

Introduction

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In the previous module, we described the general principles for classifying biographies. We are to classify the biography with the topic with which the biographee is most closely associated, and to always use a biography number. There is a little more to it than that, of course, but those are the most general principles.

This module will focus on classification of biographies in the history schedules, and is based on CSM instruction sheet F 275, *Biography*.

History Schedules

- Biographies of
 - Heads of state
 - Monarchs
 - Politicians
 - High-ranking members of government
 - Ministers (called secretaries in the United States)
 - Governors, mayors, and other local officials

Biographies of heads of state, monarchs, and politicians are classified in the history schedules. So are high-ranking members of government, such as cabinet ministers. (In the United States and perhaps elsewhere, they are called secretaries, such as the secretary of state, and secretary of defense.)

A person does not have to be nationally prominent to be classified in the history schedules, though. Governors of states, mayors of cities, and other local officials are classed there, for example.

Biography Numbers

- Collective
 - Appear at the top of hierarchy for the country
 - Assign to the most general collective biographies

A screenshot of a Library of Congress Classification hierarchy for Morocco. The title is "History of Africa—Maghrib. Barbary States—Morocco—Biography (Collective)". The hierarchy is as follows:

	Morocco	<input type="checkbox"/>
DT301	Periodicals. Societies	<input type="checkbox"/>
DT302	Collections	<input type="checkbox"/>
DT303	Biography (Collective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DT304	Guidebooks. Gazetteers. Directories, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
DT305	General works	<input type="checkbox"/>

The beginning of the hierarchy for each country includes a collective biography number for, such as DT303, for collective biography of Morocco.

Assign these numbers only to the most general collective biographies of the country – those whose coverage is not specific to a particular location within the country, or to a specific time period or event.

Biography Numbers

- Appear for specific time spans
 - Including individual monarchs, heads of state, etc.

Biography numbers also appear in hierarchies for specific periods, and sometimes even in hierarchies for specific heads of state.

Let's look at some biography numbers in the DH schedule, which is the history of Belgium.

Biography Numbers

- Appear for specific time spans
 - Including individual monarchs, heads of state, etc.

History of Belgium—History—By period—Early and medieval to 1555—1101-1400—
Biography and memoirs, A-Z

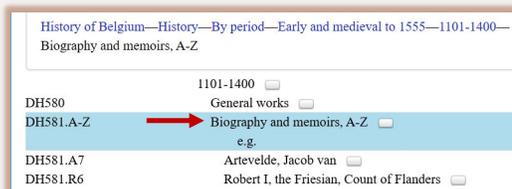
	1101-1400 <input type="checkbox"/>
DH580	General works <input type="checkbox"/>
DH581.A-Z	Biography and memoirs, A-Z <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	e.g.
DH581.A7	Artevelde, Jacob van <input type="checkbox"/>
DH581.R6	Robert I, the Friesian, Count of Flanders <input type="checkbox"/>

DH581.A-Z is for biographies and memoirs of people who were prominent in Belgium in the period 1101-1400.

The caption is “biographies and memoirs, A-Z”, so we use the surname of the biographee as the basis for the cutter.

Biography Numbers

- Appear for specific time spans
 - Including individual monarchs, heads of state, etc.



The “e.g.” printed in the schedule means “for example,” and we can see that Robert I, the Friesian, has been assigned the class number DH518.R6. The two names listed here are not the only people whose biographies are classified in DH581.A-Z. It is just a sample of them. In fact, individual names are not printed in most biography numbers, because of longstanding policy.

If the person discussed in the biography does not have a number printed in the schedule you should consult the catalog. You assign a cutter that allows the person’s name to file alphabetically with all of the other names of biographees in the class number already. The cutter that you assign to that person, in that class number, has to be assigned to all of the other biographies of that person in that number.

Biography Numbers

- Appear for specific time spans
 - Including individual monarchs, heads of state, etc.

The screenshot shows a hierarchical list of Library of Congress Classification numbers. The top level is 'History of Belgium—History—By period—Early and medieval to 1555—1101-1400—Biography and memoirs, A-Z'. Below this, there are four sub-levels: '1401-1506', 'General works', 'Biography and memoirs, A-Z', and '1506-1555'. The 'Biography and memoirs, A-Z' sub-level is highlighted in blue. To the left of the list, the numbers DH580, DH581, DH582, DH583, and DH584 are listed vertically, with DH583 highlighted in blue.

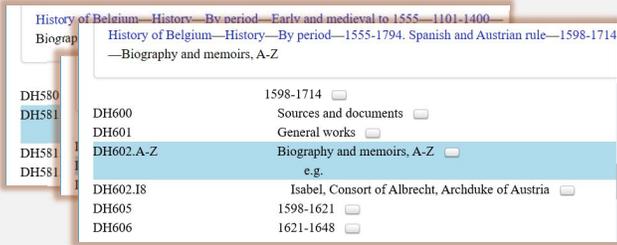
	History of Belgium—History—By period—Early and medieval to 1555—1101-1400—Biography and memoirs, A-Z	
DH580		
DH581		
DH582		
DH583		
DH584		
	1401-1506	<input type="checkbox"/>
	General works	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Biography and memoirs, A-Z	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	1506-1555	<input type="checkbox"/>

DH583.A-Z is for biographies and memoirs of people who were prominent in Belgium in the 15th century – 1401-1506.

