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Bentley provides information concerning some 25,000 organizations, government agencies, archives, and libraries that support genealogical research. Following the same arrangement as the 3rd edition (1995), the largest of the four main sections is alphabetical by state, and each listing gives, where applicable (and when available), address, phone and fax numbers, contact name, hours, e-mail address, URL, and a brief description. The other sections are devoted to national offices, ethnic/religious sources, and special resources (e.g., heraldry, adoption searches). This edition adds several more ethnic/religious categories (e.g., Australian, Hutterite), as well as phone numbers for selected local LDS Family History Centers, commercial publication of which had traditionally been opposed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints—hence their addresses are not included. Since like its predecessors the information here was compiled from questionnaires, now supplemented by data from the Internet, it is subject to change—a few URLs and area codes are already out of date. There are useful indexes for both organization and publication names, as well as some "yellow page" advertisements for genealogical services. While some of this information can be accessed elsewhere, it is convenient to have it readily available in one source. Indispensable for any library supporting genealogical research.—J. A. Drobnicki, CUNY York College