

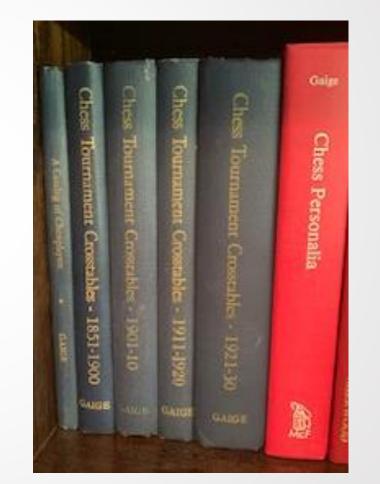
<u>The Chess Data Archives</u> <u>of Jeremy Gaige</u>

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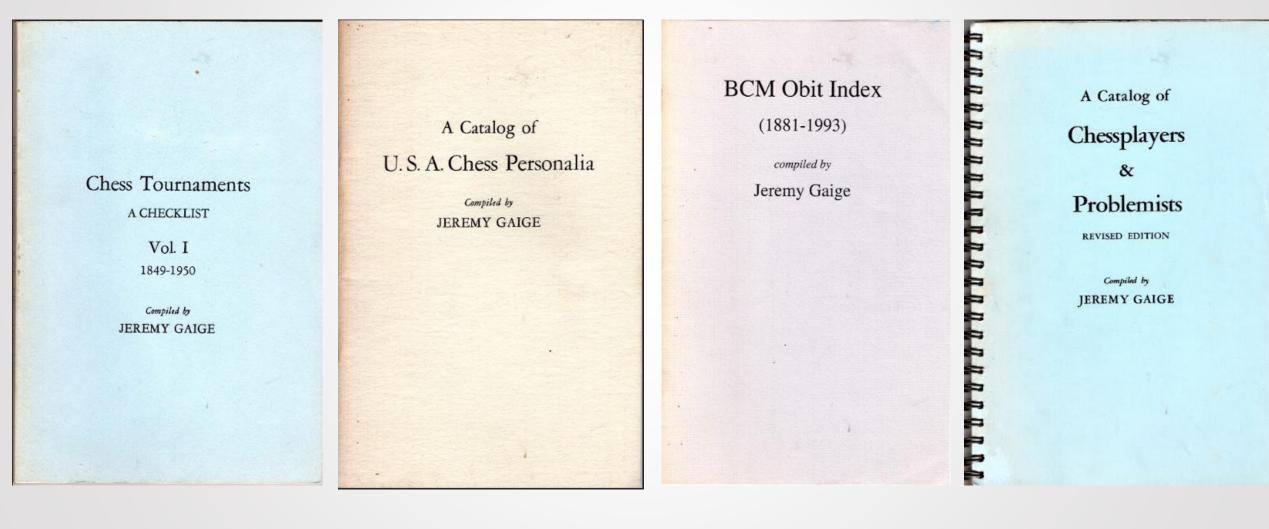
Jeremy Gaige

October 9, 1927 (New York) – February 19, 2011 (Philadelphia)

- Meticulous chess archivist
- Best known for his four volume compendium of chess crosstables
- and for his Chess Personalia, basic biographical data on chess players

