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Part 2: Reference Sources for the Investigator

The following are major reference works representing important information sources for the investigator. Many others could be listed. Consult your reference librarian for assistance; he or she can be a major ally involving your research problems. (Compiled by Joe Nickell and Rob Aken, Librarian at the University of Kentucky)

People

American Men and Women of Science. Current edition. New York: R. R. Bowker. A biographical directory of notables in the physical, biological, and related sciences.
Biography and Genealogy Master Index: Current annual edition. A first-look source for locating brief biographies in such reference works as *Dictionary of American Biography*, *Contemporary Authors*, various who's whos, etc.; should be found in any sizable library's reference section.
Biography Index. 1946–present. New York: H. W. Wilson. Index to currently published biographies in numerous periodicals and books. Also includes an index by profession.
Contemporary Authors. Current series. Detroit: Gale Research. A biographical guide to current writers and their works.
Dial An Expert: The Consumer's Sourcebook of Free and Low-Cost Expertise Available by Phone, by Susan Osborn. 1986. New York: McGraw-Hill. Aid to locating experts in such fields as appraisals, collectibles, education, health, law, travel, etc.
Faculty White Pages. Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Directory of faculty members at colleges, universities, and similar institutions, arranged by subject.
National Faculty Directory. Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Alphabetical list of faculty members of colleges and universities in the United States (and selected Canadian institutions).
The New York Times Obituaries Index. 1858–most recent issue. New York: The New York Times. Index to obituaries in a major newspaper. Vol. I covers 1858–1968 and Vol. II 1969–1978.
Personal Name Index to the New York Times Index. 1851–1984. Succasunna, N.J.: Roxbury Data Interface. A single alphabetized, multivolume index to the millions of names in the *New York Times Index*.

Associations, Corporations, and Institutions

Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the United States. Second edition, 1988. Phoenix: Oryx Press. Organized by state and city (but with subject index), a guide to locating repositories of archival materials.

- Directory of Historical Agencies in North America.* Current edition. Nashville: American Association for State and Local History. Directory of historical, genealogical, folklore, oral history, and archival societies.
- The Directory of Museums & Living Displays*, 3d edition, by Kenneth Hudson and Ann Nicholls. 1985. New York: Stockton Press. Revised edition of the *Directory of World Museums*. Arranged geographically.
- Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., Million Dollar Directory.* Current edition. New York: Dun & Bradstreet Corp. Lists thousands of U.S. companies by their net worth. Includes such data as goods and services, approximate sales, names of officers and directors, and number of employees. Alphabetically arranged with geographic and SIC classification access.
- Encyclopedia of Associations.* Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Issued annually, with supplements. Guide to more than 30,000 organizations of every variety, including national and international organizations. Focus on U.S. and Canada; there is also an international edition.
- The Foundation Directory.* Current edition. New York: The Foundation Center. Provides information about the largest private and community grantmaking foundations in the United States.
- The Official Museum Directory.* Current edition. Wilmette, Ill.: National Register Publishing Co. State-by-state and city-by-city listing of American museums; also contains alphabetized directory of the museums' personnel and categorized subject index.
- Research Center Directory.* Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Guide to thousands of university-related and other nonprofit organizations carrying on continuing research in numerous fields. Subject access.
- Standard & Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives.* Current edition. New York: Standard & Poor's Corp. A guide to the business community and its executives. Alphabetically arranged by company with geographic and SIC classification access.
- Thomas Register of American Manufacturers.* Current edition. New York: Thomas Publishing Co. Comprehensive guide to United States manufacturers, indexed by company name and product.
- World Guide to Abbreviations of Organizations.* Current edition. Detroit: Grand River Books. Identifies organizations from their acronyms.
- Yearbook of International Organizations.* Current edition. New York: Union of International Associations. Attempts to cover all international organizations/associations according to broad criteria. Keyword access.

Periodicals

Note: Many indexes to periodicals are available in computer form and can therefore be searched in a greater variety of ways than can a paper index; check with your reference librarian.

Applied Science and Technology Index. 1917–present. New York: H. W. Wilson Co. Similar to *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*, but indexing scientific and technical periodicals rather than popular ones. Previous to 1958 the series was known as *The Industrial Arts Index* and included business publications.

