Card Catalog 1870–1897 Index

Description

The oldest part of the card catalog is a general index and covers registrations from 1870 through 1897 and is used primarily for historical purposes since, in general, any work published or registered prior to 1923 would no longer be under copyright protection in the United States. Author, title, and claimant entries for all types of works are interfiled in one alphabet. The first word of a title, or a keyword within the title, and the names of the author and claimant are the basic filing elements. The year date and number found next to the entry lead to the record books where the full copyright facts are recorded. These books may be reviewed in the Copyright Public Records Reading Room (LM-404), between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm eastern time, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

Card Layouts in the Copyright Card Catalog

Cards in the copyright card catalog are alphabetized by a header. A header can be the author and/or claimant, title, and sometimes content of a registration.

Author

(Hover over the items at the right to see the different fields that make up this card.)

Where the card is found: Index: 1870–1897, Drawer: BARNES-BATG, Card: 0047
**Author – index card**

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![Author index card]

*Where the card is found: Index: 1870–1897, Drawer: BARNES-BATG, Card: 0048*

**Claimant**

*(Hover over the items at the right to see the different fields that make up this card.)*

![Claimant index card]

*Where the card is found: Index: 1870–1897, Drawer: BON-BOS, Card: 0596*
**Reference Card**

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![Reference Card Image]

**Where the card is found:** Index: 1870–1897, Drawer: BON-BOS, Card: 0600