

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: John Attig, ALA Representative
Subject: Other place associated with the person: Revision of RDA 9.11

ALA thanks the British Library for the proposed revisions to Place of Residence. ALA is sympathetic with the desire to expand the scope of this element, but believes that the Place of Residence is highly important and should be retained as an element. Although ALA did not have the opportunity to comment on the Library of Congress response, the alternative revision proposed by LC is consistent with ALA's position.

ALA Representative note: Is there any virtue in combining all the Place Associated with the Person elements into a single element, with sub-types for Place of Birth, Place of Death, Country Associated with the Person, Place of Residence, and Other Place Associated with the Person? This is what MARC 21 has done in field 370, and what RDA has done in some other cases. The FRAD elements would still exist in RDA, as sub-types, and would retain their FRAD scope. This strikes me as a simpler solution, and one that would allow Other Place Associated with the Person to be defined as a separate sub-type, rather than extending the scope of Place of Residence to cover other places.