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lembley

Record Search Updates Archive

To provide users access to prior press releases about Historical Records Collection releases, I have created a separate article for each release date. I can think of three ways to give users access to this information:

1. Use the main article to link to individual release date articles, leaving no individual database information on the main article page. (As an example, see [Illinois, Cook County Vital Records, FamilySearch Historical Records](#).)
2. Leave the most current release info on the main article and then provide links at the bottom to all prior release articles.
3. Leave the most current release info on the main article, and then use an Archive Box at the top of the page to give users access to prior release articles.

I'm sure there are other ways - probably better ones - to give users access to this important information.

As an unregistered user pointed out on the [FamilySearch Record Search Updates talk page](#), since Record Search is being replaced by FamilySearch, this article needs to change anyway. I'd like to see it change in a way that would make the information for all releases easily available.

Suggestions?

Lise

Williamsburg, VA

16.12.2010, 10:07

cottrells

Hi Lise,

I think this is a good idea. I have created a 4th way, it's kind of a mix between your 2nd & 3rd suggestions, but leaves the current release as it is. Today we could have added the links on the main new release page, but as the number will only increase I think a dedicated index page if you like is a better solution.

The page in question can be found at [FamilySearch Record Search Updates/Archive](#). By adding the {{archives}} navbox on this page and setting it up with a search field, anyone can easily search for items mentioned in previously releases without needing to filter out other pages in the wiki that contain the same search strings.

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evanco1

I don't think it matters as much how you format the pages as to where and how you put that main page for accessibility. Could I find it if I was curious to know if the old information was out there but had no idea what it was called or how it was organized? That would matter to me more than how I had to maneuver on the page once I got there.

Jane

17.12.2010, 12:21

AdkinsWH

Good catch!

It is important in my opinion, to keep the information about previous releases. Good thinking.

It also sounds like you have good options and suggestions.

And... people DO need to know how to get to it -- especially when they could use it and don't even know it exists. Should this be pointed to from the help content? It also relates to the Historical Records information that refers to images/indexes of collections.

Very good points, all.