

420 VARIANT ACCESS POINT – FAMILY NAME

Field Definition and Scope

Variant or non-preferred form of the family name in field 220.

It is formulated in accordance with the cataloguing rules or subject system in use by the agency which created it.

In some cases, this field may refer to another 2-- field following the subject system in use by the agency.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
420	VARIANT ACCESS POINT – FAMILY NAME	R	O
a	Entry Element	NR	MA
f	Dates	NR	O
c	Type of Family	NR	O
d	Places Associated with the Family	R	O
j	Form Subdivision	R	O
l	Start Period of Use	NR	O
m	End Period of Use	NR	O
x	Topical Subdivision	R	O
y	Geographical Subdivision	R	O
z	Chronological Subdivision	R	O
0	Instruction Phrase	NR	O
2	Source	NR	O
3	Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number	NR	O
4	Relator Code	R	O
5	Relationship Control	NR	O
6	Interfield Linking Data	R	O
7	Script of Cataloguing and Script of the Base Access Point	NR	O
8	Language of Cataloguing and Language of the Base Access Point	NR	O

Indicators

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

Subfields Description

\$a Entry Element

Family name in access point form.

This subfield must be present if the field is present. Not repeatable.

\$c Type of Family

Categorization or generic descriptor for the type of family that 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

Dates of a family when they are required as part of the access point.

Not repeatable.

\$l Start Period of Use

Start period of use of a name, if the entity has several successive names.

Not repeatable.

List of fixed length data elements for subfield \$l:

Name of Data Element	Number of Characters	Character Position
Era	1	0
Date	8	1-8
Date Reliability	1	9

The data element Era is mandatory if the subfield is used.

\$m End Period of Use

Final date of usage of a name, if the entity has several successive names.

Not repeatable. (EX [4](#))

List of fixed length data elements for subfield \$m:

Name of Data Element	Number of Characters	Character Position
Era	1	0
Date	8	1-8
Date Reliability	1	9

The data element Era is mandatory if the subfield is used.

\$j Form Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to further specify the kind(s) or genre(s) of material.

Agencies not using this subdivision should use \$x instead. Repeatable.

\$x Topical Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to further specify the topic the subject access point represents.

Repeatable.

\$y Geographical Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to specify a place in relation to a family which the subject access point represents.

Repeatable.

\$z Chronological Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to specify the period in time in relation to a family which the subject access point represents.

Repeatable.

\$0 Instruction Phrase

See specification of [Control Subfield 0](#). Not repeatable.

\$2 Source

See specification of [Control Subfield 2](#). Not repeatable.

Use for identification code of a subject system or a cataloguing rules that differ from the system in subfield 152b, and in which the variant access point appears.

\$4 Relator Code

See specification of [Control Subfield 4](#). Repeatable.

\$3 Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number

See specification of [Control Subfield 3](#). Not repeatable.

Use for the control number identifier of the related reference record that is used for display in preference to generating a display from the 420. Subfield \$3 may be used when the field also contains subfields \$2 and \$5 in which character position 1 contains value “0”.

\$5 Relationship Control

See specification of [Control Subfield 5](#). Not repeatable.

\$6 Interfield Linking Data

See specification of [Control Subfield 6](#). Repeatable.

\$7 Script of Cataloguing and Script of the Base Access Point

See specification of [Control Subfield 7](#). Not repeatable.

\$8 Language of Cataloguing and Language of the Base Access Point

See specification of [Control Subfield 8](#). Not repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents**\$1/0 Era**

1-character code indicates the era associated with the entity described. Mandatory.

#	CE
-	BC

\$1/1-8 Date

8-numeric characters in ISO standard form (ISO 8601) for dates: YYYYMMDD where YYYY represents the year, MM the month with leading 0 if necessary and DD the day of the month with leading 0 if necessary.

If any digit in a year, month, or day is unknown or not needed, the character position should be left blank.

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Related Fields

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Examples

EX 1
220 ##\$aMedici\$cHouse of
420 ##\$aHouse of Medici
EX 2
220 ##\$aБаратынские\$сроД
420 ##\$aБоратынские\$сроД
EX 3
220 ##\$aГурко-Ромейко\$сроД
420 ##\$aРомейко\$сроД
420 ##\$aГурко\$сроД
420 ##\$aРомейко-Гурко\$сроД
EX 4
220 ##\$7ba0yba0y\$8fre\$90\$aDe Claricini Dornpacher\$cfamille
420 ##\$7ba0yba0y\$8fre\$9\$aDe Claricini\$cfamille\$m#1418#####
420 ##\$7ba0yba0y\$8fre\$9\$aClaricini Dornpacher \$cfamille
420 ##\$7ba0yba0y\$8fre\$9\$aClaricini\$cfamille\$m#1418#####
420 ##\$7ba0yba0y\$8fre\$9\$aDornpacher\$cfamille
In 1418, addition of predicate Dompacher to the De Claricini family name.

History

1994	Text errata.
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2009	New indicators and subfields/values: \$d Places associated with the family.
2009	New indicators and subfields/values: \$c Type of family.
2016	Update.
2024	Text edit.
2025	New subfields \$l and \$m.