

RECOMMENDED REFERENCE RESOURCES

XXIV. BIOGRAPHY, NAMES AND GENEALOGY

A. DICTIONARIES OR ENCYCLOPEDIAS OF GENERAL BIOGRAPHY

Almanac of Famous People. 9th 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 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. 2nd 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. 2nd 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. Bruce Lansky. rev. & exp. 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. 11th 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. Alice Eichholz, ed. 3rd ed. Ancestry Publishing,

2004. \$49.95.

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

Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy. 3rd 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.chipublic.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

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. 5th ed. Genealogical Publishing Co., 2005. o.p.

International Vital Records Handbook: Births, Marriages, Deaths. Thomas Jay Kemp. 4th 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>