It does not include a list of names, so you would need to consult the catalog for every person whose biography is being classified there.

Biography Numbers

- Appear for specific time spans
 - Including individual monarchs, heads of state, etc.



The screenshot shows a hierarchical tree of Library of Congress Classification numbers. The path is: History of Belgium—History—By period—Early and medieval to 1555—1101-1400—Biography and memoirs, A-Z. The following table represents the visible items in this hierarchy:

Number	Description
DH580	1598-1714
DH581	DH600 Sources and documents
DH581	DH601 General works
DH581	DH602.A-Z Biography and memoirs, A-Z
DH581	e.g.
DH602.I8	Isabel, Consort of Albrecht, Archduke of Austria
DH605	1598-1621
DH606	1621-1648

DH602.A-Z, for biographies of people from 1598-1714, provides a single name.

So far, all of the biography numbers have been in hierarchies for lengthy spans of Belgian history, but they do appear for individual rulers and heads of state.

Biography Numbers

- Appear for specific time spans
 - Including individual monarchs, heads of state, etc.

The screenshot shows a hierarchical classification structure. At the top is 'History of Belgium—History—By period—1794-1909—1830—Leopold I, 1831-1865—General works on life and reign'. Below this, a list of classification numbers is shown with their corresponding titles and expandable icons:

Classification Number	Title
	Leopold I, 1831-1865
DH656	General works on life and reign
DH657	General special
DH659.A-Z	Biography and memoirs of contemporaries, A-Z
	e.g.
DH659.L4	Lebeau, Joseph
DH659.L7	Louise, Consort of Leopold I
DH659.P7	Praet, Jules von
DH659.R7	Rogier, Charles Latour

This is an example.

Leopold I, who ruled Belgium from 1831-1865, has a “General works on life and reign” number.

As we will see in the next module, this is not a biography number, but biographies are classed there.

DH656 is used for resources about the history of Belgium during Leopold’s reign, as well as biographies of his life.

Biography Numbers

- Appear for specific time spans
 - Including individual monarchs, heads of state, etc.

	History of Belgium—History—By period—1794-1909—1830—Leopold I, 1831-1865—
	History of Belgium—History—By period—1794-1909—1830—Leopold I, 1831-1865—
	Biography and memoirs of contemporaries, A-Z
DH659	Leopold I, 1831-1865 <input type="checkbox"/>
DH656	General works on life and reign <input type="checkbox"/>
DH657	General special <input type="checkbox"/>
DH659.A-Z	Biography and memoirs of contemporaries, A-Z <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DH659	e.g.
DH659.L4	Lebeau, Joseph <input type="checkbox"/>
DH659.L7	Louise, Consort of Leopold I <input type="checkbox"/>
DH659.P7	Praet, Jules von <input type="checkbox"/>
DH659.R7	Rogier, Charles Latour <input type="checkbox"/>

DH659.A-Z is for biography and memoirs of Leopold’s contemporaries. As you can see, the schedule lists a few of them.

This number is only for individual biographies.

Biography Numbers

- Appear for specific time spans
 - Including individual monarchs, heads of state, etc.

The screenshot shows a hierarchical list of Library of Congress Classification numbers. The top level is 'History of Belgium—History—By period—20th century—Albert, 1909-1934—Biography and memoirs of contemporaries'. Below this, there are several sub-levels, each with a corresponding classification number and a checkbox. The sub-levels are: 'Albert, 1909-1934', 'General works on life and reign', 'Travels', 'Period of World War I, 1914-1918. Flemish movement', 'For the war itself see D501-680', '1920-1934', 'Biography and memoirs of contemporaries', 'Collective', 'Individual, A-Z', and 'Borns, August'. The 'Biography and memoirs of contemporaries' sub-level is highlighted in blue. Two red arrows point to the classification numbers 'DH685.A1' and 'DH685.A2-Z' which are listed under the 'Biography and memoirs of contemporaries' sub-level.

Classification Number	Description
	History of Belgium—History—By period—20th century—Albert, 1909-1934—Biography and memoirs of contemporaries
	Albert, 1909-1934 <input type="checkbox"/>
DH681	General works on life and reign <input type="checkbox"/>
DH681.5	Travels <input type="checkbox"/>
DH682	Period of World War I, 1914-1918. Flemish movement <input type="checkbox"/>
	For the war itself see D501-680 <input type="checkbox"/>
DH683	1920-1934 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Biography and memoirs of contemporaries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DH685.A1	Collective <input type="checkbox"/>
DH685.A2-Z	Individual, A-Z <input type="checkbox"/>
	e.g.
DH685.B6	Borns, August <input type="checkbox"/>

However, the “biography and memoirs of contemporaries” of Albert, a later king of Belgium, has both a collective biography number and an individual biography number.

