

Provisional Name Headings H 436

BACKGROUND: *When a descriptive cataloger determines that a name heading cannot be satisfactorily established according to descriptive rules because of inadequate information about the person, corporate body, or uniform title the heading represents, a "provisional" name heading is established, coded **c** in field 008/33 (the **Level of Establishment** box on the 008 input screen in authority records in the LC ILS). Name headings coded "provisional" may be assigned as subject headings without further action.*

If a name heading coded "provisional" is needed for assignment as a subject heading, assign the heading as established, or, if the work being cataloged contains additional information that will enable the heading to be fully rather than provisionally established, consider revising the heading or requesting a descriptive cataloger to do so.