

Dynasties, Royal Houses, etc. H 1574

BACKGROUND: *In subject heading practice two types of headings have been used for works discussing named dynasties and royal houses:*

[. . .] *dynasty*
[. . .], *House of*

*The terminology used in reference sources usually determines which of the two types of headings to use. The heading [. . .] **dynasty** is generally used for non-European royal houses; [. . .], **House of** for European royal houses. The heading [. . .], **House of** is used for an individual royal house, that is, a ruling family of a monarchy. Works that discuss several royal houses of a region or country are assigned the heading for the region or country in question with the free-floating subdivision **-Kings and rulers**.*

*Individual aristocratic or noble families are established as [. . .] **family**, for example, **Malatesta family**; **Tokugawa family**. For guidelines concerning establishing family names, see H 1631. For dukes, counts, and earls, see sec. 3, below.*

*In some instances, named dynasties and royal houses are also used as period subdivisions, for example, **China-History-Han dynasty, 202 B.C.-220 A.D.**; **France-History-House of Valois, 1328-1589**. Since headings of this type emphasize a specific historical period rather than an individual dynasty or royal house, this instruction sheet does not discuss period subdivisions consisting of named dynasties or royal houses.*

*In the past, some named dynasties were established in a form similar to headings for classes of persons, for example, **Abbasids**, **Buwayhids**. These headings may be changed to the form [. . .] **dynasty** as they are encountered.*

1. [. . .] **dynasty**.

a. Form and usage of headings. Establish named dynasties as straight phrase headings consisting of the adjectival form of the name of the dynasty and the English word **dynasty**. Do not use the vernacular equivalent of the word **dynasty**. Add whenever possible the span of years of a particular dynasty. Tag these headings **100**, with first indicator **3** and second indicator **blank**.

Do not use **-Biography** or **-History** after [. . .] **dynasty** headings.

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1. [...] *dynasty*. (Continued)

b. References. In addition to appropriate 400 fields, add a 551 (broader term) field with the heading [*country*]-**Kings and rulers**. *Examples:*

```
100 3# $a Malla dynasty
551 ## $w g $a Nepal $x Kings and rulers
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100 3# $a Achaemenid dynasty, $d 559-330 B.C.
400 3# $a Achaemenians
400 3# $a Achaemenidae
400 3# $a Achaemenids
400 3# $a Hakhamanishiya
551 ## $w g $a Iran $x Kings and rulers
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2. [...], *House of*.

a. Form and usage of headings. Establish individual royal houses as inverted phrase headings consisting of the name of the royal house and the English phrase **House of**. Do not use the vernacular equivalent of the phrase **House of**. Tag these headings **100**, with first indicator **3** and second indicator **blank**.

For works that discuss the members of the ruling family of a monarchy, use either the appropriate [...], **House of** heading or [**name of ruler**]-**Family**, if the work discusses solely the immediate family of a particular ruler.

For works that discuss specific types of royalty of a country, use the free-floating subdivision **-Kings and rulers** under the country, or the headings **Emperors** (*May Subd Geog*) **Queens** (*May Subd Geog*), **Princes** (*May Subd Geog*), **Princesses** (*May Subd Geog*), or **Sultans** (*May Subd Geog*).

For works that discuss persons or offices associated with a royal household, use the heading **Royal household** (*May Subd Geog*).

Do not use **-Biography** or **-History** after [...], **House of** headings.

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2. [...], House of.

b. References.

(1) *UF references.* Add appropriate 400 fields providing variant forms of the name. Also add 400 fields with the uninverted form of the heading and its variants.

(2) *Broader terms.* Add a 551 (broader term) field with the heading [*country of origin*]-Kings and rulers or [*country most closely identified with royal house*]-Kings and rulers. Do not make broader terms from [*country*]-Kings and rulers to indicate countries ruled by the particular royal house.

Examples:

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100 3# $a Anjou, House of
400 3# $a Angevins
400 3# $a Angio, House of
400 3# $a House of Angio
400 3# $a House of Anjou
551 ## $w g $a France $x Kings and rulers
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100 3# $a Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, House of
400 3# $a Coburg, House of
400 3# $a House of Coburg
400 3# $a House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha
551 ## $w g $a Germany $x Kings and rulers
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3. [...], *Dukes of*; [...], *Counts of*; [...], *Earls of*.

a. Form of heading. Establish individually named houses of dukes, counts, or earls as inverted phrase headings. Such headings are based on a place name followed by a comma and the phrase **Dukes of**, **Counts of**, or **Earls of**, as appropriate. Do not use the vernacular equivalents of the phrases **Dukes of** or **Counts of**. Tag these headings **100**, with first indicator **3** and second indicator **blank**.

Although such headings normally include a place name, do not convert the name to an RDA form. For example, use the form **Spoletto, Dukes of** rather than **Spoletto (Italy), Dukes of**.

b. References.

(1) UF references. Add a 400 field with the straight form of the heading for the specific noble house.

(2) Broader terms. Add a 550 (broader term) field with the heading **Nobility-[country]**.

Examples:

