720 FAMILY NAME – PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

Field Definition

This field contains the name of a family considered to have primary responsibility for a work, in access point form, provided that the record is created according to cataloguing rules recognising the concept of main entry, and the source format separately identifies the main entry.

Occurrence

Optional. Not repeatable. It may not occur in the same record as a 700 field PERSONAL NAME – PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY or a 710 field CORPORATE BODY NAME – 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 headings (see Related Fields).

Indicators

Indicator 1: blank (not defined)

Indicator 2: blank (not defined)

Subfields

\$a Entry Element

The family name in access point form. Not repeatable.

\$f Dates

The dates of a family when they are required as part of the heading. Not repeatable. (EX 3).

\$3 Authority Record Number

The control number for the authority record for the heading. This subfield is for use with *UNIMARC/Authorities*. Not repeatable.

\$4 Relator Code

The code used to designate the relationship between the family named in the field and the bibliographic item to which the record refers. The list of codes is to be found in Appendix C. 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.

All data forming the heading itself (except dates) is entered in $a; any qualification must be entered in parentheses to indicate it is not part of the name itself.

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 $f, $g TITLE AND STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY, First Statement of Responsibility, and Subsequent Statement of Responsibility

Data in field 200 is recorded as it appears on the item. The name of the family mentioned in $f, or rarely in $g, to whom is attributed primary responsibility for the item (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 (s`ee Field 712).

Examples

EX 1: 720 ##$aCecil (family)

EX 2: 720 ##$aBuchanan (clan)

EX 3: 720 ##$aShah dynasty,$f1768-