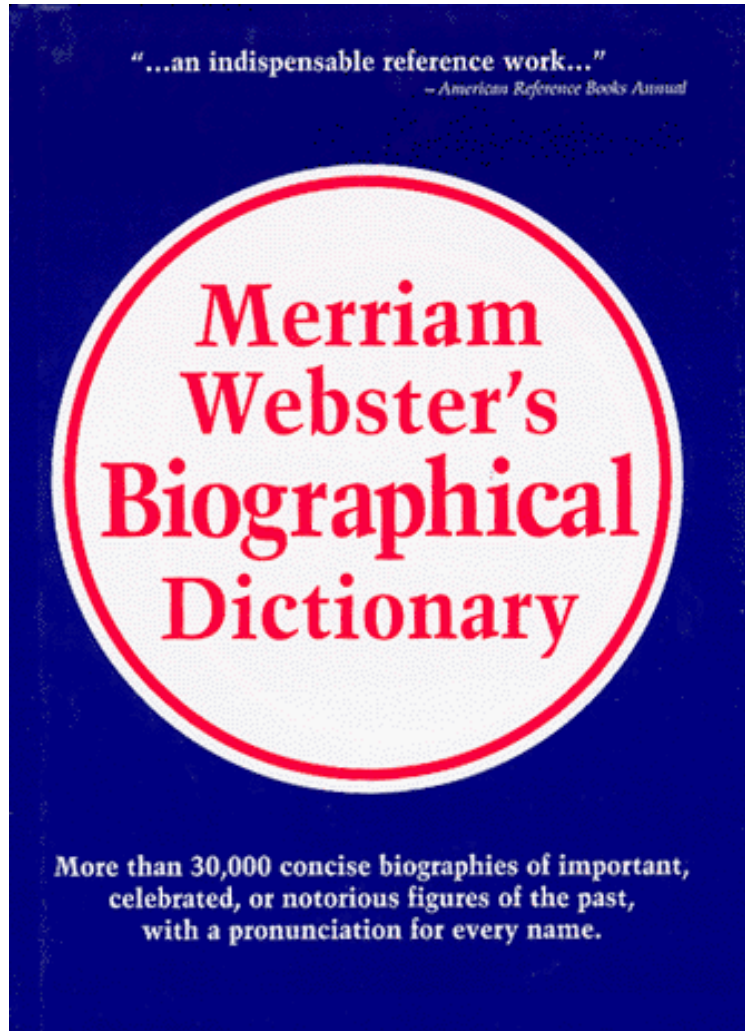


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even earlier personages who participated in the Stamp Act Congress, were not listed. This seems to me to be a major oversight on the part of the editors, especially since this is a resource predominantly for Americans. That having been said, some of the entries for the Founders gave much greater detail than anticipated, including family and other relationships I might not have otherwise realized. Presumably historical figures for other areas of interest fare similarly. Your particular area of interest might not be covered thoroughly, or as thoroughly as you might like or need, such as with the Founders. Yet, you may be surprised at additional information that is useful that you may not have expected for persons of particular interest to you. But I can't really speak to such other areas of interest, for I have used this biographical dictionary in a comprehensive way only for our Founding Generation. This volume is otherwise just a general resource I consult occasionally. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent reference
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