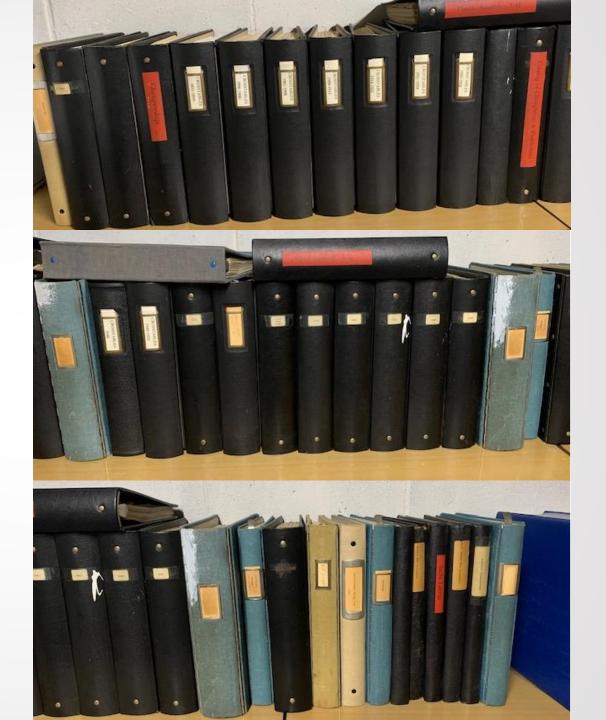


Jeremy Gaige Monographs



Jeremy Gaige's Chess Archive

- Prior to his death, Gaige gifted two cartons (containing 11 research binders) to well-known Chess Game Historian and Preservationist Andy Ansel
- After his death, the remainder of Gaige's archive, nine cartons of binders, were forwarded to Fred Wilson, the prominent New York City chess book dealer.
- Fred forwarded the binders to Jon Edwards, the 32nd World Correspondence Champion. Jon has a PhD in History from Michigan State University
- Jon and Andy are collaborating to bring this archive back into prominence





Jeremy Gaige's Bibliography (from Wikipedia)

- A Catalog of Chess Players and Problemists (1969)
- Chess Tournament Crosstables, vol I, 1851–1900 (1969)
- Chess Tournament Crosstables, vol II, 1851–1900 (1971)
- Chess Tournament Crosstables, vol III, 1901–1920 (1972)
- Chess Tournament Crosstables, vol IV, 1921–1931 (1974)
- Chess Tournaments A Checklist: Vol I: 1849-1950 (1984)
- Chess Tournaments A Checklist: Vol II: 1951-1980 (1984)
- Chess Tournament Crosstables, vol I, 1851–1900 (1985), revised version of the 1969 edition
- FIDE-Titled Correspondence Players (1985)
- Catalog of British Chess Personalia (1985)
- Oxford-Cambridge Chess Matches (1873–1987) (1987)
- Chess Personalia A Biobibliography (1987), reprinted (2005: McFarland)
- Catalog of USA Chess Composers (1987)
- Swiss Chess Personalia (1987)
- FIDE-titled composers (1988)
- Problemist obituary index (1989)
- Chess Personalia A Biobibliography (1989), privately circulated update of the 1987 edition
- Index of obituaries in the British Chess Magazine 1881-1988 (1989)
- British FIDE and ICCF titleholders (1989)
- FIDE Female Titleholders (1991)
- USA FIDE-Titled Players & Arbiters (1993)
- Chess Personalia A Biobibliography (1994), privately circulated update of the 1987 edition

Jeremy Gaige's Bibliography (Gaige revisions beyond Wikipedia)

•	A Catalog of Chess Players and Problemists (1969)	Rev 1971
•	Chess Tournament Crosstables, vol I, 1851–1900 (1969)	Rev 1992, 1995
•	Chess Tournament Crosstables, vol II, 1851–1900 (1971)	
•	Chess Tournament Crosstables, vol III, 1901–1920 (1972)	Rev 1986-1992
٠	Chess Tournament Crosstables, vol IV, 1921–1931 (1974)	
•	Chess Tournaments - A Checklist: Vol I: 1849-1950 (1984)	Rev 1989
•	Chess Tournaments - A Checklist: Vol II: 1951-1980 (1984)	Rev 1984-1989
٠	<i>Chess Tournament Crosstables, vol I, 1851–1900</i> (1985), revised version of the 1969 edition	
٠	FIDE-Titled Correspondence Players (1985)	
٠	Catalog of British Chess Personalia (1985)	Rev 1992
	Oxford-Cambridge Chess Matches (1873–1987) (1987)	
٠	Chess Personalia - A Biobibliography (1987), reprinted (2005: McFarland)	Rev 1994
•	Catalog of USA Chess Composers (1987)	Rev 1987
•	Swiss Chess Personalia (1987)	
•	FIDE-titled composers (1988)	Rev 1991
•	Problemist obituary index (1989)	
	Chess Personalia - A Biobibliography (1989), privately circulated update of the 1987 edition	Rev 1994
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	British FIDE and ICCF titleholders (1989)	Rev 1988-1991
	FIDE Female Titleholders (1991)	
	USA FIDE-Titled Players & Arbiters (1993)	Rev 1995
٠	Chess Personalia - A Biobibliography (1994), privately circulated update of the 1987 edition	