- CBS News Index.* 1975–present. Ann Arbor: University Microfilms. Access to microfiche transcripts of CBS News. Current database. Oklahoma. Computerized access to full text. Updated daily.
- General Science Index.* 1978–present. New York: University Microfilms. Index to scientific periodicals published in the U.S. Updated daily.
- InfoTrac: General Periodicals Index.* Current edition. Detroit: Information Access Co. Computerized access to hundreds of business, technical, and general interest periodicals. Updated monthly.
- Legal Resource Index.* Current database. Detroit: Gale Research Co. Computerized database giving access to journals and related sources.
- Newspapers in Microfilm: United States.* Current edition. Detroit: University Microfilms. Congress, 1973; Supplemental editions of old newspapers; lists dates of publication, dates of discontinued publishing, the issues (by date), and where to find copies (by date and libraries having copies).
- The New York Times Index.* 1851–present. New York: University Microfilms. Index to a major newspaper, organization, and personal name headwords. Also includes *The Times* (London Post.)
- Poole's Index to Periodical Literature.* Current edition. Detroit: University Microfilms. 19th century periodicals arranged by subject.
- Psychological Abstracts.* 1927–present. New York: University Microfilms. Summaries on articles on psychology. Arranged by major content classification.
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature.* Current edition. Detroit: University Microfilms Co. A comprehensive list of article titles arranged by time period and subject.
- Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory.* Current edition. Detroit: Bowker. Standard guide to identify title and subject; provides descriptive information and subscription price. Also tells where to find the journal.
- VU/TEXT Information Services.* Current edition. Detroit: University Microfilms Information Services, Inc. Computerized access to the full text of national and international newspapers as well as business and financial periodicals. Updated daily.

Books

Book Review Digest. 1905–present. New York: University Microfilms. Book reviews, including brief excerpts of the original text and how critics have evaluated a particular work.

America. Current edition. Nashville: Local History. Directory of historical, archival societies.

Atlas, 3d edition, by Kenneth Hudson. Stockton Press. Revised edition of the geographical.

Directory. Current edition. New York: of U.S. companies by their net worth, sales, approximate sales, names of officers, etc. Alphabetically arranged with geo-

graphical. Detroit: Gale Research. Issued more than 30,000 organizations of every national organizations. Focus on U.S. and international.

New York: The Foundation Center. Private and community grantmaking

information. Wilmette, Ill.: National Registry-city listing of American museums; the museums' personnel and categories.

Detroit: Gale Research. Guide to thousand nonprofit organizations carrying on subject access.

Who's Who in America, Directors and Executives. Current edition. A guide to the business community arranged by company with geographic

information. Current edition. New York: Thomas Nelson. United States manufacturers, indexed

alphabetically. Current edition. Detroit: Grand Central. In their acronyms.

Current edition. New York: Union of International Organizations. Cover all international organizations/organizations. Keyward access.

Available in computer form and can therefore be used in ways that a paper index; check

1975-present. New York: H. W. Wilson. *Periodical Literature*, but indexing scientific and popular ones. Previous to 1958 the series included business publications.

CBS News Index. 1975-present. Ann Arbor, Mich.: UMI. Comprehensive index to microfiche transcripts of CBS News television broadcasts.

DATATIMES. Current database. Oklahoma City, Okla.: Data Times Corporation. Computerized access to full text of national and regional newspapers. Updated daily.

General Science Index. 1978-present. New York: H. W. Wilson. Subject index to scientific periodicals published in English.

InfoTrac: General Periodicals Index. Current database. Foster City, Calif.: Information Access Co. Computerized database giving references to articles in hundreds of business, technical, and general interest periodicals. Updated monthly.

Legal Resource Index. Current database. Foster City, Calif.: Information Access Co. Computerized database giving references to articles in hundreds of legal journals and related sources.

Newspapers in Microfilm: United States 1948-72. Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, 1973; Supplemental edition 1978. Invaluable guide for locating copies of old newspapers; lists dates that they commenced and (if applicable) ceased publishing, the issues (by dates) that are available on microfilm, and libraries having copies.

The New York Times Index. 1851-present. New York: The New York Times Company. Index to a major newspaper, organized under subject, geographic, organization, and personal name headings. (Note: Similar indexes are available for many others including *The Times* [London], *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*.)

Poole's Index to Periodical Literature. Peter Smith, 1963. Guide to nineteenth-century periodicals arranged by subject; includes book reviews.

