

BIOGRAPHICAL TOOLS

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016.92/B615. *Biography Index*. New York: H. W. Wilson, 1946-2011.

Index to biographical material published in books and periodicals. Obituaries of national and international interest published in *New York Times*.

R.R.203/J138. New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge. 13v. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1908-12.

See annotation on Religious Dictionaries and Encyclopedias handout.

R.R. 203/J138. Loetscher, Lefferts A., ed. *Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*. 2v. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1955.

See annotation on Religious Dictionaries and Encyclopedias handout.

R.R.203/J138/1991. Douglas, J. D. *New 20th Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1991.

Contains many sketches of 20th century religious leaders. See annotation on Religious Dictionaries and Encyclopedias handout.

R.R.920.02/W628. *Who's Who in the World?* Chicago: Marquis Who's Who, 1971- .

Short paragraphs with basic information on living notables from over 150 countries.

R.R.920.042/D554/2004. *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*. 61v. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004.

Scholarly dictionary of English biography containing 50,113 substantial signed articles by 10,000 contributors on people "of the British Isles and their connections overseas" who died before Dec. 31, 2000. "It covers people who were born and lived in the British Isles, people from the British Isles who achieved recognition in other countries, people who lived in territories formerly connected to the British Isles at a time when they were in contact with British rule, and people born elsewhere who settled in the British Isles for significant periods or whose visits enabled them to leave a mark on British life." "It incorporates in rewritten or revised form all 38,607 lives contained in the *Dictionary of National Biography*, published between 1885 and 1900 and its supplements, published between 1901 and 1996" with the addition of 13,500 new lives. Volume 61 is an index of contributors listing their articles.

R.R.920.07/W62. *Who's Who in America?* Chicago: A. N. Marquis Co., 1889- .

A biennial publication. Short articles containing basic information on famous living Americans.

R.R.920.073/D554. *Dictionary of American Biography*. 20v. New York: Scribner, 1928-1996.

Scholarly dictionary of American biography. Includes no living persons. The supplements bring the closing date to 1980. A comprehensive index to the 10v set and the ten supplements was published in 1996. It contains a list of people who are subjects of articles, a list of contributors & articles they wrote, and an index of all the topics of importance discussed substantively. It also contains indexes of birthplaces, schools & colleges, and occupations of the subjects of the biographies.

R.R.920.073/S434. *Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1998- .

Contains biographical sketches (usually 2 pages) of significant Americans who died within the 5-year span of each volume. Almost all articles contain a photograph of the subject. Each volume contains an index of persons by occupation and the most recent volume contains a cumulative index to all volumes. Vol. 1: 1981-1985; Vol. 2: 1986-1990; Vol. 3: 1991-1993; Vol. 4: 1994-1996; Vol. 5: 1997-1999; Vol. 6: 2000-2002; Vol. 7: 2003-2005; Vol. 8: 2006-2008.

R.R.920.073/A512. *American National Biography*. 24 v. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999. Contains 17,000 signed 1 to 2-page biographies of people who have influenced American life. Some have died as recently as 1995. Vol. 24 contains indexes of biographees, contributors, places of birth, and occupations & realms of renown. Supplement volumes projected to be published about every 5 years. Supplement I (1996-early 2001) was published in 2002. Supplement II published in 2005 includes those who have died since the 1st supplement and others not included in earlier volumes.

R.R.920.073/W628. *Who Was Who in America?* New Providence, NJ: Marquis Who's Who, 1942- . Includes biographical sketches of people removed from *Who's Who in America* because of death. Published every two years Vols. 1-24 and the historical volume cover 1607-2013. A cumulative index for the years 1607-2016 was published in 2016.

R.R.922/W628. *Who's Who in Religion?* 4th ed. Chicago: Marquis Who's Who, 1992. Living church officials, clergy, religious educators, lay leaders in U.S. Biographical information on more than 15,600 religious leaders. Need to consult first three editions. Adds and deletes individuals with each new edition.

R.R.922/M528. Melton, J. Gordon. *Religious Leaders of America: A Biographical Guide to Founders and Leaders of Religious Bodies, Churches, and Spiritual Groups in North America*. 2nd ed. Detroit: Gale Research, 1999. Contains "biographical profiles on more than 1,200 American and Canadian religious figures whose impact on the religious community has occurred since 1865." Includes a number of living figures and gives special attention to women, African Americans, American Indians, and leaders from a wide range of religious groups. Includes an index of biographees according to religious tradition and a master name and keyword index.