```
100 3# $a Devonshire, Dukes of
400 3# $a Dukes of Devonshire
550 ## $w g $a Nobility $z England
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100 3# $a Parma, Dukes of
400 3# $a Dukes of Parma
550 ## $w g $a Nobility $z Italy
```

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100 3# $a Toulouse, Counts of
400 3# $a Counts of Toulouse
550 ## $w g $a Nobility $z France
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100 3# $a Gloucester, Earls of
400 3# $a Earls of Gloucester
550 ## $w g $a Nobility $z England
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4. Assignment of headings. In accordance with the provisions of H 1330 and H 1845 for biography and historical materials, generally assign an additional heading for place, with subdivisions designating the special emphasis of the work. *Examples:*

Title: Biographies of the Shah kings of Nepal.

600 30 \$a Shah dynasty, \$d 1768-
651 #0 \$a Nepal \$x Kings and rulers \$v Biography.

Title: Gupta civilization : a study in Indian civilization.

600 30 \$a Gupta dynasty.
651 #0 \$a India \$x Civilization \$y To 1200.

Title: The Romanovs; three centuries of an ill-fated dynasty.

600 30 \$a Romanov, House of.
651 #0 \$a Russia \$x Kings and rulers \$v Biography.

Title: The House of Medici : its rise and fall.

600 30 \$a Medici, House of.
651 #0 \$a Florence (Italy) \$x History \$y 1421-1737.
650 #0 \$a Nobility \$z Italy \$z Florence \$v Biography.

Title: The iconography of the House of Windsor.

600 30 \$a Windsor, House of \$v Pictorial works.
651 #0 \$a Great Britain \$x Kings and rulers \$v Pictorial works.
650 #0 \$a Queens \$z Great Britain \$v Pictorial works.
650 #0 \$a Princes \$z Great Britain \$v Pictorial works.
650 #0 \$a Princesses \$z Great Britain \$v Pictorial works.

Title: Personal events from the lives of the Coburgs of Belgium.

600 30 \$a Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, House of.
651 #0 \$a Belgium \$x Kings and rulers \$v Biography.

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4. *Assignment of headings. (Continued)*

Do not assign an additional heading for place if the subject assigned would be too broad in scope to be of value for retrieval purposes. For example, the heading **Europe-Kings and rulers** is not assigned to the following work:

Title: Saxe-Coburg-Gotha kings of Europe.
600 30 \$a Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, House of.

If [*name of ruler*]-**Family** is assigned because a work discusses solely the immediate family of a ruler, assign the additional heading [. . .], **House of** as well as headings for place with appropriate subdivisions. *Example:*

Title: The last of the Romanovs : Czar Nicholas II and the murder of his family.
600 00 \$a Nicholas \$b II, \$c Emperor of Russia,
\$d 1868-1918.
600 00 \$a Nicholas \$b II, \$c Emperor of Russia,
\$d 1868-1918 \$x Family.
600 30 \$a Romanov, House of.
650 #0 \$a Emperors \$z Russia \$v Biography.
651 #0 \$a Russia \$x History \$y Nicholas II, 1894-1917.

5. *Subdivisions used under individual dynasties, royal houses, etc.* See H 1120.