

The Wheeling Area: An Annotated Bibliography. By KENNETH R. NODYNE and DENNIS E. LAWTHER. (Morgantown, West Virginia: West Virginia University Library, 1981. Pp. 54. Introduction, index. \$3.25.)

As the introduction states, this "bibliography is intended to be a guide to the scholar of the history of Wheeling and vicinity," but on page 4 the title reads, *Annotated Bibliography of the Upper Ohio Valley*, which broadens the coverage of this volume considerably.

The bibliography is divided into sections entitled General Histories and Memoirs, Topical Histories, Prehistory to the Civil War, Civil War to the Creation of West Virginia, and Post-Civil War West Virginia. There is an author index only. A list of repositories and their codes are included so that the scholar can locate each source. The annotations are generous, sometimes running to three or four paragraphs. The underlying sources are given, if known, and the quality of the work is evaluated. If footnotes or a bibliography are included, that fact is noted.

This is an indispensable tool for the librarian, historian, researcher, and scholar on the subject of Wheeling, West Virginia, the history of the Panhandle, and the Upper Ohio Valley. It may be too specialized for small libraries, but it should be well within their price range.

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