

Biographical Sources

There is a pressing need for information about the men and women who developed the electrical and computing technologies of today.

The most frequent type of question the IEEE History Center receives is the biographical.

Except for the most famous electrical engineers, it is not easy to locate biographical information.

Most biographical information is in obscure publications.



Types of Biographical Sources

- Autobiography
- Biography, scholarly and popular
- Reference works
- Oral history
- Journalism
- Personal papers and other unpublished papers



Examples of Biographical Sources

- Cortada, James. *Historical Dictionary of Data Processing: Biographies* (1987)
- Jäger, Kurt, ed. *Lexikon der Elektrotechniker* (1996)
- *McGraw-Hill Modern Scientists and Engineers* (1980)
- *Who's Who*
- IEEE Fellows biographies
- Web sources



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- Abramson, Albert. "Pioneers of television: Philo Taylor Farnsworth." *SMPTE Journal*, November 1992, pp. 770-784.
- Jenkins, Charles Francis. *The Boyhood of an Inventor*. Washington, DC: the author, 1931.
- Gregory, Richard A., and A. Ferguson. "Sir Oliver Joseph Lodge, 1851-1940." *Royal Society of London, Obituary Notices of Fellows*, vol. 3 (1939-1941), pp. 551-574.
- Wang, Twen-Shang. "The early radio industries in China." Handwritten manuscript, 1993, IEEE History Center.