Additional and much lesser known Jeremy Gaige Monographs

Australian Chess Personalia	1987
Austrian Chess Personalia	1984
Baltic Chess Personalia	1987
Belgian Chess Personalia	1988
British Chess Personalia	1991
Bulgarian Chess Personalia	1987
Canadian Chess Personalia	1989
<u>Chess Obituaries in the London Times</u>	1989
<u>Correspondence Chess Personalia (Alphabetically by country)</u>	1988
Czech Chess Personalia	1986
<u>Correspondence Chess Players</u>	1988
<u>Danish Chess Personalia</u>	1988
<u>French Chess Personalia</u>	1988
<u>German Chess Personalia</u>	1986, 1992
<u>Hungarian Chess Personalia</u>	1984
Italian Chess Personalia	1987
Netherland Chess Personalia	1990
<u>New England Chess Personalia</u>	4007
New Zealand Chess Personalia	1987
Polish Chess Personalia	1986
<u>Scottish Chess Personalia</u>	1981, 1988
Scottish Tournaments and Crosstables	1994
<u>Swedish Chess Personalia</u>	1989
<u>USA Chess Personalia</u>	1980, 1991, 1993
<u>USA Chess Composers</u>	1987
<u>USA ICCF Personlia</u>	1995
<u>USSR Chess Personlia</u>	1982
includes USSR Female Chess Personalia	1007
<u>Yugoslavia Chess Personalia</u>	1986

Preliminary observations

- Gaige's word processing data files were not preserved
- Apart from his publications and monographs, the pages in the archive are all that remains of Gaige's lifelong efforts
- Most of the letter-quality monographs in the archive contain Gaige's hand-written comments, additions, and corrections
- The archives also contain the voluminous records and photocopies from which he derived the publications
- Gaige intended to update his crosstable research through to the 1980s

Preliminary conclusions and directions

- Gaige continued to compile and revise the data, well past known publication dates
- Unable to attract publishers for most of his efforts, Gaige privately circulated updated monographs to chess historians and to those who helped him
- Gaige was active in these endeavors until 1995
- McFarland's 2005 paperback reprint of the original 1987 Chess Personalia did not include the numerous revisions that Gaige made in the 1994 edition, whose 800+ pages are available <u>here</u>
- Gaige's lifelong commitment to unearthing, compiling, and preserving chess data deserves an immortality that he himself could not secure
- We have scanned all of Gaige's updated, letter-quality monographs and we are making them freely available to the entire chess community

Access to the Jeremy Gaige Archive

- All the existing monographs in the archive are being scanned
- All scans are freely available <u>here</u>
- Non-commercial use of the archive is free and encouraged
- All commercial inquiries should be made <u>here</u>

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	Chess Obituaries	me	Jan 19, 2023
	Chess Personalia A-Z (1994)	me	Jan 26, 2023
	Chess Personalia by Country	me	Jan 19, 2023
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	Correspondence Chess	me	Jan 22, 2023
	FIDE Rating Lists	me	Mar 6, 2023
	Miscellaneous	me	Jan 24, 2023
	Player Records A-Z	me	Jan 26, 2023
PDF	The Chess Archives of Jeremy Gaige.pdf 🚢	me	Jan 31, 2023

Further reading on Jeremy Gaige and his archive

https://www.chesshistory.com/winter/extra/gaige.html https://en.chessbase.com/post/edward-winter-s-che-explorations-60https://www.uschess.org/index.php/Obituaries/Jeremy-Gaige.html https://worldchesshof.org/hof-inductee/jeremy-gaige https://www.kwabc.org/en/jeremy-gaige.html http://www.chessdryad.com/articles/ephemera/gaige.pdf

Interested in the Gaige Archive?

Our next steps

- Complete the scanning of all binders
- Freely share the scans within the archive for non-commercial uses
- Outreach to chess archivists, historians, journalists, and publishers
- Publicity in chess publications and online chess venues

Goals

- Promote Gaige's extraordinary, lifelong efforts
- Donation of all of Gaige's physical binders to the Cleveland Public Library once the scanning and the inventory are complete
- Finding a secure, long-term host for the Archive's scans.
- All commercial proceeds to be donated to chess charities

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