

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Alan Danskin, British Library Representative
Subject: Fuller forms of name: Revision of RDA 9.19.1.4 *Optional addition*

Intention

To restrict the scope of **9.19.1.4 *Optional addition*** to the full form of a part of the name represented only by an initial or abbreviation in the form chosen as the preferred name, and to exclude a part of the name not included in the form chosen as the preferred name. This would allow the option to be applied to expand initials used in the preferred name, without requiring unused forenames to be added.

Summary

9.19.1.4 *Optional addition*: Add a fuller form of name even if there is no need to distinguish between access points.

The *Optional addition* does not discriminate between the full form of a part of a name represented only by an initial or abbreviation in the form chosen as the preferred name, and a part of the name not included in the form chosen as the preferred name. The inclusion of the latter results in additions which are superfluous, which may confuse the user, and make heading displays unnecessarily long. The following hypothetical examples illustrate this point:

Dickens, Charles (Charles John Huffam), 1809-1882
Charles (Charles Philip Arthur George), Prince of Wales, 1948-
Dalí, Salvador (Salvador Domingo Felipe Jacinto Dalí i Domènech),
1904-1989

The fuller form of name could in all cases be recorded in MARC fields 378 and 670.

This brings into RDA the distinction made in AACR2 22.18A Option, as recommended by the PCC Task Group on AACR2 & RDA Acceptable Heading Categories Final Report (para 5.4).¹

¹ "The LCPS concerning fullness of personal names as applied to newly-created authority records should be replaced by a policy statement (based in large part on the current LCRI 22.18) that calls for the addition of subfield \$q in the following cases: 1) in case of conflict, 2) when subfield \$a of the heading contains an abbreviation or initials, or 3) when the heading consists of a surname alone (whether or not followed by subfield \$c). This policy statement should explicitly proscribe the use of

Changes to RDA instructions:

Option 1

Amend the optional addition at 9.19.1.4 to limit its application to parts of the name included in the form chosen as the preferred name.

9.19.1.4 *Optional addition*

“Optional Addition

Add a fuller form of name even if there is no need to distinguish between access points. Add the fuller form of name before the date of birth and/or death, if applicable.”

Add text:

In applying this option, do not add a part of the name not included in the form chosen as the preferred name.

Remove example:

~~Carey Hobson, Mrs. (Mary Ann)~~

Tools

Not affected

Resources

Not affected

Option 2

If JSC does not wish to preclude the addition of a part of the name not included in the form chosen as the preferred name, then **9.19.1.4 *Optional addition*** could instead be revised as follows:

“Optional Addition

Add a fuller form of name even if there is no need to distinguish between access points. Add the fuller form of name before the date of birth and/or death, if applicable.”

Add text:

In applying this option, add the full form of a part of a name represented only by an initial or abbreviation in the form chosen as the preferred name, or add a part of the name not included in the form chosen as the preferred name, or add both.

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Changes to RDA instructions:

If JSC accepts option 1

9.19.1.4 *Optional addition*

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Add a fuller form of name even if there is no need to distinguish between access points. Add the fuller form of name before the date of birth and/or death, if applicable. In applying this option, do not add a part of the name not included in the form chosen as the preferred name.

Delete example:

~~Carey Hobson, Mrs. (Mary Ann)~~

If JSC accepts option 2

9.19.1.4 *Optional addition* could instead be revised as follows:

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In applying this option, add the full form of a part of a name represented only by an initial or abbreviation in the form chosen as the preferred name, or add a part of the name not included in the form chosen as the preferred name, or add both.