://worldconnect.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ [enter surname and given name]	
Same as above but scroll to bottom of page and enter additional information	
Find a Listserv: http://bigfile.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/listsearch [Enter a surname]	
Same as above but enter a location. [e.g. Wilkes County, NC]	
Genealogy Forum: www.genforum.com Enter a surname	
Are there additional forums for variations of the spelling of the **surname**?	
Same as above but go to "Regional" and click on U. S. States. Select a state.	
Same as previous but click on "Counties for this State" on the right side of the screen after you have selected a state.	

Today's *PowerPoint* may be reviewed at the class website.