Biography Numbers

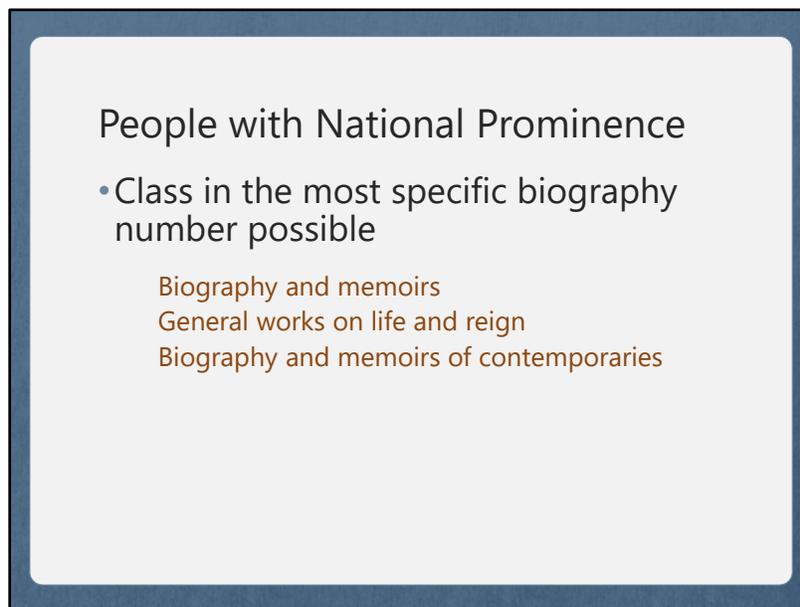
- Appear for specific time spans
 - Including individual monarchs, heads of state, etc.

History of Belgium—History—By period—20th century—Albert, 1909-1934—
Biography and memoirs of contemporaries

	Albert, 1909-1934 <input type="checkbox"/>
DH681	General works on life and reign <input type="checkbox"/>
DH681.5	Travels <input type="checkbox"/>
DH682	Period of World War I, 1914-1918. Flemish movement <input type="checkbox"/>
	For the war itself see D501-680 <input type="checkbox"/>
DH683	1920-1934 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Biography and memoirs of contemporaries <input type="checkbox"/>
DH685.A1	Collective <input type="checkbox"/>
DH685.A2-Z	Individual, A-Z <input type="checkbox"/>
	e.g.
DH685.B6	Borns, August <input type="checkbox"/>

It also has a “general works on life and reign” number, DH671, which is where biographies of Albert himself should be classed.

Now that we have seen examples of biography numbers, let’s find out how to apply them.



People with National Prominence

- Class in the most specific biography number possible
 - Biography and memoirs
 - General works on life and reign
 - Biography and memoirs of contemporaries

If a person is known nationally, then classify biographies of the person in the most specific number that includes biographies that you can. We have already seen three of the most common captions:

“Biography and memoirs” or “Biography and memoirs, A-Z” is typically used in hierarchies for long spans of time.

“General works on life and reign” always refers to the life of the monarch.

“Biography and memoirs of contemporaries” always refers to people who were (or are) prominent during a monarch’s reign or the administration of a head of state.

Other formulations are possible, especially in the E schedule, for the history of the United States. Let’s look at an example.

People with National Prominence

United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963—Biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963

- Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963
- Including Cuban missile crisis
- General works
- Biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963
- General works. Kennedy as President and statesman
- For his collected works see [E838.5.K4-.K49](#)
- For speeches and messages as President see [J82.D9-.D93](#)
- For his speeches and messages issued as official documents see [KF70.A47-.A55](#)
- Autobiography, diaries, etc. By date
- Letters. By date
- Biography and criticism

E841

E842.A3

E842.A4

E842.A6-Z8

John F. Kennedy was a president of the United States.

Resources about the history of the United States during his administration are classified in E841.

People with National Prominence

United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963—Biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963

- Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963
- Including Cuban missile crisis
- General works
- E841 **Biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963**
- General works. Kennedy as President and statesman
- For his collected works see [E838.5.K4-.K49](#)
- For speeches and messages as President see [J82.D9-.D93](#)
- For his speeches and messages issued as official documents see [KF70.A47-.A55](#)
- Autobiography, diaries, etc. By date
- Letters. By date
- Biography and criticism

→ E842.A3

→ E842.A4

→ E842.A6-Z8

There are several numbers provided for biographies of Kennedy. Autobiographies and diaries are classed in E842.A3. Notice that .A3 is a reserved cutter, and that the instructions say “by date.” Therefore, resources classed there are subarranged only by publication date.

Letters, by date, are classed in E842.A4.

And biography and criticism – that is, resources written about Kennedy’s life that are written by someone else – are classed in E842.A6-Z8.

People with National Prominence

United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963—Biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963

Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963

Inclusion Cuban missile crisis

E841 United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963—Biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963—Juvenile works on all or portions of Kennedy's life

→ E842.Z9 Juvenile works on all or portions of Kennedy's life

E842.1 Special (not A-Z)

By period

E842.3 Naval career, 1941-1945

E842.47 Visit to Ireland, 1963

E842.5 Monuments, portraits, statues, etc.

E842.A3 Class here also monuments, etc. located in foreign countries

E842.A4 For medals see [CJ5801-5819](#)

E842.A6-2

E842.9 Assassination, funeral, memorial services, etc.

E843 Kennedy family (not genealogy)

Including biography, e.g., Jacqueline (Bouvier) Kennedy.
For Jacqueline (Kennedy) Onassis see [CT275.A-Z](#)

The range of numbers for biography continues. There are separate numbers for resources for children.

