



Chapter 17: Biographical and Genealogical Sources

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Review Questions

- 1. There are several different sources discussed in this chapter direct/indirect, current/retrospective, and international/national. What are the differences between these uses and characteristics of sources? Can you think of an example of each type?
- 2. What are the similarities and differences between biographical and genealogical sources and information? How would you go about explaining these differences to a patron? What different sources are available for genealogical information?
- 3. What are some outside factors that might impact the selection of sources a librarian chooses? Explain why these factors impact a librarian's selection and how one might work around these factors.

Strengthen Your Understanding

To strengthen your understanding of this chapter, be sure to complete the activities and answer the questions for reflection and discussion in Box 17.1 Combining Criteria in Biographical Searching on page 459.