R.R.200.922/R382. *Religious Leaders of the World*. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2000. Contains over 150 profiles of "significant spiritual leaders worldwide" intended for young people. Only 26 were written for this volume. Others were adapted or extracted from other encyclopedias. Covers a very broad range historically, geographically, culturally, and ethnically. Bibliography arranged alphabetically by biographees in back, 405-36.

R.R.922/D554. Walsh, Michael, ed. *Dictionary of Christian Biography*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2001. Contains brief (most between 100 & 200 words) articles on more than 6,000 deceased prominent Christians by 46 contributors.

R.R.922/B632. Lewis, Donald M. *The Blackwell Dictionary of Evangelical Biography, 1730-1860*. 2v. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 1995. Contains about 3,570 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 344 contributors on "figures of historical, literary or religious significance who flourished at any time between 1730 and 1860 and were associated with the evangelical movement in the English-speaking world." Although it includes well-known figures, they are not treated as exhaustively as the neglected or minor ones. The index in vol. 2 is arranged by country and sub-arranged by denomination. Reprinted in 2004 as *Dictionary of Evangelical Biography, 1730-1860*.

R.R.922/B615e. Larsen, Timothy, ed. *Biographical Dictionary of Evangelicals*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2003. Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) on 405 "figures that would be of interest to scholars, ministers, ordinands, students, and others interested in the history of evangelicalism" by 204 contributors. "The scope is the English-speaking world." Includes those who were a part of the pre-history of evangelicalism, including many Reformers and Puritans, who influenced the evangelical community. The earliest subject is John Wyclif (d. 1384). Since 1935 was established as the latest birth year, includes several living figures. Indexes of names and subjects in the back.

R.R.922/W628h. Hinnells, John R. *Who's Who of World Religions*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1992. Contains signed biographies of all types of religious figures (living & dead) by 68 scholars. More well-known figures tend to be treated less exhaustively than those difficult to find information about. Each biographee is classified under one of 26 subject areas and the bibliographic references in the articles are keyed to the extensive bibliography which is sub-arranged under the same 26 headings. Reprinted in 1996 as *Who's Who of Religions*

R.R.922/B784w. Bowden, John. *Who's Who in Theology from the First Century to the Present*. New York: Crossroad, 1992.

Brief articles with basic information about important figures in the history of Christian theology. In back is a full listing of popes with brief biographical entries for each.

R.R.922/D734. Douglas, J. D. *Twentieth-century Dictionary of Christian Biography*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1995.

Signed sketches of about 800 Christian leaders, "who lived during, or whose lives extended into, the present century." "Each biography provides an identifying tag for the person, a brief biographical sketch, an explanation of the individual's theological point of view, any major works, and a succinct evaluative comment from an evangelical perspective."

R.R.922/W628b/1993. *Who's Who in Biblical Studies and Archaeology*. 2nd ed. Washington, D.C.: Biblical Archaeology Society, 1993.

Biographical sketches of approximately 2,000 individuals from all over the world. Contains an index of biographees by geographical location and areas of specialization.

R.R.925/W628/1996. John Templeton Foundation. *Who's Who in Theology and Science: An International Biographical and Bibliographical Guide to Individuals and Organizations Interested in the Interaction of Theology and Science*. [2nd ed] Framingham, MA: Winthrop Publishing, 1996.

Brief biographical information on just under 1,086 people from the U.S. and 39 other countries currently active in the dialogue between science and theology. Divided into four directories: A. Sketches of individuals actively publishing in the field with a list of some of their relevant publications, B. Sketches of individuals with an active interest in the field, C. Directory of organizations, and D. List of significant journals and newsletters in the field. Contains alphabetical, geographical, and primary subject indexes of individuals and indexes of organizations and journals.

R.R.922/B784/1993. Bowden, Henry Warner. *Dictionary of American Religious Biography*. 2nd ed. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1993.

Brief articles on 550 religious leaders who died before July 1, 1992. 50 of the entries in the 1st ed. were revised.

R.R. 920.01/W395b/1995. *Merriam-Webster's Biographical Dictionary*. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, 1995.

Revised ed. of *Webster's New Biographical Dictionary* (1988). Biographical information on about 30,000 important figures throughout history. Living individuals not included. Provides pronunciations of names.

R.R.922.I/Sm68d. Smith, William. *Dictionary of Christian Biography, Literature, Sects, and Doctrines*. London: J. Murray, 1877-87.

Includes persons of ancient and middle church history through the eighth century.

Note: Biographical sources listed in this bibliography are scholarly and reputable. The library does not acquire vanity publications and the student should be warned against publishers' advertisements that promise inclusion of the biographee in exchange for a specified amount of money.