People with National Prominence

United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963—Biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963

Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963

E841 United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963—Biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963—Juvenile works on all or portions of Kennedy's life

E842.Z9 Juvenile works on all or portions of Kennedy's life

E842.1 Special (not A-Z)

By period

E842.3 Naval career, 1941-1945

E842.47 Visit to Ireland, 1963

E842.5 Monuments, portraits, statues, etc.

Class here also monuments, etc. located in foreign countries

For medals see **CJ5801-5819**

E842.9 Assassination, funeral, memorial services, etc.

E843 Kennedy family (not genealogy)

Including biography, e.g., Jacqueline (Bouvier) Kennedy.
For Jacqueline (Kennedy) Onassis see **CT275.A-Z**

And for particular periods of his life.

People with National Prominence

United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963—Biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963

Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963

~~Inclusion Cuban missile crisis~~

E841 United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963—Biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963—Juvenile works on all or portions of Kennedy's life

E842.Z9 Juvenile works on all or portions of Kennedy's life

E842.1 Special (not A-Z)

By period

E842.3 Naval career, 1941-1945

E842.47 Visit to Ireland, 1963

E842.5 Monuments, portraits, statues, etc.

E842.A3 → E842.5 Monuments, portraits, statues, etc.

E842.A4 Class here also monuments, etc. located in foreign countries

E842.A6-2 For medals see [CJ5801-5819](#)

→ E842.9 Assassination, funeral, memorial services, etc.

E843 Kennedy family (not genealogy)

Including biography, e.g., Jacqueline (Bouvier) Kennedy. For Jacqueline (Kennedy) Onassis see [CT275.A-Z](#)

For monuments and portraits, and for resources on his assassination and funeral.

People with National Prominence

United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963—Biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963

Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963

~~Inclusion Cuban missile crisis~~

E841 United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—Kennedy's administration, 1961-November 22, 1963—Biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963—Juvenile works on all or portions of Kennedy's life

E842.Z9 Juvenile works on all or portions of Kennedy's life

E842.1 Special (not A-Z)

By period

E842.3 Naval career, 1941-1945

E842.47 Visit to Ireland, 1963

E842.5 Monuments, portraits, statues, etc.

Class here also monuments, etc. located in foreign countries

For medals see [CJ5801-5819](#)

E842.9 Assassination, funeral, memorial services, etc.

E843 Kennedy family (not genealogy)

Including biography, e.g., Jacqueline (Bouvier) Kennedy.
For Jacqueline (Kennedy) Onassis see [CT275.A-Z](#)

Finally, there is a number, E843, for the Kennedy family, which includes biography. This is not a biography number, as we will see in the next module, but biographies of his wife and children are classified here.

Kennedy has the most highly developed hierarchy for biography of all of the modern American presidents, but do you see what is missing? There is no number for biographies of contemporaries.

Before we discuss why that is, let's look at the administration for another president.

People with National Prominence

United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—George H. W. Bush's administration, 1989-1993—Biography of George H. W. Bush, 1924-

	George H. W. Bush's administration, 1989-1993 <input type="checkbox"/>	
E881	General works <input type="checkbox"/>	
E882	Biography of George H. W. Bush, 1924- Table E2 <input type="checkbox"/>	
	For his collected works see E838.5.A-Z <input type="checkbox"/>	
	For speeches and messages as President see J82.E6-.E64 <input type="checkbox"/>	
E882.2	Special (not A-Z) <input type="checkbox"/>	
E883	Bush family (not genealogy) <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Including biography of individual members	
E884	Presidential campaign of 1992 <input type="checkbox"/>	

George H. W. Bush, another late-20th century president, has a more typical array. As you can see, there is a number for biographies of the president, E882.

People with National Prominence

United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—George H. W. Bush's administration, 1989-1993—Biography of George H. W. Bush, 1924-

E881		George H. W. Bush's administration, 1989-1993 <input type="checkbox"/>
		General works <input type="checkbox"/>
	E882	Biography of George H. W. Bush, 1924- Table E2 <input type="checkbox"/>
		For his collected works see E838.5.A-Z <input type="checkbox"/>
		For speeches and messages as President see J82.E6-.E64 <input type="checkbox"/>
E882.2		
E883		
E884		

Individual biography (1 no.)

		Individual biography (1 no.) <input type="checkbox"/>
E2 .A3		Autobiography, diaries, etc. By date <input type="checkbox"/>
E2 .A4		Letters. By date <input type="checkbox"/>
E2 .A6-Z		Biography and criticism <input type="checkbox"/>

It is subarranged with Table E2, which provides reserved cutters for autobiography, letters, and biography.

People with National Prominence

United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—George H. W. Bush's administration, 1989-1993—Biography of George H. W. Bush, 1924-

E881		George H. W. Bush's administration, 1989-1993 <input type="checkbox"/>
		General works <input type="checkbox"/>
E882		Biography of George H. W. Bush, 1924- Table E2 <input type="checkbox"/>
		For his collected works see E838.5.A-Z <input type="checkbox"/>
		For speeches and messages as President see J82.E6-.E64 <input type="checkbox"/>
→E882.2		Special (not A-Z) <input type="checkbox"/>
E883		Bush family (not genealogy) <input type="checkbox"/>
		Including biography of individual members
E884		Presidential campaign of 1992 <input type="checkbox"/>

The schedule also provides a “Special (not A-Z)” number for aspects of Bush’s life that do not fit well into the table. A book about his pets might be classified there.

