Card Catalog 1938–1945 Index

Description

The 1938–1945 time period contains two separate indexes: (1) Application Cards, and (2) General Index Cards from that time-period.

(1) Application Cards: the cards are arranged in drawers by class of work (e.g. A = book), and sorted numerically by registration number. The Application Cards are the actual record and will not be included this document.

(2) Index Cards: This part of the card catalog, which actually began in November 1937, is also known as the general index. All classes of registrations are interfiled in one alphabetical sequence. The claimant is the main entry on the original registration (application) card, and added-entry cards exist for the author, title, source author, and source title in the case of a derivative work and for the name of any other person who had some responsibility in the creation of the work. Similar added-entry cards for related names and titles are interfiled throughout the rest of the card catalog. Beginning in 1938, the principal access to maps is by claimant, with added entries for place name and author.

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. This means often times there will be several cards for one registration number. Below are examples of a registration with various cards in the card catalog. The items at the right illustrate the different fields that make up that card.
**Claimant (same Author)**

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

![Image of card with Author, Title, Claimant, Registration Date, Registration Number, and Cataloger Notes fields]

*Where the card is found:* Index: 1938–1945, Drawer: HUNTING-HURZ, Card: 1521

**Claimant (different Author)**

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

![Image of card with Author, Title, Claimant, Registration Date, Registration Number, and Cataloger Notes fields]

*Where the card is found:* Index: 1938–1945, Drawer: ODE-OF, Card: 0005
Author

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

Where the card is found: Index: 1938–1945, Drawer: JAG-JIM HANDY PICTURE, Card: 0034

Reference Card

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

Where the card is found: Index: 1938–1945, Drawer: HUNTING-HURZ, Card: 1520
Renewal Card

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

Where the card is found: Index: 1938–1945, Drawer: QUINN-QZ, Card: 0004

Title
Claimant
Author
Original Claimant
Original Registration Number
Original Registration Date
Renewal Number
Renewal Date

Photoplay

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

Where the card is found: Index: 1938–1945, Drawer: GRANTA-GRAW, Card: 0139

Title
Author
Claimant
Registration Number
Registration Date
Cataloger Notes
Serial

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

Where the card is found: Index: 1938–1945, Drawer: MATTHEWS M-MAU, Card: 0878