

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Dave Reser, LC Representative
Subject: Recording the Fuller Form of Name (9.5.1.1)

We agree with CCC that there is a paradox between the "fuller form of name" as defined in the scope at 9.5.1.1 and the "fuller form of name" that is recorded following 9.5.1.3. Until CCC's proposal, we had been recording "Nancy Elizabeth" as the fuller form of name for Nancy E. Smith per 9.5.1.3 without even noticing that only "Elizabeth" should be the fuller form according to 9.5.1.1.

LC supports CCC's proposal with these modifications:

1) Simplify the definition to remove language about "commonly used" and "group of names," which is ambiguous and currently not used in RDA. We suggest this:

A fuller form of name is a name or names associated with a person that includes:

2) Change the "or" to "and/or" between the a) and b) paragraphs because then the scope and glossary would allow "Frederick M." (see Example #4 in CCC's proposal) to be recorded as the fuller form of name for "F. Brown". The name "Frederick" fits paragraph a) in the definition and the initial "M." fits paragraph b) so the definition should allow both parts as the fuller form.