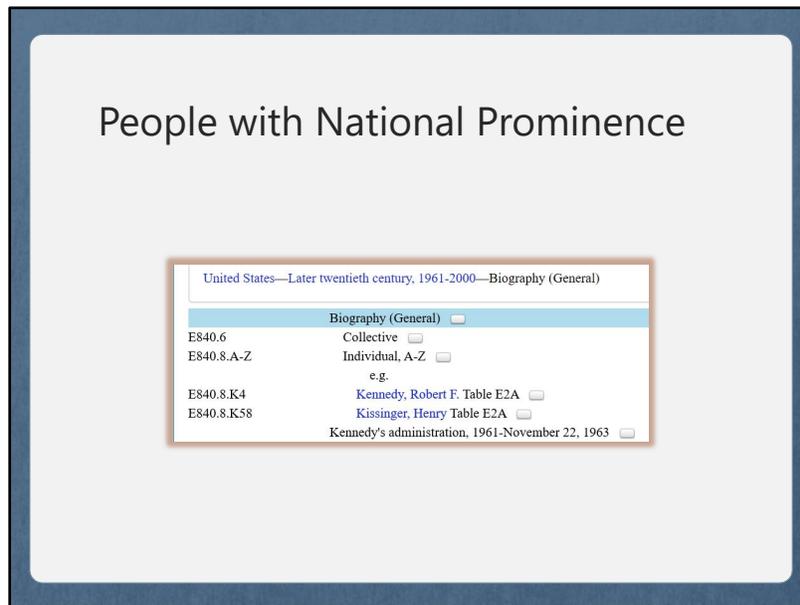
People with National Prominence

United States—Later twentieth century, 1961-2000—George H. W. Bush's administration, 1989-1993—Biography of George H. W. Bush, 1924-

	George H. W. Bush's administration, 1989-1993	<input type="checkbox"/>
E881	General works	<input type="checkbox"/>
E882	Biography of George H. W. Bush, 1924- Table E2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	For his collected works see E838.5.A-Z	<input type="checkbox"/>
	For speeches and messages as President see J82.E6-.E64	<input type="checkbox"/>
E882.2	Special (not A-Z)	<input type="checkbox"/>
E883	Bush family (not genealogy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Including biography of individual members	
E884	Presidential campaign of 1992	<input type="checkbox"/>

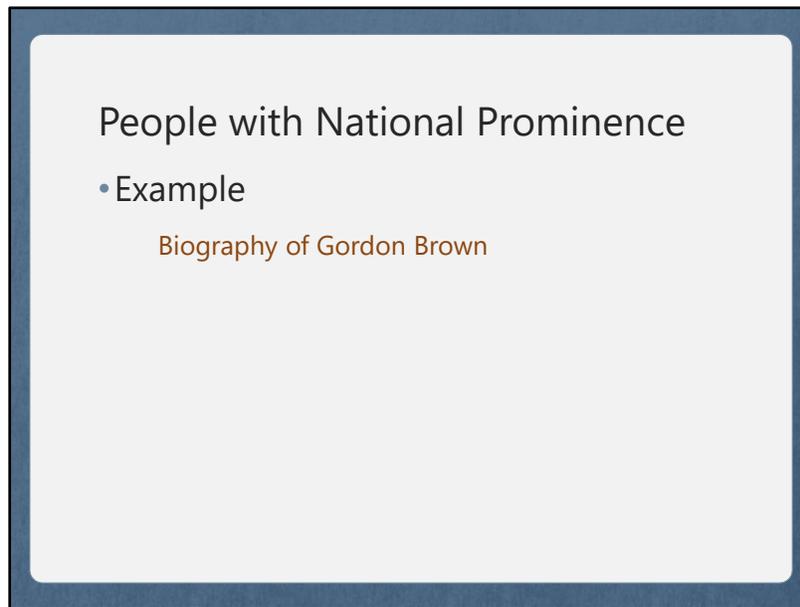
And finally, there is a number for non-genealogical resources about the Bush family, including biographies.

Once again, there is no number for contemporaries of George H. W. Bush.



Instead of classing contemporaries of a president with the president, there are biography numbers under larger time spans.

Robert Kennedy was the attorney general during his brother John Kennedy's administration. If a biography of Robert focused on Robert's relationship to John, you *might* choose to class it with John's family. However, biographies of Robert Kennedy in his own right are classed with the biographies of other nationally prominent people of the late 20th century in E840.8.A-Z. Notice that biographies in E840.8 are subarranged by Table E2A, which is different from Table E2, which we saw earlier.



People with National Prominence

- Example
 - Biography of Gordon Brown

Let's look at an example.

Gordon Brown was the Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1997-2007, when Tony Blair was the prime minister of Great Britain. Elizabeth II was the queen of England during that time.

People with National Prominence

- Example

Biography of Gordon Brown

History of Great Britain—England—History—By period—Modern, 1485—Late modern, 1702—20th century—1952—Elizabeth II, 1952-

Elizabeth II, 1952-	<input type="checkbox"/>
DA590	Biography <input type="checkbox"/>
	Biography and memoirs of contemporaries <input type="checkbox"/>
DA591.A1	Collective <input type="checkbox"/>
DA591.A2	Philip, Prince <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other royal <input type="checkbox"/>
	Margaret, Princess, Countess of Snowdon, 1930-2002 see DA585.A5M3 <input type="checkbox"/>
DA591.A33	Charles, Prince of Wales <input type="checkbox"/>

As you can see, there is a biography number for Elizabeth II herself, DA590.

