

# RECOMMENDED REFERENCE RESOURCES

## XXIV. BIOGRAPHY, NAMES AND GENEALOGY

### A. DICTIONARIES OR ENCYCLOPEDIAS OF GENERAL BIOGRAPHY

*Almanac of Famous People*. 9<sup>th</sup> ed. Gale, 2007. \$221.00.

*American National Biography*. Oxford University Press, 1999. 24 vols. \$795.00. Supplements 1-2. \$150.00/supplement. Also electronic. <http://www.anb.org/> subscription.

*Biography Resource Center*. Gale. [www.galegroup.com](http://www.galegroup.com) subscription.

*Cambridge Biographical Dictionary*. David Crystal, ed. Cambridge University Press, 1996. o.p.

*Current Biography*. H.W. Wilson, 11/yr. \$170.00. Also electronic. <http://www.hwwilson.com> subscription.

*Current Biography Yearbook*. H.W. Wilson, annual. \$170.00.

*Dictionary of American Biography*. Scribner's, 1957-1996. 11 vols., 10 suppl., 1 index. o.p.

*Encyclopedia of World Biography*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Gale, 1997. 17 vols., \$124.00/vol. Vols. 18-28 supplements, \$162.00/vol.

*Merriam-Webster's Biographical Dictionary*. rev. ed. Merriam-Webster, 1995. \$29.95.

*Notable American Women, 1607-1950*. Belknap Press, 1971. \$55.00.

*Notable American Women: The Modern Period*. Belknap Press, 1980. \$39.95.

*Notable American Women: A Biographical Dictionary Completing the Twentieth Century*. Belknap Press, 2004. \$45.00.

*Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives*. Charles Scribner's Sons. 1998-. 7 vols. \$181.00/vol.  
Successor to *Dictionary of American Lives*. Coverage starts with 1981.

*Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer, eds. Gale Group, 1999-. 17 vols. \$1,890.00.

### B. SOURCES ON GIVEN PERSONAL NAMES

This is a sample of the name books that are available. It is by no means a comprehensive list of the many titles on this topic.

*Best Baby Names in the World*. J.M. Congemi. Harper, 2007. \$6.99.

*Complete Book of Baby Names: Traditional and Modern.* Hilary Spence. Foulsham & Co. Ltd., 2001. \$12.95.

*Everything Baby Names Book: Pick the Perfect Name for Your Baby.* June Rifkin. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Adams Media Corp., 2006. \$14.95.

*Perfect Name: A Step-by-Step Guide to Naming Your Baby.* Jeanine Cox. Sterling Publishing, 2004. \$12.95.

*Very Best Baby Name Book in the Whole Wide World.* rev. & exp. Bruce Lansky. Meadowbrook Press, 2006. \$8.95.

### **C. SOURCES ON SURNAMES**

*American Surnames.* Elsdon Coles Smith. Genealogical Publishing, 1985. \$18.95.

*Dictionary of American Family Names.* Patrick Hanks, ed. Oxford University Press, 2003. 3 vols. \$350.00.

*Encyclopedia of American Family Names.* H. Amanda Robb and Andrew Chesler. HarperCollins, 1995. o.p.

*New Dictionary of American Family Names.* Elsdon Smith. Chilton Book Co., 1988. \$11.95.

### **D. SOURCES ON GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

*Ancestry Library Edition.* Proquest. <http://www.proquest.com> subscription.

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

*Family Search.* <http://www.familysearch.org/>

*Family Tree Resource Book for Genealogists.* Family Tree Books, 2004. \$29.99.

*Handybook for Genealogists: United States of America.* 11<sup>th</sup> ed. Everton Publishers, 2006. \$50.00.

*HeritageQuest Online.* Proquest. <http://www.proquest.com> subscription.

*Myfamily.com.* <http://www.myfamilyinc.com>

Links to sites such as ancestry.com and rootsweb.com

*Netting Your Ancestors: Genealogical Research on the Internet.* Cyndi Howells. Genealogical Publishing Co., 1997. \$19.95.

*Red Book: American State, County & Town Sources.* 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Alice Eichholz, ed. Ancestry Publishing,

2004. \$49.95.

*Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Val D. Greenwood. Genealogical Pub. Co., 2000. \$29.95.

*Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*. 3<sup>rd</sup> rev. ed. Ancestry, 2006. \$79.95.

*Virtual Roots 2.0: A Guide to Genealogy and Local History on the World Wide Web*. Thomas Jay Kemp. Scholarly Resources Inc., 2002. \$32.95.

## **E. CHICAGO AREA ORGANIZATIONS FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

*Chicago History Museum*. <http://www.chicagohistory.org/>

*Chicago Public Library*. <http://www.chipublib.org/004chicago/004chicago.html>

*Family History Centers of the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Chicago Heights, Orland Park and Westchester*. <http://www.familysearch.org/>

Branch facilities of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

*Historical and Genealogical Societies in Illinois*.

[http://www.censusfinder.com/illinois\\_genealogy\\_societies.htm](http://www.censusfinder.com/illinois_genealogy_societies.htm)

Links to many societies throughout Illinois.

*Illinois Regional Archives Depository*.

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/irad/iradhome.html>

*National Archives and Records Administration Great Lakes Region, Chicago*.

<http://www.archives.gov/great-lakes/contact/directions-il.html>

*Newberry Library*. <http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/collections.html>

## **F. SOURCES FOR VITAL RECORDS**

*Genealogist's Address Book*. Elizabeth Petty Bentley. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Genealogical Publishing Co., 2005. o.p.

*International Vital Records Handbook: Births, Marriages, Deaths*. Thomas Jay Kemp. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Genealogical Pub. Co., 2000. \$34.95.

*Where to Write for Vital Records: Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Divorces*.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>