Psychological Abstracts. 1927-present. Arlington, Va.: American Psychological Association. Summaries on articles on psychology and related disciplines; arranged by major content classifications, and has subject index.

Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature. 1900-present. New York: H. W. Wilson Co. A comprehensive list of articles in popular magazines divided into volumes according to time period and arranged according to topic.

Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory. Current edition. New York: R. R. Bowker. Standard guide to identifying and locating periodicals, arranged by title and subject; provides description, circulation, publishers' address, and subscription price. Also tells where publication is indexed.

VU/TEXT Information Services. Current database. Philadelphia: VU/TEXT Information Services, Inc. Computerized information retrieval service providing access to the full text of national and regional newspapers and wire services, as well as business and financial publications in the United States. Updated daily.

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Book Review Digest. 1905-present. New York: H. W. Wilson. Annual index to book reviews, including brief excerpts. A quick reference guide to learning how critics have evaluated a particular book.

- Book Review Index*. 1965–present. Detroit: Gale Research. Provides broad coverage of book reviews from a wide range of periodicals, such as *Publishers Weekly*, *New York Times*, etc.
- Books in Print*. Current edition. New York: R. R. Bowker. Produced annually from a bibliographic database (begun in 1948). In sets of volumes listing Authors, Titles, and Subjects, the series shows what books may currently be purchased, together with publisher and price; thus enables one's bookstore to order a copy. Updated bimonthly by *Forthcoming Books*.
- The British Library General Catalogue of Printed Books*. 1983. London: K. G. Saur. Guide to published texts held in the British Library; listed alphabetically by authors.
- Cumulative Book Index*. 1928–present. New York: H. W. Wilson. Provides broad listing of books printed in the English language. Previously known as *The United States Catalog* (1902–1928).
- The National Union Catalog: Pre-1956 Imprints*. 1981. London: Mansell. In more than seven hundred fifty volumes, a catalog of the books contained in libraries in the U.S. and Canada. Identifies libraries having copies which facilitates obtaining copies on interlibrary loan. (For books after 1956 see OCLC.)
- Subject Collections*, 6th edition, compiled by Lee Ash and William G. Miller, 1985. New York: R. R. Bowker. A guide to special collections of books and other materials as reported by libraries and museums in the U.S. and Canada; arranged by subject (e.g., Phrenology).

Miscellaneous

- Acronyms, Initialisms & Abbreviations Dictionary*. Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Extremely broad in scope, including such diverse fields as education, the sciences, government, etc.
- Directories in Print*. Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Annotated guide to specialized directories published in the U.S. (or having national or regional interest). Also available: *International Directories in Print*.
- Dissertation Abstracts International*. 1938–present. Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Microfilms International. Provides abstracts of doctoral dissertations submitted from hundreds of participating institutions. Covers dissertations back to 1861. (Before 1952 was titled *Microfilm Abstracts*.)
- Encyclopedia of Information Systems and Services*. Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Guide to electronic information industry, i.e., to organizations and services using computers and related technologies to provide access to data.
- Facts on File Yearbook*. 1941–present. New York: Facts on File. An annual index to world news, consisting of fifty-two news digests and an annual index. Weekly updates.
- Finding the Source: A Thesaurus-Index to the Reference Collection*, by Benjamin F. Shearer and Barbara Smith Shearer. 1981. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press. Specifically designed for use by those who lack experience in using reference collections.
- First Stop: The Master Index to Subject Encyclopedias*. 1989. Phoenix: Oryx Press. Specialized encyclopedic reference works, arranged by subject and keywords.

- Guide to Reference Books*, by Eugene P. can Library Assn. A reference work clopedias, periodicals, general referer
- Monthly Catalog of United States Govern* ington: U.S. Government Printing C ment publications.
- Motif-Index of Folk-Literature*, rev. ed., ington: Indiana University. Classifies myths, fables, local legends, etc.
- OCLC Online Union Catalog*. Current Computer Library Center. Comput nals, manuscripts, maps, music scor readable data files; identifies librarie titles.
- The Oxford English Dictionary*, 2d edit definitive dictionary of the English li the etymology and history of words use.
- Rand McNally Commercial Atlas & M* Chicago: Rand McNally. Brings tc information; includes United State Canadian metropolitan area maps, data, and economic and population
- The Reporter's Handbook: An Investigat* ed. by John Ullmann and Steve H Press. Guide and sourcebook for inv common areas that reporters cover, i ing Publications," "The Freedom of viduals," "Using Tax Records," "Fi "Health Care," etc.
- Source: A Guidebook of American Genee* eds. 1984. Salt Lake City: Ancestr gists and local and family historian records, gravestones, obituaries, milit
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by R. R. Bowker. Produced annually (since 1948). In sets of volumes listing authors; shows what books may currently be available; and price; thus enables one's bookstore to order *Forthcoming Books*.