There is also a well-developed range for biography and memoirs of her contemporaries. First are the numbers for the royal family, including Prince Philip and Prince Charles among others.

People with National Prominence

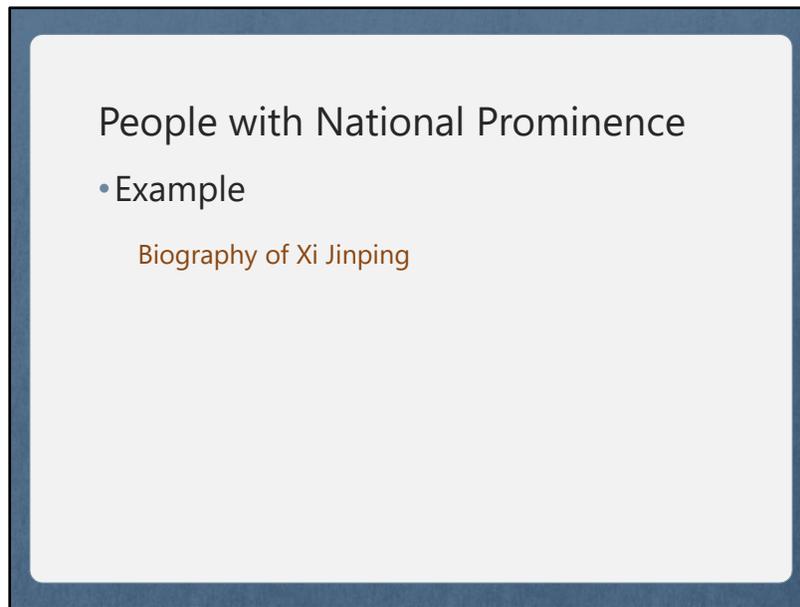
- Example

Biography of Gordon Brown

History of Great Britain—England—History—By period—Modern, 1485—Late modern, 1702—20th century—1952—Elizabeth II, 1952—Biography and memoirs of contemporaries—Other contemporaries, A-Z

DA591.A45W47-.A45W479	Wessex, Edward, Prince, Earl of, 1964- <input type="checkbox"/>
DA591.A45W55-.A45W559	William, Prince, grandson of Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain, 1982- <input type="checkbox"/>
DA591.A45Y67-.A45Y679	York, Sarah, Duchess of, 1959- <input type="checkbox"/>
DA591.A5-Z	Other contemporaries, A-Z <input type="checkbox"/> e.g.
DA591.H4	Heath, Edward <input type="checkbox"/>
DA591.T47	Thatcher, Margaret <input type="checkbox"/>
DA591.W5	Wilson, Harold <input type="checkbox"/>
DA592	Reign <input type="checkbox"/>

Then DA591.A5-Z is for biographies of other contemporaries including Margaret Thatcher. There is not a specific hierarchy for Tony Blair's administration, so biographies of Blair's contemporaries are classified as contemporaries of the queen. A biography of Gordon Brown would be classified in DA591. A5-Z, and the first cutter would be based on his last name.



People with National Prominence

- Example
 - Biography of Xi Jinping

Now we have a biography of Xi Jinping, the president of the People's Republic of China since 2013.

People with National Prominence

- Example

Biography of Xi Jinping

History of Asia—China—History—By period—People's Republic, 1949—2002—Biography and memoirs

DS779.4	General works <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.43	Social life and customs. Civilization. Intellectual life <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.44	Military history <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.45	Naval history <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.46	Political history <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.47	Foreign and general relations <input type="checkbox"/>
	Biography and memoirs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DS779.48	Collective <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.49.A-Z	Individual, A-Z <input type="checkbox"/>

Xi's presidency is in the period since 2002.

Rather than hierarchies for the history of China under individual rulers, the schedule provides for the history of longer periods of time.

People with National Prominence

- Example

Biography of Xi Jinping

History of Asia—China—History—By period—People's Republic, 1949—2002—Biography and memoirs

DS779.4	General works <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.43	Social life and customs. Civilization. Intellectual life <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.44	Military history <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.45	Naval history <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.46	Political history <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.47	Foreign and general relations <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.48	Biography and memoirs <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.49	Collective <input type="checkbox"/>
DS779.49.A-Z	Individual, A-Z <input type="checkbox"/>

A biography of Xi will be classified in DS779.49.A-Z, which is for individual biography of people with national prominence in China after 2002. The first cutter will be based on his surname, Xi.

Now that we have discussed persons with national stature, let's discuss people who are known locally.

Locally Prominent People

- Class with the local place
 - In the biography number if available
 - In another appropriate number (e.g., General works)

Government officials and other locally prominent people are classed with the local place, although many local places do not include biography numbers.

If a biography number for the local place is established, use it. If not, use another appropriate number, which is commonly the “General works” number for the place, or the general works number for a particular time period in the history of the place.

