

University of Mississippi

eGrove

---

American Institute of Accountants

Deloitte Collection

---

5-27-1913

**In March the Committee on Accounting Terminology sent a special letter to every member of our Association, requesting each one to submit one or more accounting terms and definitions**

J. Lee Nicholson

American Association of Public Accountants. Committee on Accounting Terminology

Follow this and additional works at: [https://egrove.olemiss.edu/dl\\_aia](https://egrove.olemiss.edu/dl_aia)



Part of the [Accounting Commons](#)

---

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTING TERMINOLOGY.

*The American Association of Public Accountants*

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, 20TH OF AUGUST 1887.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT,  
ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY,  
55 LIBERTY STREET, NEW YORK.

TREASURER,  
JAMES WHITAKER FERNLEY,  
907 BETZ BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA.

W. SANDERS DAVIES,  
E. W. SELLS,  
J. E. STERRETT,  
E. L. SUFFERN,  
W. F. WEISS.

SECRETARY,  
A. P. RICHARDSON,  
55 LIBERTY STREET, NEW YORK.



OFFICE OF

J. LEE NICHOLSON, CHAIRMAN,  
346 BROADWAY, NEW YORK  
H. T. WESTERMANN, MISSOURI  
FRANK G. DuBOIS, NEW JERSEY

New York, May 27, 1913.

Henry A. Niles, Esq.,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

In March the Committee on Accounting Terminology sent a special letter to every member of our Association, requesting each one to submit one or more accounting terms and definitions, and - up to date - we have received only twenty-eight replies.

As the work of this Committee is a severe task, we need all the assistance that can be given to us, and - knowing that you must be interested in having as complete a report as possible from this Committee - the writer would ask as a personal favor that you kindly examine the list of words and terms that has been compiled up to date from data received, and submit to the Committee terms and definitions not already included in the list.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, I am,

Very truly yours,

*J. Lee Nicholson*  
Chairman.

*5/28*  
*R*

Accounting	Bankruptcy	Current Assets
Account Sales	Bad Debts	Current Liabilities
Account Sales Abstract Book	Bank Loans Payable	Confirmed
Accretion	Bank Statement	Check Register
Audit	Customers Accounts	Confirmation Blank
Account Current	Capital	Cash Discount
Accured	Capital Surplus	Convertible Bonds
Appreciation	Capital Account	Contract
Assets Acquired	Capital Expenditures	Certificate of Auditor
Assets	Capital (Nominal)	Commerical Paper
Assets-Current	Capital Account-Balance	Collateral Note
Assets-Fixed	Sheet	Common Stock
Assets-Liquid	Capital Paid Up	Depreciation
Assets-Floating	Capital Stock	Depreciation Reserve
Assets-Wasting	Capital Uncalled	Depreciation Fund
Assets-Quick	Capital (Working)	Discount Account
Appraisal	Capital Reduction	Deferred Stock
Administration Expense	Capital Fixed	Depreciation Account
Adjustment Account	Carriage Account	Deficiency Account
Accounts Receivable	Capital Assets	Deficit
Accounts Payable	Cash Book	Departmental Account
Abstract of Postings	Cash Account	Dead Weight Expense
Administrator	Cash Sales	Deposits on Money
Administration	Cash Transactions	Deferred Assets
Acquirements	Cash Balance	Deferred Liability
Amortization	Certificate of Deposit	Departmental Charges
Appropriations	Charge & Discharge Account	
Apparent Surplus	Collateral	Detriments
Arbitrage Account	Capital Liabilities	Deferred Operation
Actual Values	Commission Account	Charges
Additions	Capital Outlays	Deferred Operation
Accrued Bond Interest	Consignment Accounts	Credits
Accrued Taxes	Commitment	Decrease
Adjustment Bonds	Cost Accounts	Dissolution of Part-
Account	Cost System	nership
Allocate	Capital Contributions	Distribute
Accumulation	Cost Records	Days of Grace
Analysis	Capital Stock Outstanding	
Balance	Cost Ledger	Divide
Balance Sheet	Contra Account	Deferred Charges
Betterment	Construction Account	Double Entry
Bills Receivable	Consignment Expense	Direct Labor
Bills Payable	Creditor's Accounts	Demand Loans
Book Profits	Collateral Trust Bonds	Drawee
Bonds Issued	Controlling Account	Drawer
Bonds	Cash in Bank	Deposits at risk of
Bond Interest	Cash on hand	Business
Burden	Chattel Mortgages	Debenture Bonds
Burden Variance	Contingent Liabilities	Disbursements
By-Products	Contingent Assets	Degradation
Bond Fund Authorization	Card of Accounts	Deferred Expense
Blotter	Cost of Sales	Dividends
Bordereaux	Costs	Dividend Account
Book Surplus	Check	Entry
Book Values	Composition Agreement	Establishment Expense

