Genealogy and Family Names H 1631

BACKGROUND: *Genealogy is the study of family history and the accounts and records of the ancestry and descent of persons, families, groups, etc. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for cataloging genealogy materials, including works on individual families. For instructions on establishing names of noble families, royal houses, dynasties, etc., see H 1574. For instructions on cataloging local history and genealogical source materials, see H 1845. For classification of genealogical materials, see F 600.*

1. The heading Genealogy. Assign the heading **Genealogy** to general works on the study of ancestry not limited to a particular place, including works on methods of locating and using various types of documents in order to create a family tree or write a family history.

Do not subdivide this heading by **–Handbooks, manuals, etc.**, **–History**, **–Methodology**, **–Research**, or **–Sources**.

2. The subdivision –Genealogy.

    a. General. Assign the free-floating form subdivision **–Genealogy** under names of places, individual corporate bodies, classes of persons, and ethnic groups to works that contain collections of family records and/or histories of families from the place or belonging to the organization, class of persons, or ethnic group. *Examples:*

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650 #0 $a African Americans $v Genealogy.
651 #0 $a California $v Genealogy.
651 #0 $a France $v Genealogy.
650 #0 $a Mexican Americans $z Texas $v Genealogy.
650 #0 $a Kings and rulers $v Genealogy.
651 #0 $a London (England) $v Genealogy.
610 20 $a United Empire Loyalists $v Genealogy.
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    Do not subdivide headings of this type by **–History** or by **–Sources**.

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2. The subdivision –Genealogy. (Continued)

b. Additional headings. Assign an array of headings to bring out place, ethnic group, class of persons, types of documents, etc. If the work includes names with birth and/or death dates, assign also **Registers of births, etc.–[place]**. If the work includes more specific types of documents, assign specific headings, for example, **Marriage records**; **Death notices**; **Baptismal records**. *Examples:*

> *Title: 1850 census of Tazewell County, Virginia, transcribed and indexed for genealogists.*
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> 651 #0 $a Tazewell County (Va.) $v Genealogy.
> 650 #0 $a Registers of births, etc. $z Virginia
>        $z Tazewell County.
> 651 #0 $a Tazewell County (Va.) $v Census, 1850.
> 651 #0 $a United States $v Census, 7th, 1850.
> 650 #0 $a African Americans $z Virginia $z Tazewell
>        County $v Genealogy.
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> *Title: Marriage and death notices from Wilmington, North Carolina newspapers, 1866-1870.*
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> 651 #0 $a Wilmington (N.C.) $v Genealogy.
> 650 #0 $a Marriage records $z North Carolina
>        $z Wilmington.
> 650 #0 $a Death notices $z North Carolina
>        $z Wilmington.
> 650 #0 $a American newspapers $z North Carolina
>        $z Wilmington $v Abstracts.
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c. Methodology. Assign the free-floating subdivision –**Genealogy**–**Methodology** under names of places, individual corporate bodies, classes of persons, and ethnic groups for comprehensive texts on methods of locating genealogical records, tracing family histories, etc., in these places, or pertaining to these groups or classes of persons.

Assign the free-floating subdivision –**Genealogy**–**Handbooks, manuals, etc.**, under names of places, individual corporate bodies, classes of persons, and ethnic groups to works that present brief information about genealogy on these topics, such as lists of agencies and institutions to consult, types of records to study, etc.

To works containing both comprehensive instructions on methodology and brief information for ready reference, assign only –**Genealogy**–**Handbooks, manuals, etc.**, under the appropriate heading.