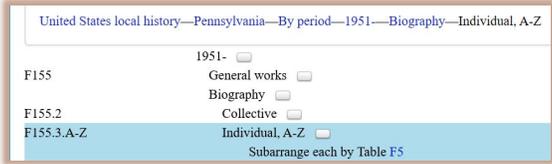
This is quite different from people who are known nationally, whose biographies have to be classed in numbers that are specifically intended for biography.

Let’s look at some examples of locally prominent people.

History Schedules

- Example

Tom Ridge, governor of Pennsylvania



The screenshot shows a hierarchical classification path for Tom Ridge. The path is: United States local history—Pennsylvania—By period—1951—Biography—Individual, A-Z. The path is displayed as a list of items with checkboxes to the right. The items are: 1951- (checkbox), General works (checkbox), Biography (checkbox), Collective (checkbox), Individual, A-Z (checkbox), and Subarrange each by Table F5. The item 'Individual, A-Z' is highlighted in blue.

United States local history—Pennsylvania—By period—1951—Biography—Individual, A-Z	
F155	1951- <input type="checkbox"/>
	General works <input type="checkbox"/>
	Biography <input type="checkbox"/>
F155.2	Collective <input type="checkbox"/>
F155.3.A-Z	Individual, A-Z <input type="checkbox"/>
	Subarrange each by Table F5

Tom Ridge was the governor of Pennsylvania, a state of the United States, from 1995-2001.

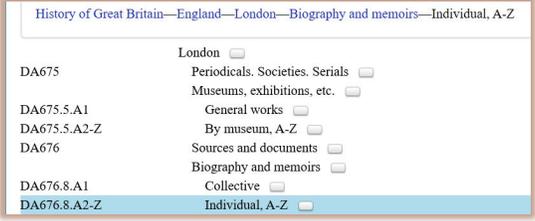
He was therefore prominent at the state level, and biographies of him should be classified with the state as a whole.

The hierarchy for the history of Pennsylvania since 1951 includes an individual biography number, F155.3.A-Z. Biographies of Tom Ridge should be classed there.

History Schedules

- Example

Dame Mary Donaldson, lord mayor of London



The screenshot shows a hierarchical menu for the Library of Congress Classification. The path is: History of Great Britain—England—London—Biography and memoirs—Individual, A-Z. The menu items are: London (selected), Periodicals, Societies, Serials, Museums, exhibitions, etc., General works, By museum, A-Z, Sources and documents, Biography and memoirs, Collective, and Individual, A-Z (selected). The 'Individual, A-Z' item is highlighted in blue.

Dame Mary Donaldson was elected the first female lord mayor of London in 1983. Because it is such a large city with so many resources written about it, London has a highly developed hierarchy.

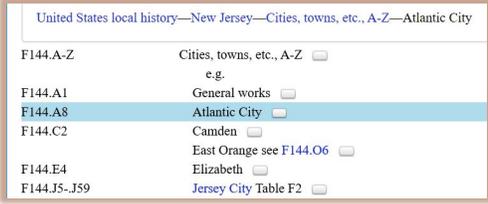
Unlike many cities, therefore, London has biography numbers. Biographies of persons prominent in London are classified in DA676.8, and more specifically, individual biographies are classified in DA676.8.A2-Z. The first cutter will begin with a D, for Donaldson.

In contrast to the examples that we have already seen, many local places have only one number assigned to them. If that is the case, you can use it for biographies.

History Schedules

- Example

Don Guardian, mayor of Atlantic City, N.J.



The screenshot shows a portion of the Library of Congress Classification schedule for Atlantic City, N.J. The title is "United States local history—New Jersey—Cities, towns, etc., A-Z—Atlantic City". The schedule lists various classification numbers and their corresponding categories:

Classification Number	Category
F144.A-Z	Cities, towns, etc., A-Z <input type="checkbox"/>
	e.g.
F144.A1	General works <input type="checkbox"/>
F144.A8	Atlantic City <input type="checkbox"/>
F144.C2	Camden <input type="checkbox"/>
	East Orange see F144.O6 <input type="checkbox"/>
F144.E4	Elizabeth <input type="checkbox"/>
F144.J5-.J59	Jersey City Table F2 <input type="checkbox"/>

Don Guardian was the mayor of Atlantic City, New Jersey, from 2014-2017.

Atlantic City is classified at F144.A8.

Every resource about the history of Atlantic City is classed there, including biographies.

People with Various Roles

- Biography focuses on one career
 - Class with the career
- Biography covers entire life
 - Generally class with the most recent, or most prominent, position
 - Consult the catalog

As we know, politicians and others who are prominent in government often are elected to, or accept, positions at various levels over time. Many are prominent on a local level before they rise to national prominence. In that case, you should follow the general rule for classifying biographies and class them with the period covered in the biography.

If the biography covers the entire life of the individual, it is usually classified with the most recent, or most prominent, position. However, that is not always the case, so you should consult the catalog to see where other biographies about the person have been classed.

People with Various Roles

- Example

Tim Kaine

Lawyer

Mayor of Richmond, Va. (1998-2001)

Lieutenant governor of Virginia (2002-2006)

Governor of Virginia (2006-2010)

U.S. Senator (2013-)

For example, Tim Kaine was a practicing lawyer at the beginning of his career. He was elected to be the mayor of Richmond, Virginia, and served in that role from 1998-2001.

