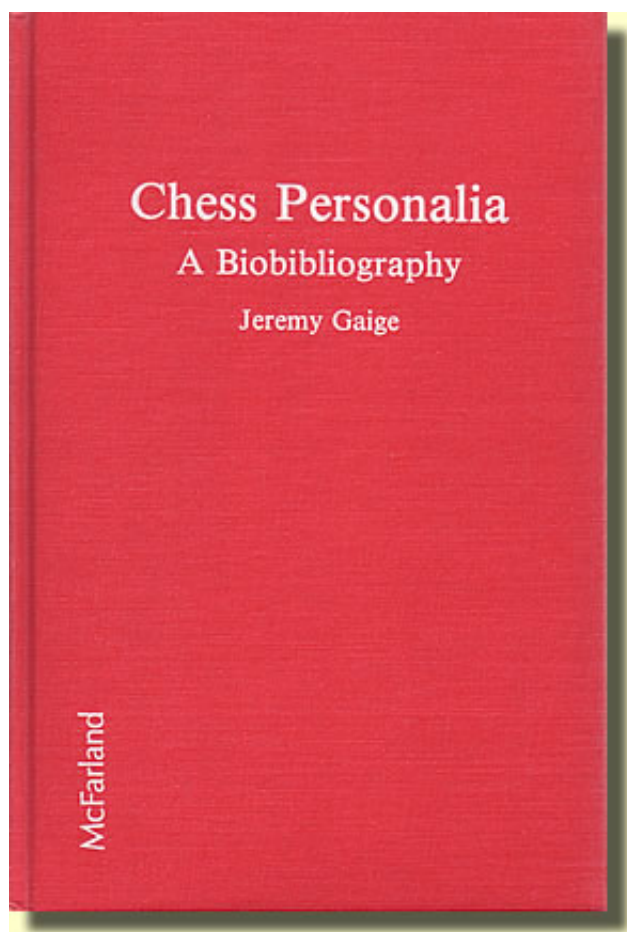


Jeremy Gaige

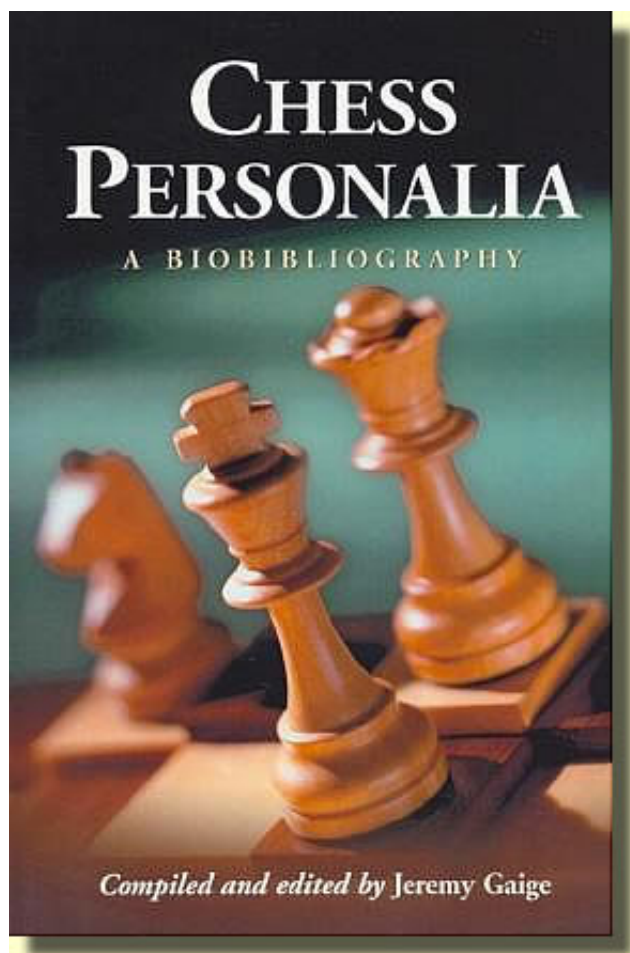
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Jeremy Gaige, the great American chess historian and archivist, passed away this year's February at the age of 83. As an article on Jeremy Gaige (by Andy Ansel) is planned for our next CSQ issue, only a short note of remembrance will be presented here.

Jeremy Gaige was a pioneer in the field of collecting chess data, and his outstanding magnum opus *Chess Personalia - A Biobibliography* belongs even nowadays – in the era of electronic databases – to the standard reference works for all those who intend a research on a more or less known chess figure. In the whole chess world Gaige was famous for his painstaking work and the reliability of the data published by him, also appreciated in detail by Edward Winter in a separate [Feature Article](#).




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You will find a list of Jeremy Gaige's works at [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeremy_Gaige), a short biographic information in the obituary by Sally A. Downey at philly.com. But as to his vita we will above all refer to his "self-obituary", posthumously published in [Edward Winter's Chess Explorations \(60\)](#).

Additionally, an obituary from *CHESS* (April 2011) is reproduced below as well as a contribution by Johannes Fischer on Jeremy Gaige taken from *KARL* magazine (issue 1/2004; in German only):

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Contribution from KARL
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OBITUARY - **Jeremy Gaige** (9 October 1927, New York - 19 February 2011, Philadelphia) was probably the most distinguished chess archivist and statistician of all time. Coming late to chess and only a modest player, he devoted much of the second half of his long life to a painstaking, systematic compilation of accurate tournament and player information. His published books became standard works of chess

reference, including four volumes of *Chess Tournament Crosstables*, covering the period 1851 to 1930, *Chess Personalia: A Biobibliography* (1987), providing vital data on some 14,000 chessplayers, plus a number of other invaluable monographs. His books may not have made the chess best-seller list but proved of inestimable value to writers and lovers of chess history. He was a true scholar and a great American gentleman - he will be much missed.

[_ Obituary in CHESS](#)