AFGS CATALOG Instructions

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The Catalog contains an index of over 20,000 repertoires and books in the AFGS library. It is arranged alphabetically by place name, but a brief explanation is needed to ensure you find what you need.

Each shelve of books at the library has a placard on the end of the rack, listing what place codes are on each side of the book rack. The placard comes in handy to help you determine which rack holds the book you need. Each book binding contains the 'Book Number' and 'Place Code', as well as a colored tag that is related to the place code.

There are only two things you need to locate a book on the shelves:
>   **Book Number** from column 1.
>   **Place Code(s)** from column 2 (and 2a, if it is listed). See Appendix-2 for a complete listing.

The catalog format is typically divided into five columns:

1	2	3	4	5
Book Number [1]	**Place Code** [2][3] 2=State, 2a=County	**Description**	**Date Range**	**Data Code** [2]

Notes:
[1] a book number of 'XXX' means it is filed elsewhere. For example; "Wedgeport, NS, Acadia" is in "NVS YAR 004".

XXX	ACA	Wedgeport, NS (See NVS YAR 004)	1767-1925	B-M-D

[2] the county code (2a) is not always included. It may be blank or be 'XXX' meaning no county listed.

015	ATA	XXX Alberta Genealogical Society Library Holdings 1989	1989	MISC

[3] see Appendix-2 for description.

Column-4 describes the date range covered within the book.
Column-5 describes the type of information contained in the book. See Appendix-1 for a list of codes.

How to read the catalog entries:

Example-1: shows five books for the State of Connecticut, USA (UCT place code):

1	2	2a	3	4	5
003	UCT	WIN	Putnam, CT	1920-1969	D
004	UCT	WIN	Putnam, CT	1970-1990	D
007	UCT	WIN	Sacred Heart Church W. Thompson	1948-1990	B-M-D
002	UCT	NLN	Sacred Heart, Taftville	1883-1924	M
001	UCT	HAR	St-Ann of Bristol..	1908-1977	M

Explanation:
Row-1: Book 003 contains Death records (D) for Putnam, Windham County (WIN), Connecticut (UCT)
       for the years 1920-1969.
Row-2: Book 004 also contains Putnam Death records (D), but for the years 1970-1990.
Row-3: Book 007 has Births, Marriages & Deaths for Sacred Heart Church in W. Thompson, Windham County, CT
       for the years 1948-1990.
Row-4: Book 002 contains Marriages for Sacred Heart Church in Taftville, New London County, CT
       for the years 1883-1924.
Row-5: Book 001 contains Marriage records for St-Ann Church, Bristol, Hartford County, CT for the years 1908-1977.

Example-2: shows two books for Chateauguay County (CHT) in the Province of Quebec:

1	2	3	4	5
007	CHT	St-Jean-Chrysostome..	1838-1990	M
003	CHT	St-Joachim	1736-1963	M

* note: column 2a is not included.

Explanation:
Row-1: Book 007 contains marriage records for St-Jean-Chrysostome parish in Chateauguy, Quebec
       for the years 1838-1990.
Row-2: Book 003 contains marriage records for St-Joachim parish in Chateauguy, Quebec for the years 1736-1963.

Example-3: shows three books for Acadia (ACA) in Canada:

027	ACA		Baie-des-Chaleurs Registres	1786-1799	M
269	ACA	...	Barachois	1812-1870	B-M-D
142	ACA		Bas-St-Laurent, Gaspesie	....-....	HIS

      * note: column 2a is not included.

Explanation:

Row-1: Book 027 contains Marriages from the Baie-des-Caleurs Registers in Acadia for the years 1786-1799.

Row-2: Book 269 contains Births, Marriages & Deaths for Barachois in Acadia for the years 1812-1870.

Row-2: Book 142 contains History for Gaspesie, Bas-St-Laurent in Acadia.