He was then the lieutenant governor of Virginia for four years, and then became the governor in 2006. In 2012, he became a U.S. Senator from Virginia.

People with Various Roles

- Example

Tim Kaine
Lawyer

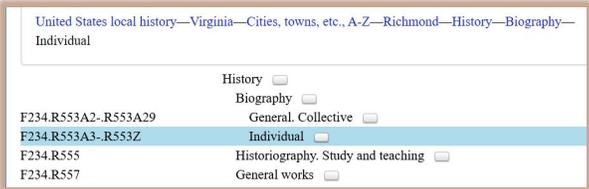
United States (General)—History—By period—Recent—Biography—Individual (including nominations of judges, attorneys-general, district attorneys, etc.), A-Z	
	Biography <input type="checkbox"/>
	For Supreme Court justices see KF8744-8745 <input type="checkbox"/>
KF372	Collective <input type="checkbox"/>
	For local biography see KF353-355 <input type="checkbox"/>
KF373.A-Z	Individual (including nominations of judges, attorneys-general, district attorneys, etc.), A-Z <input type="checkbox"/>
	Subarrange each by Table KF39

Biographies of Kaine that cover the period when he was a practicing lawyer should be classified with law. Biographies of American lawyers of the 20th and 21st centuries are classed in [KF372-373](#).

People with Various Roles

- Example

Tim Kaine
Mayor of Richmond, Va. (1998-2001)



United States local history—Virginia—Cities, towns, etc., A-Z—Richmond—History—Biography—Individual	
	History <input type="checkbox"/>
	Biography <input type="checkbox"/>
F234.R553A2-.R553A29	General, Collective <input type="checkbox"/>
F234.R553A3-.R553Z	Individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
F234.R555	Historiography: Study and teaching <input type="checkbox"/>
F234.R557	General works <input type="checkbox"/>

A biography of Kaine's time as mayor of Richmond would be classified with the history of Richmond in the F schedule. Richmond has biography numbers.

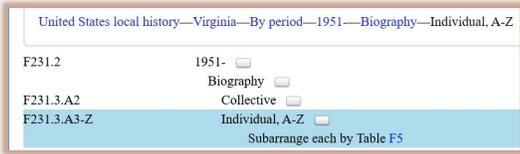
Collective biography is classified in F234.R553 A2-A29.

Individual biographies are classified in F234.R553 A3-Z.

People with Various Roles

- Example

Tim Kaine
Lieutenant governor of Virginia (2002-2006)
Governor of Virginia (2006-2010)



United States local history—Virginia—By period—1951—Biography—Individual, A-Z

F231.2	1951- <input type="checkbox"/>
	Biography <input type="checkbox"/>
F231.3.A2	Collective <input type="checkbox"/>
F231.3.A3-Z	Individual, A-Z <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Subarrange each by Table F5

A biography of his time as lieutenant governor and/or governor of Virginia would be classed with the history of Virginia as a whole.

There is a biography number for the history of Virginia since 1951, F231.3.

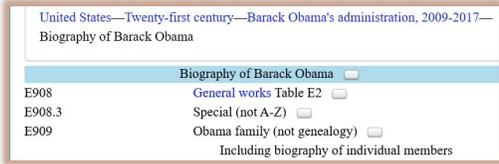
Individual biographies are classified in F231.3.A3-Z.

As always, the cutter is based on the biographee's surame, Kaine.

People with Various Roles

- Example

Tim Kaine
U.S. Senator (2013-)



The screenshot shows a hierarchical classification structure. At the top is 'United States—Twenty-first century—Barack Obama's administration, 2009-2017—Biography of Barack Obama'. Below this is a blue bar with 'Biography of Barack Obama' and a minus sign. Underneath are three categories: 'E908 General works Table E2', 'E908.3 Special (not A-Z)', and 'E909 Obama family (not genealogy)'. The 'E909' category is expanded to show 'Including biography of individual members'.

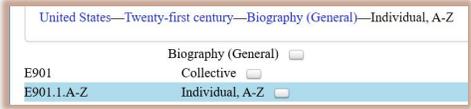
U.S. senators are considered to have national prominence, so biographies of Kaine as a senator should be classified with the history of the United States.

Kaine began his service in the Senate in 2013, which fits into Barack Obama's administration. However, there is not a biography number for contemporaries of Obama, so we move up a level of hierarchy.

People with Various Roles

- Example

Tim Kaine
U.S. Senator (2013-)



The screenshot shows a classification tree for a biography of Tim Kaine. The path is: United States—Twenty-first century—Biography (General)—Individual, A-Z. The tree has three levels: 'Biography (General)' with a checkbox, 'Collective' with a checkbox, and 'Individual, A-Z' with a checkbox. The 'Individual, A-Z' level is highlighted in blue.

United States—Twenty-first century—Biography (General)—Individual, A-Z	
	Biography (General) <input type="checkbox"/>
E901	Collective <input type="checkbox"/>
E901.1.A-Z	Individual, A-Z <input type="checkbox"/>

Individual biographies of nationally prominent people in the United States in the 21st century are classed in E901, for collective biography, and E901.1.A-Z for individual biography.

A biography that covers Kaine's entire life would also likely be classified there. If he were to achieve prominence in a higher position, though, the biography number for that position would take precedence.

Exercises

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Click when you are ready to begin