

Biography and Genealogy Master Index

FIND YOUR WAY TO THOUSANDS OF BIOGRAPHIES IN SECONDS

Biography and Genealogy Master Index is a reference standard in libraries. It's a first-stop index tool for learning where to look for biographical material on people from all time periods, geographic locations and fields of endeavor.

From authors to scientists, from boxers to fashion designers, from Adam and Eve to Frank Zappa, this comprehensive database contains more than 17 million citations covering nearly five million people and points to more than 2,000 publications where their biographies can be found.

Biography and Genealogy Master Index contains names, birth/ death years, bibliographic references to books containing material on that person and an indication of which books or articles include a portrait.

A VARIETY OF APPLICATIONS

Here are the kinds of biographical questions you can answer using the *Biography and Genealogy Master Index* database:

- I need to do a research paper on Harriet Tubman. Where should I start?
- How can I contact a professor at Stanford who did research on a topic that I'm studying?
- What year did scientist Carl Sagan die?

Biography and Genealogy Master Index also can be used for genealogical research.

Not only does it list basic information about an individual, the citations point to where a written history can be found. And, with its focus on the late 19th and early 20th centuries, biographies about a large number of early Americans are indexed. Local histories also are included among the indexed sources.

Use *Biography and Genealogy Master Index* to help answer genealogy-related questions like these:

- Where can I find information about my great-great grandfather's rank in the Civil War Confederate Army? His name is John W. Woolley.
- My ancestor's name is Anthony Burns, and I think he was a slave. Where can I find more information about him?
- Where can I find information about my great aunt who was an artist in Texas in the 1920s? I only know her first name: Jane.
- My ancestor's name was Stephen Hopkins, he was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. I think he might have also been a governor. Where can I find out if that's true?

"A necessity in major library collections, and a welcome addition to the field of significant finding aids."

— American Reference Books Annual

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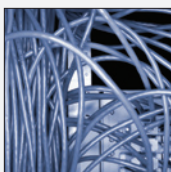
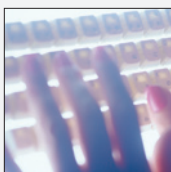
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COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE

Biography and Genealogy Master Index indexes reference works that include biographical information on multiple persons. Sources include biographical dictionaries, who's whos, subject encyclopedias, and volumes of literary criticism. It also acts as an index to other indexes that point users to biographical data. Each year more than 600,000 new citations are added to the database — existing citations are never removed.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND

Entries in *Biography and Genealogy Master Index* include:

- Name — given name(s), surname, prefix and suffix, as applicable and provided in the source
- Years of Birth and Death — the years of birth and/or death, as applicable and provided in the source
- Number of Source Citations
- Source Citation(s) — the title, subtitle, edition, number of volumes, author or editor name, series name, place of publication, publisher, year of publication, reprint information, distributor, title change and notes on arrangement of entries, source title code and portrait note, as applicable

All source citations in *Biography and Genealogy Master Index* include full bibliographic details to help users quickly identify the most appropriate publications to consult.

UPDATES

Biography and Genealogy Master Index is updated twice annually.

The screenshot shows the search results for 'Frank Sheed' (1897-1981). It displays the number of source citations (2) and provides detailed bibliographic information for two sources: the 1981 edition of the Current Biography Yearbook and the 1982 edition. A source citation is also provided: 'Biography and Genealogy Master Index: Farmington Hills, Mich.: Gale Group, 1980-2001.' Navigation links like Home, Help, Search Tips, and Print are visible at the bottom.

▲ Citations include full bibliographic detail

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' form. It prompts the user to 'Fill in one or more of the fields/boxes below' and includes fields for Complete Name, Last Name, First/Middle Name, Prefix/Suffix/Functional Title, Birth Year, and Death Year. There are search and clear form buttons, and a note about entering date ranges.

▲ Use the Advanced Search option to enter specific search criteria. Construct your search to explore many fields simultaneously — including name, year of birth or death, title or source code and portrait availability