

## Directory of Historical Societies and Agencies in the United States and Canada

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performing arts. Both Rodman Paul (California Institute of Technology) and Richard Etulain (Idaho State University) have brought between two covers a long awaited bibliography of the American West. This is a "must" for all serious students of the West.

*Directory of Historical Societies and Agencies in the United States and Canada.* (Eleventh Edition) Compiled and edited by Donna McDonald. (Nashville, Tenn.: American Association for State and Local History, 1978. vi, 474 pp. special interest index, index, \$24.00 paper, \$18.00 members.)

This new eleventh edition is a "must" for all libraries, historical societies, genealogical groups, and other agencies needing historical assistance of any kind. It contains 4,442 entries listing organizations alphabetically within each state and township. A nice feature is the special interest index in such categories as restoration, genealogy, pioneers, etc. Additional features are listings of all Federal Archives and Records Centers and a Guide to National Historic Sites under the National Park Service. This is the most complete directory of its kind and truly is the "yellow pages" for historical societies in the United States and Canada.

*Your Family History: How to Use Oral History, Personal Family Archives, and Public Documents to Discover Your Heritage.* By Allan J. Lichtman. (New York: Vintage Books, Division of Random House, 1978. 183 pp., bibliography, appendix, index, \$3.95 paper.)

Broadens the traditional genealogical research techniques (charting names, births, deaths, marriages, etc.) to include using other sources such as oral history, family letters and diaries, photographs, etc. One of the best books on the subject of writing a family history.

*Your Family History: A Handbook for Research and Writing.* By David E. Kyvig and Myron A. Marty. (Arlington Heights, Ill.: AHM Publishing Corporation, 1978. 67 pp., bibliography, illus., charts, forms, \$2.95 paper.)

This handbook is useful for those interested in not only the techniques for gathering information and asking the right questions in interviews, but in the actual writing of a family history. It is enhanced by the practical (detachable) generation charts, and family history indexes. A truly useful "do-it-yourself" handbook for digging out your family roots.

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