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APPENDIX-1 DATA CODES

The Data Code abbreviation is used to describe the content:

Data Code	Description
B	Birth / Baptism
M	Marriage
D	Death
S	Burial
C	Census
A	Marginal Annotation
Fam	Family
Gen	Genealogy
Bio	Biography
His	History
Dic	Dictionary
Ref	Reference
Misc	Miscellaneous

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APPENDIX-2 PLACE CODES

United States Place Codes:

United States Place codes may identify the 'State' and 'County' for U.S. locations, but the county may be omitted.

U.S. 'State' codes typically contains the letter 'U' (for U.S.), followed by the two-letter abbreviation for the State.
For example; 'URI' represents Rhode Island, 'UMA' represents Massachusetts, and 'UME' represents Maine.

A 'County' code may follow the U.S. State code, as a 3-letter acronym for the county name.
For example; ' UMA WOR' represents Worcester County, Mass., and 'URI BRI' represents Bristol County, Rhode Island.

Canadian Place Codes:

Canadian Place codes may identify the 'Province/Territory' and 'County' for Canadian locations, but the county may be omitted.

Listings for the Province of Quebec may only contain a 'County' code for the location.

Listings for outside of Quebec Province may use place codes that identify the 'Province' and 'County'[3], but county may be omitted.
[3] County references are only valid up to 1979, when they were organized as Regional County Municipalities (RCMs).

For examples;

1. a <u>Quebec</u> Province place code might be 'ABI' for Abitibi, or 'GAT' for Gateneau, with both being in Quebec Province.
2. a place code <u>outside of Quebec</u> might be 'ONT SUD' for Sudbury, Ontario; or 'NBK RST' for Restigouche, New Brunswick.
3. but, a place code <u>outside of Quebec</u> might only list the Province, like 'ONT' for Ontario Province, or 'YKN' for Yukon Territory.

<u>Foreign Country Place Codes</u>:

Listings for Foreign countries (beyond Canada) only include a 3-letter country abbreviation as the 'Place Code'.
For example; 'FRA' represents France, and 'GBR' represents Great Britain.

<u>Place Code Listing Sorted by Place Name:</u>

Place Code	Place Name / Description	Country
ABI	Abitibi, Quebec	Canada
ACA	Acadia (province of Canada)	Canada
ALS	Alaska (see Alberta Canada)	United States
ATA	Alberta (province of Canada)	Canada
ARG	Argenteuil, Quebec	Canada
ART	Arthabaska, Quebec	Canada
ACC	Auclair Collection	_
AUS	Austria	Austria
BAG	Bagot, Quebec	Canada
BCE	Beauce, Quebec	Canada
BHN	Beauharnois, Quebec	Canada
BEL	Belgium	Belgium
BSE	Bellechasse, Quebec	Canada
BER	Berthier, Quebec	Canada
BIO	Biographies by Surname	_
BON	Bonaventure, Quebec	Canada
BCB	British Columbia (province of Canada)	Canada
BRO	Brome, Quebec	Canada
CAN	Canada (general)	Canada
CHN	Champlain, Quebec	Canada
CHR	Charlevoix, Quebec	Canada
CHY	Chateauguay, Quebec	Canada
CHI	Chicoutimi, Quebec	Canada
CHIS	Church Histories	_
COM	Compton, Quebec	Canada
UCT	Connecticut, United States	United States
DMT	Deux-Montagnes, Quebec	Canada
DOR	Dorchester, Quebec	Canada
DRU	Drummondville, Quebec	Canada
EUR	Europe (general)	Europe (general)
FAM	Family Histories	_
UFL	Florida, United States	United States
FRA	France	France
FRO	Frontenac, Quebec	Canada
GAS	Gaspe, Quebec	Canada
GAT	Gatineau, Quebec	Canada
GER	Germany	Germany
GBR	Great Britain (general)	Great Britain
GRC	Greece	Greece
HIS	History (general)	_
HUL	Hull, Quebec	Canada

