

Certification of Minnesota Genealogists. In the other 48 states, apparently anyone can set up a kitchen industry in genealogy. Some overlapping occurs at the national level with, in addition to the Washington, D.C. office, The Association of Professional Genealogists (Salt Lake City) and International Genealogy Consumers Organization (also of Salt Lake City). Associations for certifying also exist in England and Australia. Other countries probably have such organizations, but they are not listed here.

The directory lists only about 800 narrowly selected professed genealogists based on contributions to the discipline, achievements, and public interest. The latter would include the generalists, mostly newspaper reporters and moonlighters, such as would be found in any professional listing. The entries contain a mass of information, far beyond what one would find in, say, *Who's Who in America*, where many of these are also listed, since their achievements move beyond that of being a genealogist. Most of the entrants have long dossiers of publications and other professional activities, altogether an impressive group under any and all criteria.

The cover lists the book as Volume 1, which surely should be First Edition, as it is called throughout the front matter in the news release for it. Make no mistake, this is an important directory, one that does honors for a budding scholarly field and for the two editors who have taken painstaking care and an obvious pride in their work and responsibilities.

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