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Dictionary of Canadian Biography

URL	http://www.biographi.ca/en/
Subject	Canada-Biography-Dictionaries
Accessibility	Free
Language	English
Publisher	The Dictionary has been published in two editions, English and French: the Dictionary of Canadian biography by the University of Toronto Press, and Dictionnaire biographique du Canada by Les Presses de l'Université Laval.

Brief History

The project of preparing Canadian biography like United Kingdom's Dictionary of National Biography was undertaken by University of Toronto, after getting bequest from James Nicholson in 1959.

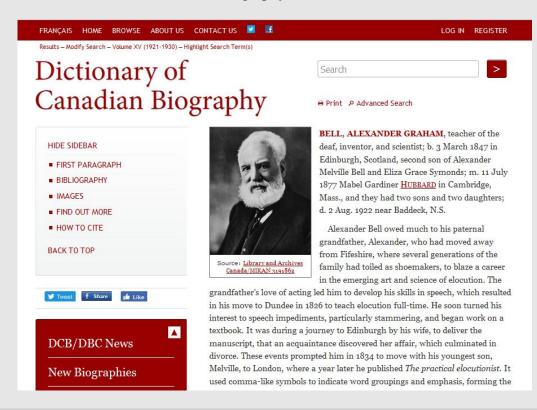
The first volume of the Dictionary of Canadian Biography appeared in 1966 with 594 biographies covering the years 1000 to 1700. In 2001 the federal Department of Canadian Heritage, in conjunction with Library and Archives Canada, approached the two universities i.e. University of Toronto/Université Laval about establishing a website, and two years later the texts of the 14 published volumes, together with some additional biographies, including those of 12 significant individuals whose death dates are post-1930, was made available online.

Scope and Coverage

There are now more tahn 8,500 biographies on this website, comprising the complete contents of volumes I to XV, which describe the lives of those whose deaths or whose last-known activities, occurred in the years 1000 to 1930. Also included are entries on voyagers whose verifiable dates precede 1000 – Saint Brendan (Bréanainn), Eirikr Thorvaldsson (Eric the Red), and Herjólfsson Bjarni – and more than 70 biographies of individuals who died after 1930. Volume XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII are included which cover the lives of those who died or whose last-known activity was during the 1931–1940, 1941-50,1951-60, 1961-70, 1971-80, 1981-90, 1991-2000 period respectively. Each volume contains 500-600 biographies.

Kind of Information

This biographical article sketches the date of birth, parental history, career details, life style, and story on personal life. Works and key achievement are emphasized. Life stories are mapped out in chronological way from birth to death. Photos along with the sources attach with the biography.



Special Features

- Links to Facebook, twitter.
- ❖ How to cite the articles is described under each biographical article.
- ❖ Image gallery, bibliographical sources are attached with each article.
- New Biographies: recently added biographies; Updated Biographies: presents corrected biographies; Biography of the day: who died or born on this day; Recent interviews, recent corrected biographies are provided in this site.

Arrangement Pattern

Biographies are sub-divided categorically i.e.

- Browse by Region of Birth
- Browse by Region of Activities
- Browse by Occupation and other identifiers
- Browse by Name

Under each category, entries are arranged alphabetically.

Remarks

It is a Canadian biographical reference source with huge coverage. The collection of biographies is confined to Canadian personalities may be born in India or famous in other region by their activities. Advance search option also presents in this site.

Comparable Tools

- ➤ Dictionary of Irish Biography (http://dib.cambridge.org/)
- > Australian Dictionary of Biography (http://adb.anu.edu.au/)
- American National Biography Online
 (http://anb.org/login.html?url=%2Farticles%2Fhome.html&ip=112.133.231.1
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