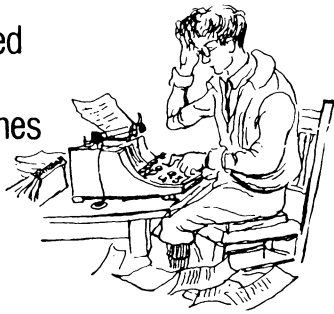


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Wi' a hundred Pipers

In 1973 Graham M. H. Piper set out to prove his supposed relationship to Captain John Piper. Eight years later he had compiled details of about 350 years of a Piper family – but not Capt. Piper's.

Earlier this year he published *The Minorca Pipers* (Minorca was the ship on which his ancestors arrived in 1801), a 200-page family history abounding in names – all indexed – dates and as much fact and as little fiction as possible. It is an interesting book for the side-lights it casts upon society through the record of achievements of ordinary people. Mainly, I guess, it will be scanned by other Pipers hunting for bits of their personal jigsaw puzzles, and it will serve this purpose admirably.

Graham M. H. Piper's *The Minorca Pipers*, published by the author, is available from PO Box 115, Beecroft, NSW 2119. It costs \$20.00, plus postage \$1.50 to Sydney, \$2.00 to the rest of NSW and \$3.00 to other states. (ISBN 0 9594214 0 8).

ABN fiche catalogue

The National Library of Australia is publishing on microfiche the total listing of holdings recorded in the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN) database by its 19 participating libraries.

The catalogue includes books, serials and an increasing proportion of non-book materials. The catalogue will follow the same pattern as the NLA catalogues, with a register and author, title/series and subject indexes. The register contains all the bibliographic

information relating to a particular record and is accessed through the three indexes.

The ABN catalogue, which in its early stages will form a useful adjunct to NUCOM, will, with increasing numbers of serial titles being represented, gradually complement the serial union lists also. The CSIRO is currently evaluating ABN with a view eventually to adding information from SSAL to the ABN database.

ABN catalogue: a list of books, serials and non-book material held by Australian Bibliographic Network participants is available on a subscription basis from Sales and Subscriptions, NLA, Canberra, ACT 2600. The 1982 subscription is \$149.00 (ISSN 0729 2562.)

Also known as . . .

Cato is actually Michael Foot and Frank Owen. Morris East is actually Morris West. Ernest Basch was by turns A.B., E.B. and E.E. Ashton. These, and thousands of other pseudonyms, some ingenious, others merely clever, others cryptic, are listed in the third edition of Frank Atkinson's *Dictionary of literary pseudonyms*.

Atkinson, who also writes under the names Frank Curnow and (better known to librarians) Robert Shallow, covers over 4000 twentieth century British and North American authors who use or used pseudonyms. A few Australians have also crept in.

The dictionary has two sections: real name to pseudonym, and vice versa. For quantity Donald Sydney Rowland seems to take the prize, with 50 pseudonyms to his credit. For variety Edward Alexander Crowley (ranging from Abhavananda and Gentleman of the University of Cambridge, to Comte de Fénix and St. E.A. of M. and S.). It is a useful publication and the amusing introduction is worth reading too.

Frank Atkinson's *Dictionary of literary pseudonyms*, third edition, was published earlier this year by Bingley. It costs £8.50. (ISBN 0 85157 323 1.)

Something to sing about

The difficulties experienced by choral societies in obtaining printed music for their performances led to the proposal, a couple of years ago, to compile a list of all choral music held by choral groups in North Queensland. Funding authorities lent a sympathetic ear, and the project now has a corporeal form:

Choral music in North Queensland: a union catalogue, compiled by Penelope Beall and published last year by Townsville College of Advanced Education.

The first edition of the catalogue lists 1671 titles, including all the printed vocal music held by the College's Library Resources Centre and items held by twelve choirs. Items are listed by title, composer, arranger and lyricist, and there is also a subject approach by type of music.

Copies of *Choral music in North Queensland* can be obtained for \$12.00 post free from Music Catalogue Project, Library Resources Centre, James Cook University of North Queensland, PO, James Cook University, Qld 4811. (ISBN 0 9594543 3 0.)

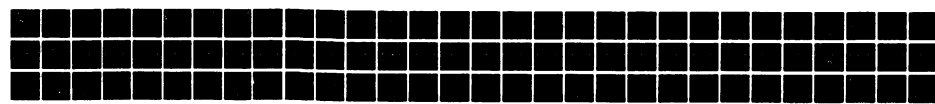
Worth investing in

The Australian Business Index has now been published since February 1981, and its early promise has been fulfilled. It does provide excellent coverage of news of financial interest in Australia's four main dailies, the largest circulation business journals and three major Sunday newspapers.

The great strength of *ABI* lies in the depth of indexing of individual company names. The subject approach, particularly with some of the broader headings such as coal, property and motor industry, is somewhat less satisfactory. In time, perhaps, it may be possible to create greater specificity, rather than expecting the user to scan lengthy chronologically-arranged groups of entries. The problem described will compound twelvefold, of course, in the annual cumulation.

In due course it is promised that the range of publications indexed in *ABI* will be increased – this will be excellent, so long as it does not mean any reduction in the depth of indexing of the publications currently covered. *ABI* is also available as an AUSINET database (ABIX). Online the problem of lack of specificity, in this writer's view, is a serious flaw, beggaring precision and muddying recall. No doubt user feedback will enable *ABI* to become an even more useful index than it is now.

The Australian Business Index, which is published monthly, with annual cumulations, is available from PO Box 430, Milsons Point, NSW 2061. It costs \$125.00 per annum. (ISSN 0725-3109.)



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