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New York: H. W. Wilson. Provides broad coverage in English. Previously known as *The*

World's Best Books. 1981. London: Mansell. In more than 100 volumes, a catalog of the books contained in libraries which identifies libraries having copies which facilitate loan. (For books after 1956 see OCLC.)
 Edited by Lee Ash and William G. Miller, 1985. Lists special collections of books and other materials in the U.S. and Canada; arranged

alphabetically. Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Including such diverse fields as education,

and business. Annotated guide to the U.S. (or having national or regional editions) in *Directories in Print*.

Current edition. Ann Arbor, Mich.: University of Michigan. Lists abstracts of doctoral dissertations submitted to the University. Covers dissertations back to 1861. (See also *Indexes*.)

Services. Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Lists information on industry, i.e., to organizations and individuals; provides access to data.

New York: Facts on File. An annual index of news digests and an annual index.

The Reference Collection, by Benjamin D. Brant. 1981. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press. Lists those who lack experience in using reference materials.

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Guide to Reference Books, by Eugene P. Sheehy. Current edition. Chicago: American Library Assn. A reference work that identifies other reference works: encyclopedias, periodicals, general reference books on countless subjects, etc.

Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications. 1895–present. Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office. Wide-ranging index to U.S. government publications.

Motif-Index of Folk-Literature, rev. ed., by Stith Thompson. 1955–1957. Bloomington: Indiana University. Classifies “motifs” (narrative elements) in folktales, myths, fables, local legends, etc.

OCLC Online Union Catalog. Current database. Dublin, Ohio: OCLC Online Computer Library Center. Computerized database for locating books, journals, manuscripts, maps, music scores, sound recordings, films and machine-readable data files; identifies libraries having copies. Over twenty-two million titles.

The Oxford English Dictionary, 2d edition. 1989. Oxford: Clarendon Press. The definitive dictionary of the English language, in fifteen large volumes. Includes the etymology and history of words, indicating their origin or earliest known use.

Rand McNally Commercial Atlas & Marketing Guide. Current annual edition. Chicago: Rand McNally. Brings together current economic and geographic information; includes United States maps and indexes by state, U.S. and Canadian metropolitan area maps, U.S. transportation and communication data, and economic and population data.

The Reporter's Handbook: An Investigator's Guide to Documents and Techniques, ed. by John Ullmann and Steve Honeyman. 1983. New York: St. Martin's Press. Guide and sourcebook for investigative reporting, organized by the most common areas that reporters cover, including “Following the Paper Trail,” “Using Publications,” “The Freedom of Information Act,” “Backgrounding Individuals,” “Using Tax Records,” “Finding Out About Licensed Professionals,” “Health Care,” etc.

Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy, by Arlene H. Eakle and Johni Cerny, eds. 1984. Salt Lake City: Ancestry. Compendium of resources for genealogists and local and family historians; tells how to locate and use courthouse records, gravestones, obituaries, military files, etc.

Statistical Abstract of the United States. 1878–present. Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office. Convenient annual compilation of important United States economic, political, social, and industrial statistics. References more detailed sources.

The Video Source Book. Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Guide to thousands of movies, instructional programs, and the like that are currently available on video.

United States Government Manual. Current edition. Washington: General Services Administration. Annual directory of governmental agencies and their key personnel; includes addresses and telephone numbers.

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- Where to Find What: A Handbook to Reference Service*. Revised edition, 1984. Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow Press. Useful guide to finding specific reference materials from Abbreviations to Zoos.
- The World Almanac and Book of Facts*. 1868–present. New York: World Almanac. Annually published reference to such diverse facts as population of cities, table of atomic weights, chronology of year's events, astronomical data, associations, colleges and universities, outlines of U.S. and world history, zip and area codes, etc.

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