

## 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 cataloging local history and genealogical source materials, see H 1845. For instructions on how to establish family names for genealogical resources, see H 1631.5. For instructions on establishing names of noble families, royal houses, dynasties, etc., see H 1574. 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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**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.*

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, 1850.  
650 #0 \$a African Americans \$z Virginia \$z Tazewell County \$v Genealogy.

*Title: Marriage and death notices from Wilmington, North Carolina newspapers, 1866-1870.*

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.

**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.

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

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### 3. Headings for family names.

a. **General rule.** Assign a heading for the name of the family.

Subdivide family names as needed by the free-floating form and topical subdivisions listed in H 1120.

Do not subdivide family names by **–Biography**, **–History**, or **–Sources**.

Optionally, also assign a heading for the authorized access point of the family from the name authority record in the LC/Name Authority File (NAF). *Example:*

*Title: Sagatov family stories.*

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600 30 $a Sagatov family. [authorized form from LCSH]
600 30 $a Sagatov (Family : $d 1958-) [authorized form from NAF]
650 #0 $a Ukrainian Americans $z Virginia $v Biography.
650 #0 $a Immigrants $z United States $v Biography.
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b. **Works that discuss more than one family.** If more than one family is discussed, assign headings for each family, up to a maximum of four.

If more than four families are included, select the four that are the most important for the work being cataloged.

c. **Location of the family.** In accordance with H 1845, bring out the location of the family in an additional heading, if possible. *Example:*

*Title: The Cotton family of Northern Virginia.*

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600 30 $a Cotton family.
600 10 $a Cotton, John, $d 1721-1808 $x Family.
651 #0 $a Virginia, Northern $v Genealogy.
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For countries other than the United States, assign an additional heading of the type [**country**] **–Genealogy**. *Example:*

*Title: Pierssené.*

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600 30 $a Pierssené family.
650 #0 $a Huguenots $z England $z London $x History.
651 #0 $a London (England) $v Genealogy.
651 #0 $a Great Britain $v Genealogy.
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### *c. Location of the family. (Continued)*

If the work is a collective biography of the members of a family, do not assign a heading of the type [*place*]-**Genealogy**, unless the work also contains genealogical material.

*d. Progenitors and individual family members.* Assign an additional heading for the name of the progenitor, or any individual family member, subdivided by the free-floating subdivision –**Family** if he or she is mentioned on the title page or given prominent treatment in the text. *Example:*

*Title: The Giles Driver family : a compilation of the descendants of Giles Driver, Isle of Wight County, Virginia.*

600 30 \$a Driver family.

600 10 \$a Driver, Giles, \$c Sr., \$d 1775-1824 \$x Family.

651 #0 \$a Isle of Wight County (Va.) \$v Genealogy.

651 #0 \$a Southern States \$v Genealogy.

**4. Geographic area codes.** For genealogical or biographical works about individual families, assign codes based on the headings selected for the work being cataloged. Do not assign a code for the country in which the family resides unless another heading that includes the name of the country is assigned.

### **5. Examples.**

*Title: Property deeds for genealogy : how to find them.*

651 #0 \$a United States \$x Genealogy \$v Handbooks, manuals, etc.

650 #0 \$a Deeds \$z United States \$v Handbooks, manuals, etc.

*Title: Hart County, Kentucky, marriage records.*

650 #0 \$a Marriage records \$z Kentucky \$z Hart County.

651 #0 \$a Hart County (Ky.) \$v Genealogy.

*Title: Tombstone inscriptions of Van Buren County, Tennessee.*

651 #0 \$a Van Buren County (Tenn.) \$v Genealogy.

650 #0 \$a Registers of births, etc. \$z Tennessee \$z Van Buren County.

650 #0 \$a Cemeteries \$z Tennessee \$z Van Buren County.

650 #0 \$a Inscriptions \$z Tennessee \$z Van Buren County.

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### 5. *Examples. (Continued)*

*Title: Morris, Whittington, Jones, and related families.*

600 30 \$a Morris family.  
600 30 \$a Whittington family.  
600 30 \$a Jones family.  
651 #0 \$a Southern States \$v Genealogy.

*Title: The ancestry of Amelia Marilla Morley.*

600 30 \$a Morley family.  
600 30 \$a Willard family.  
600 30 \$a Carlton family.  
600 30 \$a Newton family.  
600 10 \$a Morley, Amelia Marilla, \$d 1842-1927 \$x Family.  
651 #0 \$a Massachusetts \$v Genealogy.  
651 #0 \$a England \$v Genealogy.

*Title: Joseph Jones of Gates County, North Carolina : his ancestors and descendants.*

600 30 \$a Jones family.  
600 30 \$a Jones (Family : \$d 1635-1985 : \$c Gates County, N.C.)  
600 10 \$a Jones, Joseph, \$d 1851-1930 \$x Family.  
651 #0 \$a Gates County (N.C.) \$v Genealogy.

*Title: The Sanchez family of St. Augustine, Florida,.*

600 30 \$a Sanchez family.  
600 30 \$a Sanchez (Family : \$c Saint Augustine, Fla.)

*Title: The English ancestry of Thomas Jefferson.*

600 30 \$a Soane family.  
600 30 \$a Fuller family.  
600 30 \$a Jefferson family.  
600 30 \$a Field family.  
600 10 \$a Jefferson, Thomas, \$d 1743-1826 \$x Family.  
651 #0 \$a Virginia \$v Genealogy.

*Title: Inscriptions from the tomb stones at Mount Calvary Cemetery.*

651 #0 \$a Baltimore (Md.) \$v Genealogy.  
650 #0 \$a Registers of births, etc. \$z Maryland \$z Baltimore.  
610 20 \$a Mount Calvary Cemetery (Baltimore, Md.)  
650 #0 \$a Inscriptions \$z Maryland \$z Baltimore.

### 6. *Subdivisions used under individual family names.* See H 1120.