Estate Account	Insurance	Merchandise Sales
Executorship Accounts	Invoice Register	Mortgage Notes Payable
Executor	Income & Earnings Account	
Expenditure	Invested Assets	Material in Process
Equipment Bonds	Increase	Market Value
Equipment Account	Income & Expense	Negative Account
Equitable Assets	Imprest Fund	Net Capital
Expense Burden	Imprest Account	Net Investment
Excess & Deficiency	Impairment Account	Net Profits
Estimate	Improvements	Nominal Accounts
Earnings & Income Account	Impersonal Accounts	Nominal Capital
Endorser	Income	Nominal Ledger
Expense	Index Ledger	Notes Payable for
Equipment Notes	Individual Account	Merchandise Purchased
Extraneous Expense	Individual Ledger	Notes Payable for
Fire Loss Account	Installment Book	Money Borrowed
Face Value	Interest Account	Notes Receivable
Fire Adjustment	Intermediate Ledger	Notes Receivable
Finance	Internal Accounts	Discounted
Fixed Capital	Internal Check	Net Earnings
Floating Capital	Inventory	Non-Productive Labor
Floating Charge	Investment Account	Net Worth
Floating Debt	Investment Fund	Net Assets
Funded Debt	Invoice Book	Note Register
First Mortgage Bonds	Invoice Ledger	Offsets
Fund	Indirect Expense	Open Account
Finished Product	Indirect or Unproductive	
Finished Parts	Labor	Outside Confirmation
Furniture & Fixtures	Joint Account	Opening Entries
Folio	Journal	Operating Capital
Financial Statements	Ledger	Operating Expense
Fixed Charges	Legal Assets	Original Entry
Financial Condition	Liabilities	Original Entry Books
Foreign Exchange	Liquid Assets	Outstanding Accounts
Franchise	Liquidation Account	Other Assets
Free Surplus	Loan Account	Other Liabilities
Fund Balance Sheet	Liabilities-Current	Office Expenses
Factory Expense	Legal Expense	Outgo
Good Will	Labor	Output
Gross Profit	Limited	Overhead or Oncost
Gross Income	Leasehold	Organization Expense
Gross Earnings	Lincenses	Obsolete
Guard Book	Letters Testamentary	Obsolescent
General Ledger	Liabilities Assumed	Obsolescence
Guests' Ledger	Maintenance Account	Operating Account-
General Expenditures of	Merchandise Account	Profit & Loss
Operation	Machinery	Operating Statement
Goods in Process	Merchandise in Stock	Preferred Stock
General Administration	Manufacturing Profit	Payer
Costs	Machine Hours	Payee
General Administration	Material	Paid-Up Capital
Expenses	Maker of Note	Pass Book
General Accounts	Mortgage	Pay Roll
Hypothecate	Mortgagee	Permanent Investments
Honored or Retired	Mortgagor	Permanent Assets
Intangible Values	Merchandise Purchased	Per Cent

Personal Accounts	Rents Account	Tangible Values
Patent Rights	Reserve	Time Loans
Petty Cash	Revenue Account	Tonnage
Petty Cash Book	Revenue Expenditures	Trustee
Petty Ledger	Revenue Receipts	Transfer Book
Preference	Real Estate Mortgages	Trust Receipt
Plant	Payable	Tools Account
Pledge-Pawn	Real Estate Mortgages	Unrealized Surplus
Posting	Raw Material	Unexpired Insurance
Postponed Creditors	Reconciliation Account	Unissued Stock
Preferential Creditors	Realized Surplus	Unproductive or In-
Preliminary Expense	Realization Account	direct Labor
Productive Capital	Realization & Liquidation	
Prime Cost	Account	Unearned Burden
Prepaid Charges to	Receiver's Certificate	Up-Keep
Profit & Loss	Repairs & Renewals	Unproductive Capital
Private Ledger	Retired, or Honored	Unit of Cost
Pro-rate	Report of Auditor	Unexpired
Profit & Loss Account	Speculation Assets	Unfinished Product
Profit & Loss Statement	Selling Expense	Unsubscribed Stock
Prepaid Expense	Single Entry	Voucher
Productive Labor	Sinking Fund	Vendors
Purchase Book	Surplus	Voucher Check
Purchase Account	Surplus Fund	Voucher Register
Purchase Journal	Suspense Account	Verified
Purchase Ledger	Subsidiary	Vouchered
Profits	Supplies	Watered Stock
Partly-Finished Product	Stockholders' Equity	Working Capital
Producing Labor	Sales Ledger	Works Ledger
Plant Order	Sales Book or Sales	Work in Process
Probated	Journal	Wireless Entry
Production Order	Share Certificate	Working Account
Production Register	Secret Reserves	
Property	Standing Order	
Partner	Safe-guard System	
Partnership	Shop Burden	
Process Rates	Statement of Affairs	
Par	Selling Costs	
Partnership Accounts	Selling Expenses	
Par of Exchange	Subscription Account	
Par Value	Stock Ledger	
Prepaid Items	Segregate	
Percentage on Labor	Surplus (Special)	
Productive Hours	Surplus (Permanent)	
Quick Assets	Supplementary	
Results of Operation	Share Value	
Receipts	Shipment Account	
Real Account	Sales Account	
Real Estate	Scrutinize	
Real Value	Supporting Evidence	
Redemption Fund	Trade Discount	
Resources	Trading Account	
Representative Account	Treasury Stock	
Receiver	Trial Balance	
Reserve Fund	Turnover	
Reserved Fund	Trading Profit	