

720 FAMILY NAME – PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

Field Definition and Scope

This field contains the name of a family considered to have primary responsibility for work, in access point form.

The name of the family in this field provides that the record is created according to cataloguing rules recognising the concept of the main entry.

It may not occur in the same record as 700 Personal Name – Primary Responsibility, field 710 Corporate Body Name - Primary Responsibility or field 740 Uniform Conventional Heading for Legal and Religious Texts - Primary Responsibility, since a record can have only one access point with primary responsibility. If the concept of main entry does not exist in the cataloguing rules, or the source format does not make the distinction, this field does not occur: field 721 is used for all family name access point (see Related Fields).

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
720	FAMILY NAME – PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY	NR	O
a	Entry Element	NR	MA
c	Type of Family	NR	O
d	Places Associated with the Family	R	O
f	Dates	NR	O
o	International Standard Identifier for the Name	R	O
2	Source	NR	O
3	Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number	NR	O
4	Relator Code	R	O
8	Materials Specified	R	O

Indicators

Indicator	Value	Description
1	#	blank (not defined)
2	#	blank (not defined)

Subfields Description

\$a Entry Element

The family name in access point form. This subfield is must be present if the field is present. Not repeatable.

\$c Type of Family

A categorization or generic descriptor for the type of family. Includes categorizations such as clan, dynasty, family unit, patriarchy, matriarchy, etc. Not repeatable.

\$d Places Associated with the Family

Information pertaining to places where the family resides or resided or had some connection. Repeatable.

\$f Dates

The dates of a family when they are required as part of the access point. Not repeatable. ([EX 3](#)).

\$o International Standard Identifier for the Name

The ISNI or another international identifier assigned to the name recorded in the field. The first four character positions contain an alphabetic code specifying the nature of the identifier; in the case of an ISNI, this code corresponds to the letters preceding the number. Repeatable.

\$2 Source

An identification in coded form for the relator code schema from which the code in \$4 is derived, when the code is not from UNIMARC Relator Codes. Not repeatable.

\$3 Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number

The identifier for the authority record for the access point. This subfield is for use with UNIMARC/Authorities format. Not repeatable.

\$4 Relator Code

A code used to designate the relationship between the person named in the field and the bibliographic item to which the record refers.

Relator codes can be either numerical or alphabetical. The list of numerical codes is to be found in [Appendix B](#). If greater precision is required for performers, a list of alphabetical codes is found at the end of field 146. An agency requiring greater precision should use the numeric code followed by the more specific alphabetic code in a repeated subfield. If another system is used, \$4 can be used to carry other codes, followed by \$2. Repeatable.

\$8 Materials Specified

Part of the described materials to which the field applies. Repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents

Form of Name

The form of name which appears in the field is determined by the appropriate cataloguing rules and/or authorities used by the agency responsible for the preparation of the record.

Subfield \$a includes the name of the family. Qualifying data are recorded in \$c, \$d and \$f.

Punctuation

There are no standards for punctuation in this field. However, it is recommended that punctuation be retained where it is available in the source format. If the source format uses additional subfields it is recommended that punctuation be printed out by an algorithm generated from the definition of the additional subfields. Because there are no standards for punctuation in this field, recipients of records in the UNIMARC format will have to be aware of the practices adopted by the agency preparing the record. Agencies distributing records should attempt to be consistent in their own records.

Related Fields

200 TITLE AND STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY, subfields \$f and \$g, First Statement of Responsibility, and Subsequent Statement of Responsibility	Data in field 200 is recorded as it appears on the resource. The name of the family mentioned in \$f, or rarely in \$g, to whom is attributed primary responsibility for the resource (if any) will be entered in 720 in access point form.
721 FAMILY NAME – ALTERNATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	A family may have alternative responsibility in similar circumstances to a corporate body. The field should be used in all cases if a source record does not distinguish between primary and secondary responsibility for families.
722 FAMILY NAME – SECONDARY RESPONSIBILITY	A family may be regarded as having secondary responsibility, in the same way as a corporate body (see Field 712).

Examples

EX 1
720 ##\$aCecil\$cfamily

EX 2
720 ##\$aBuchanan\$cclan
EX 3
720 ##\$aShah\$cdynasty\$f1768-

History

2005	Field issued/re-issued with corrections/additions.
2012	Corrections and additions.
2024	Text edit.