HUN	Huntingdon, Quebec	Canada
IBE	Iberville, Quebec	Canada
IJS	Ile-Jesus, Quebec	Canada
UIL	Illinois, United States	United States
UIN	Indiana, United States	United States
UIA	Iowa, United States	United States
IRS	Ireland	Ireland
ITL	Italian	Italian
JOL	Joliette, Quebec	Canada
KAM	Kamouraska, Quebec	Canada
UKA	Kansas, United States	United States
UKY	Kentucky, United States	United States
LAB	Labelle, Quebec	Canada
LSJ	Lac-Saint-Jean, Quebec	Canada
LAP	Laprairie, Quebec	Canada
LAS	L'Assomption, Quebec	Canada
LEV	Levis, Quebec	Canada
LIS	L'Islet, Quebec	Canada
LOT	Lotbiniere, Quebec	Canada
ULA	Louisiana, United States	United States
UME	Maine, United States	United States
MAN	Manitoba (province of Canada)	Canada
MAS	Maskinongue, Quebec	Canada
UMA	Massachusetts, United States	United States
MAT	Matane, Quebec	Canada
MTP	Matapédia, Quebec	Canada
MEG	Megantic, Quebec	Canada
UMI	Michigan, United States	United States
MHIS	Military History	_
UMN	Minnesota, United States	United States
MIS	Missisquoi, Quebec	Canada
UMO	Missouri, United States	United States
MCM	Montcalm, Quebec	Canada
MGY	Montmagny, Quebec	Canada
MCY	Montmorency, Quebec	Canada
MTL	Montreal, Quebec	Canada
NAP	Napier, Quebec	Canada
NBK	New Brunswick (province of Canada)	Canada
UNH	New Hampshire, United States	United States
UNY	New York, United States	United States
NIC	Nicolet, Quebec	Canada
UNC	North Carolina, United States	United States
UNCS	North Central States, United States	United States
UND	North Dakota, United States	United States
NWT	Northwest Territory (province of Canada)	Canada
NVS	Nova Scotia (province of Canada)	Canada
UOH	Ohio, United States	United States
ONT	Ontario (province of Canada)	Canada
UPNW	Pacific Northwest, United States	United States
PAP	Papineau, Quebec	Canada
UPA	Pennsylvania, United States	United States
POL	Poland	Poland
PON	Pontiac, Quebec	Canada
POR	Portneuf, Quebec	Canada
PEI	Prince Edward Island (province of Canada)	Canada

QUE	Quebec City, Quebec	Canada
QUE	Quebec Province (general)	Canada
URI	Rhode Island, United States	United States
RCU	Richelieu, Quebec	Canada
RMD	Richmond, Quebec	Canada
RIM	Rimouski, Quebec	Canada
RDL	Riviere-du-Loup, Quebec	Canada
ROU	Rouville, Quebec	Canada
SAG	Saguenay, Quebec	Canada
CHT	Saint-Chrysostome, Quebec	Canada
HYC	Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec	Canada
SJC	Saint-Jean, Quebec	Canada
SMC	Saint-Maurice, Quebec	Canada
SAS	Saskatchewan (province of Canada)	Canada
SCT	Scotland	Scotland
SHF	Shefford, Quebec	Canada
SHR	Sherbrooke, Quebec	Canada
SOU	Soulanges, Quebec	Canada
STD	Stanstead, Quebec	Canada
SWD	Sweden	Sweden
TBDF	Talbot, Beauce, Dorchester, Frontenac, Quebec	Canada
TMIB	Talbot, Montmagny, L'Islet, Bellechasse, Quebec	Canada
TMS	Temiscamingue, Quebec	Canada
TCT	Temiscouata, Quebec	Canada
UTN	Tennessee, United States	United States
TER	Terrebonne, Quebec	Canada
THIS	Town Histories	_
USA	United States (general)	United States
VAU	Vaudreuil, Quebec	Canada
VER	Vercheres, Quebec	Canada
UVT	Vermont, United States	United States
UVA	Virginia, United States	United States
UWA	Washington, United States	United States
UWI	Wisconsin, United States	United States
WOL	Wolfe, Quebec	Canada
YAM	Yamaska, Quebec	Canada
YKN	Yukon Territory (province of Canada)	Canada

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