



# RESEARCH GUIDE

## National Biographical Sources at the Homer Babbidge Library

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### Argentina

*Nuevo Diccionario Biografico Argentino (1750-1930)* 1968- [v. 1-7]  
CT 653 C87

### Austria

*Österreichisches Bbiographisches Lexikon 1815-1950* 1954- [v. 1-11+ softcovers]  
CT 903 O8  
This publication is in progress and is issued in parts.

*Biographisches Lexikon des Kaiserthums* 1856-1891 [v. 1-60]  
CT 903 W8

*Neue Österreichische Biographie, 1815-1918* 1923- [v. 1-22]  
CT 912 N4

### Belgium

*Biographie Nationale* 1866- [v. 1-44]  
CT 1163 A2

*Dictionnaire Biographique des Sciences, des Lettres et des Arts en Belgique* 1935-36 [v. 1-2]  
CT 1163 S4

### Brazil

*Dicionário Biográfico Brasileiro* 1971  
CT 683 B68

### Canada

*Dictionary of Canadian Biography* 1966- [v. 1-15]  
Ref. F 1005 D49

Biographical information about significant figures from Canada's past. Coverage restricted to those who died before 1921. Includes detailed articles on major figures and shorter articles on minor figures who at the time of compilation, had been omitted from other reference works or general histories.

### Czechoslovakia

*Biographisches Handbuch der Tschechoslowakei* 1961  
CT 933 K84 1961

### Denmark:

*Dansk Biografisk Leksikon* 1933-44 [v. 1-27]  
CT 1263 D33

This biographical encyclopedia in Danish covers all Danes of significance in Danish history. Many scientists are included. For each person there is a short biography describing life and career. Scientists' scientific contributions are only described very briefly. There may be references to archival material, newspaper articles and other literature, and perhaps pictures. When using the encyclopedia it is good to know that the three editions often overlap, i.e. a person can be included in more than one edition. The articles in the different editions may be different giving a different view on the person. So it is recommended to check all editions that include the person. Volume 16 in the 3rd edition contains a very useful index, which also covers the other editions <http://www.mathkudk/th/s/sys/guides/indexhtm>

## Ecuador

*Diccionario Biográfico Ecuatoriano* 2000 [v. 1-2]  
CT 712 A533 2000

*Diccionario Biográfico del Ecuador* 1987- [t. 1-5, t. 17-22]  
CT 712 D53 1987]

## France

*Dictionnaire de Biographie Française* 1933- [v. 1-19]  
CT 143 D5]

Each biographical article is written and signed by a specialist contributor and is accompanied by a full biography Includes extensive bibliographies This publication is in progress (19 volumes to date, A-La Vallée are complete)

*Dictionnaire des Biographies* 1958 [2 vols.]  
CT 143 G7

*Nouvelle Biographie Générale Depuis les Temps les Plus Reculés Jusqu'à Nos Jour* 1963  
(reprint of the 1857 Ed) [1852-1866, v. 1-46]  
CT 143 H5 1963

It is commonly referred to as *Hoefler*, the original editor and compiler of the biographical dictionary This work is similar to *Michaud* but its entries are not as detailed and scholarly. However, it does include more entries for people who were alive at the time especially under the letter A-M Also, it lists bibliographical citations in their original language

*Biographie Universelle Ancienne et Moderne* 1811-1862 [v. 1-52]  
CT 143 M5

Commonly referred to as *Michaud*, this dictionary of universal biography is known for its scholarly articles and lengthy bibliographies, whose titles are supplied in French even when the materials were originally published in another language. Individuals covered represent all times and places, but there is a distinct emphasis on French notables. It also includes more entries than *Hoefler* for the second half of the alphabet (N-Z).

*Biographie des Hommes Vivants; ou, Histoire par Orde Alphabétique de la Vie Publique de Tous les Hommes qui se sont Fait Remarquer par Leurs Actions ou Leurs Écrits* 1816 [v. 1-5]  
CT 148 B5

Sequel and complement to the *Biographie Universelle* of Michaud. It is an alphabetical biographical dictionary of famous men living in the early years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

*Biographie Nouvelle des Contemporains, ou Dictionnaire Historique et Raisonné de Tous les Hommes qui, Depuis la Révolution Française, ont Acquis de la Célébrité par Leurs Actions, Leurs Écrits, Leurs Erreurs ou Leurs Crimes, Soit en France, Soit dans les Pays Étrangers* 1820-25 [v. 1-20]  
CT 148 B54

Biographies of Frenchmen prominent in the early years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

## Germany:

*Moniteur des Dates, Contenant un Million De Renseignements Biographiques, Généalogiques et Historiques* 1964 [v. 1-6, 7-9]  
CT 154 O3 1964 Oversize  
Editor's name appears as Hugo Schramm Macdonald on t-p of v. 8-9. Reprint of the Leipzig, 1873-1882 edition.

*Biographisches Jahrbuch und Deutscher Nekrolog* 1897-1917 [v. 2, 4-5, 10, 12, 17,  
CT 1050 B5

*Allgemeine Deutsche Biographie* 1875-1912 [v. 1-56]  
1053 A5

This outstanding German biographical dictionary contains long, signed articles, with bibliographies, on persons from early times to the end of the 19th century As there are supplementary sections in many volumes, the index is essential for finding the complete record.

