

**BACKGROUND:** *A gazetteer is a geographical dictionary in which names of places are given in alphabetical order with location and/or coordinates. In addition, entries sometimes include pronunciation and brief historical information. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning the heading and the subdivision **Gazetteers**.*

**1. General.** Assign the heading **Gazetteers** to general geographical dictionaries not limited to a particular place. *Example:*

*Title: Webster's New geographical dictionary.*  
650 #0 \$a Gazetteers.

Do not use the subdivision **-Dictionaries** under the heading **Gazetteers**.

**2. By place.** Use the free-floating form subdivision **-Gazetteers** under names of places for geographical dictionaries of these places. *Examples:*

*Title: Survey gazetteer of the British Isles.*  
651 #0 \$a British Isles \$v Gazetteers.

*Title: A gazetteer of New Hampshire, containing descriptions of all the counties, towns, and districts in the state.*  
651 #0 \$a New Hampshire \$v Gazetteers.

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3. *Other.* Assign the heading **Names, Geographical** (*May Subd Geog*) to other types of works about place names, such as works that focus on the origin and meaning of geographical names or lists of places not arranged in alphabetical order. *Examples:*

*Title: California place names : the origin and etymology of current geographical names.*

650 #0 \$a Names, Geographical \$z California.

651 #0 \$a California \$x History, Local.

*Title: Geographical names in ancient Indian inscriptions.*

650 #0 \$a Names, Geographical \$z India.

650 #0 \$a Inscriptions \$z India.

651 #0 \$a India \$x Historical geography.

Do not subdivide **Names, Geographical** by **-Dictionaries**.

4. *MARC 21 coding.* Select code **d, Dictionaries** for field 008/24-27 (the box labeled **Contents** on the 008 input screen in the LC ILS) for gazetteers and for works on geographical names in dictionary format.