UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Language: English

For name usage in English, see the entry under UNITED KINGDOM.

Other national usage follows this entry.

Note: The name of the country as used in catalogue records is United States.

NAME ELEMENTS

Elements normally forming part of a name

Element	*Type*	*Examples*
1. Forename	simple (two forenames are usually present)	Henry John Quincy
	originally a surname, often that of a mother or related family, frequently used as a second forename, and not regarded as part of a compound surname	Lloyd (i.e., William Lloyd Garrison) Washington (i.e., Washington Irving) Wendell (i.e., Oliver Wendell Holmes)
	a married woman's maiden name used between the forename and husband's surname and not regarded as part of a compound name	Baker (i.e., Mary Baker Eddy) Beecher (i.e., Harriet Beecher Stowe)
2. Surname	simple	Adams
	with prefix, usually of foreign origin	De Voto La Farge Van Doren

ORDER OF ELEMENTS IN CATALOGUE HEADINGS

General rule

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Type of name	*Entry element*	*Examples*
1. Simple surname	surname	ADAMS, John Quincy GARRISON, William Lloyd HOLMES, Oliver Wendell IRVING, Washington KISSINGER, Henry
2. Surname with prefix	prefix	DE VOTO, Bernard LA FARGE, Christopher VAN DOREN, Mark
3. Married woman's name using two surnames	last (husband's) surname	EDDY, Mary Baker STOWE, Harriet Beecher

National cataloguing code

Anglo-American cataloguing rules.- 2nd Edition, 2002 revision. - Ottawa : Canadian Library Association ; Chicago : American Library Association, 2002-2005. Also updates for 2003-2005.

National authority file of names

Authority records for personal names are included in the LC/NAF (Library of Congress/NACO Authority File), a name authority file maintained and distributed by the Library of Congress. The file includes authority records prepared by LC and other institutions participating in the Name Authority Cooperative Program (NACO) of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) via a NACO node (currently the British Library, Library of Congress, National Library of Medicine, and OCLC, Inc). The name authority records are created based on a mutually-agreed upon set of standards that include guidelines for searching, creation, and modification. The records are exchanged daily between NACO nodes in MARC 21 format using UTF-8 characters. They are also available for purchase in MARC 21 (ISO 2709) and MARCXML from the Library of Congress Cataloging Distribution Service via Internet FTP.

The authority file can be searched and individual records can be downloaded free of charge at http://authorities.loc.gov/. The file is also part of the Virtual International Authority File (www.viaf.org).

Sources and recommended references

Dictionary of American biography. - New York : Scribner [1946-1958]. Kept up-to-date by supplements.

Who was who in America. - Chicago : Marquis - Who's Who, 1607/1896-   .

Who's who in America. - Chicago : Marquis, ©1899-

Social Security Death Index (http://ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com/): generally for persons born after 1880 who died after 1970.

Numerous free online databases for different categories of persons, e.g.:
        - Internet Movie Database (http://www.imdb.com/)
        - Union List of Artist Names Online
(http://www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/vocabularies/ulan/)
        - Political Graveyard (http://politicalgraveyard.com/): U.S. political biography.

Various subscription databases (e.g., Contemporary authors, American Men and Women of Science)

Authority for information provided

American Library Association, Committee for Cataloging : Description and Access; Library of Congress Policy and Standards Division.

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