*Die Grossen Deutschen, Deutsche Biographie* 1956-1957 [v. 1-5]  
CT 1054 G72

## Great Britain

*British Biographical Archive (BBA)*

**Research Microform Collections / Level 3**

— reproduces on microfiche biographical dictionaries originally published between 1702 and 1920

Fiche is arranged alphabetically by individual's name. Indexed by *British Biographical Index* located on Research Microform Guides Table / Level 3.

*Dictionary of National Biography (DNB)* 22 vols. supplements 11 vols.

**Ref. DA 28 D4**

— deceased British individuals from early beginnings to 1990; includes Colonial Americans

*Dictionary of National Biography: Missing Persons*

**Ref. DA 28 D525 1993**

— retrospective inclusion up to 1985

*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*

**Ref. DA 28 O95 2004**

— revised edition of the *DNB*. Updated to the year 2000.

*Who's Who* 1898-2005

**Babbidge Level 4 / DA 28 W6**

*Who Was Who* 1897-2000

**Babbidge Level 4 / DA 28 W65**

## India

*Dictionary of National Biography* 1972-74 [v. 1-4, Suppl; v. 1-v. 2]

**CT 1503 D53**

## Italy

*Dizionario Biografico Degli Italiani* 1960- [v. 1-65]

**CT 1123 D5**

Contains scholarly essays on major figures in Italy, with extensive bibliographies

*Panorama Biografico degli Italiani d'Oggi* 1956 [v. 1-2]

**CT 1133 V3**

## Mexico

*Diccionario Biográfico de México* c1968

**CT 553 D5**

## Netherlands

*Nieuw Nederlandsch Biografisch Woordenboek* 1911-37 [v. 1-10]

**CT 1143 M7**

## Nigeria

*Biographia Nigeriana: A Biographical Dictionary of Eminent Nigerians* c1977

**CT 2526 O74**

## Panama

*Diccionario Biográfico Ilustrado de Panamá* 1986

**CT 622 C66 1986** Oversize

## Puerto Rico:

*Puertorriqueños Ilustres de Todos Los Tiempos : Orgullo de Nuestra Patria: Galería Biográfica* 1986-

**Ref. CT 526 P47 1986**

## Russia:

*Russkii Biograficheskii Slovar* 1962 [v. 1-25]

**CT 1203 R7**

This publication includes biographies of Russians and important non-Russians who worked in Russia from early history to the end of the 19th century. The set was originally intended to include over 50,000 entries, but the volumes for the last few letters of the Russian alphabet were either not completed or not published.

*Azbuchnyi Ukazatel' Imen Russkikh Deiatelei Dlia Sostavleniia Russkago Biograficheskago Slovaria* 1963 [v. 1/2]

**CT 1203 R8**

Dictionary of state and public officials (50,000 entries) compiled in the 1880s. It was prepared as a preliminary listing of items covered in "Russkii biograficheskii slovar."

## South Africa

*Southern African Dictionary of National Biography* 1966

**CT 1923 R6]**

*Dictionary of South African Biography* 1968-c1987 [v. 1-5]

**CT 1924 D53**

Continued by: *New Dictionary of South African Biography*

*New dictionary of South African Biography* 1995 [v. 1-2]

**CT 1924 N48 1995**

## Sweden

*Svenskt Biografiskt Lexicon* 1918- [v. 1-17]

**CT 1313 S8**

## United States

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*American National Biography (ANB)* 24 vols. 1 supplement

**Ref. CT 213 A68 1999**

— deceased Americans from all walks of life and time periods up to 2001

*Dictionary of American Biography (DAB)* 20 vols., supplements 10 vols.

**Ref. E 176 D56**

— deceased notable Americans from the country's beginnings up to 1980

*National Cyclopaedia of American Biography: Current Series 1926-1984*

**Ref. E 176 N2812**

— includes photographs and facsimiles of signatures.

*National Cyclopaedia of American Biography: Permanent Series 1898-1984*

**Ref. E 176 N28**

*Notable American Women 1607-1950; Notable American Women: the Modern Period 1951-1975; Notable American Women: Completing the Twentieth Century*

**Ref. CT 3260 N57**

— deceased

*Notable Asian Americans*

**Ref. E 184.06 N67 1995**

— living and deceased

## United States (continued)

*Notable Black American Women*  
Ref. E 185.96 N68 1991

*Notable Black American Women, Book II*  
Ref. E 185.96 N68 1996  
— colonial times to the present

*Notable Latino Americans*  
Ref. E 184 S75 M35 1997  
— living and deceased

*Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives*  
Ref. CT 213 537 1998  
— continues the *DAB*, 1981-2005

*Who's Who in America* 1899+  
Babbidge Library Level 4 / fE 663 W56 [oversized]

*Who Was Who in America* 1607-2005  
Ref. E176 W64

## United States: Connecticut

*Connecticut Biographical Dictionary* 2 vols.  
Ref. CT 226.5 C66 2000  
— living and deceased

## Venezuela

*Quién es Quién en Venezuela* 1988-  
CT 750 Q8 Oversize

## Regional and International

### Africa

*Dictionary of African Biography* 1970-1971  
CT 1920 D52

### Europe

*Who's Who in the Socialist Countries Of Europe: A Biographical Encyclopedia of More Than 12,600 Leading Personalities in Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Yugoslavia* 1989 [v 1-3]  
CT 1195 W46 1989

### Latin America:

*Diccionario Biográfico Español Contemporáneo* 1970 [v. 1-3]  
CT 1343 D52]

*Dictionary of Hispanic Biography* 1996  
CT 1343 D53 1996

### International:

*The International Who's Who* 1938-2004  
CT 120 I5