



Church Census System Update-View: Part 1

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Update/View Part 1 – Family Information

Overview

View\Edit selection brings you to the main set of screens for the Census Program. Divided into several pages, you are able to input and edit all the information relating to an entire family (Pt. 1) and each individual member (Part 2).

Once you enter this section, you are able to move to each section by way of buttons designed to get you in and out quickly with a minimum of steps.

Much effort has been taken to make this very important area simple and easy to use by both the novice and the experienced user.

It is not necessary to press a special "save" key when inputting your data. The program automatically saves your data as you move from field to field.



Selecting View\Edit from the Census Menu opens the first page of the *family record*.

NOTE:

As in all sections of this manual, all of the data shown is fictitious for demonstration purposes.

Family Membership Record (Page)

Family Mem	bership Record	<u>ן</u>			
Find Family: Cras	sher		¥		
Personal Informati	ion		Fam	ily Number: 7023	Search
Last Name:	Crasher	Street Num:	44		
Secondary Name:	Magnus	Street Name:	St. Peter Ln.		
Salutation:	Mr & Mrs	P#O# Box:			
Head Of House:	John	City/Town:	MyTown	Move to Prior	
Middle Initial:	D	State:	MA	View Prior	FIND BY MEMBER
Full Middle Name:	Daniel	Zip Code:	11025		¥
NickName:		Home Phone:	413-555-1212	Unlisted: N	
Suffix:		Business Phone:	413-555-8654		Other Options
Spouse's 1st Name:	Susan	Fax Number:	413-555-8699		Other Options
Approx Yr Joined:	1998	Family Cell Num:	413-889-1212		Envelopes used
Date Joined:		Family E-mail:	crasher@someplace.r	net	Date of Last
Previous Parish:	Blessed Sacrament	Home Communion	N Name		Contribution
		Home Communior	Minister:		Prior month:
	Last Update	Home Communion	Comment:	Home Visite	
	4/27/2010			nome visita	Label Select
					Primary Record
					Temporarily Inactive
					Reason:
Family Activity	~	Family Members: 4	Notes: 0	Section: G Area: 7	
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This is the upper portion of the main census page. It includes all the information needed for mailing labels, and other data relating to the entire family.

We will describe each section of the page to make it easier to digest. Use the Table of Contents to locate quickly help for the specific area you need.

When you open this page, families are sorted alphabetically and the top of the list is "A".

a	Members	Funds	Add New	Notes	by Name	by Num		P
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This is the bottom of the same page. See "Button Bar" in the Table of Contents for a full description.

Locate a family

There are three ways to locate a family:

FIND FAMILY

Family M	lembershi	p Record					
Find Family:	Crasher					¥	
	Crasher	John		44	St. Peter Ln.	7023	^
Personal Infor	r Cream	Thomas		85	Walnut St.	3240	
	Daniels	James		19	Pine St.	5040	
Last Name:	Dawn	William	J	1781	Eastern Ln.	1296	
	Dicer	Thomas		35	Blue Blvd.	3748	
Secondary Nam	🖻 Dorman 👘	Barry		2	Cliff Dr.	5362	
Salutation:	Driver	Lucy		74	Global Dr.	1254	
Head Of House	Elmerson	Janet		10	Coffee Rd.	1061	×
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- 2. Begin typing the last name and the list will come to the top of the list as you type.
- 3. Click on the name you need and the family record will appear on the page.

Notice all the information that is available in the drop-down list. This design will help you select the correct family if there are many families with similar information.

Fields shown are *last name; first name; middle initial; house number;* and *street*. The four-digit number shown on the right is the *Family (Envelope) Number*.

FIND BY MEMBER

Γ	FIND BY	MEMBER				
	cr <mark>acola</mark>	~				
	Cracola	Nicole		D	2414	~
	Cracola	Mary	Т	W	2414	_
	Cracola	Joseph		S	2414	_
0	Cracola	Christopher	Н	S	2414	
	Cracola	James		HH	2414	
Ε	Cracola	James	м	S	2414	
-	Crasher	Kathleen	F	D	7023	
D	Crasher	John	D	HH	7023	~
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• Click the drop-down list under the title **FIND BY MEMBER**. A complete listing of every member of the parish appears listed alphabetically by last name. Fields shown are *last name; first name; middle initial; relationship* and *Family (Envelope) Number*. • Select the member and the entire family record will appear on the page.

FIND (BY FAMILY) NUMBER



- Click inside the empty field under the Find Num button and type in the Family Number.
- Click the Find Num button, or press Enter TWICE, and the family record will appear on the screen.
- NOTE: if no family information appears on the page has (fields blank) the number is not in use. Simply try again or select a family using any of the previous methods.

This is the end of Find a Family.

Name



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Last Name:	The Name of the family
Secondary Name:	The Name of another family who is living at this address. One example is the wife's parent. Last name would be different.
Salutation:	By default, Mr. & Mrs. May be changed to whatever is appropriate.
Head of House:	Census Program requires a designated Head of Household. You select the person's first name and enter it here. This name will appear on various reports and forms.
Middle Initial:	Refers to the Head of Household. Use is optional.
Full Middle Name:	Used by certain nationalities where the middle name is vital.
Nickname:	Refers to the Head of Household. Not used in reports. Most common use is with Word mail merge features. Use is optional.
Suffix:	Refers to the Head of Household. Ex.: Sr., Jr., III., etc. Use is optional.
Spouse's 1 st Name:	First name for spouse who is NOT Head of Household.

Address

		Family No	umber:	7023
Street Num:	44			
Street Name:	St. Peter Ln.			
P#O# Box:				
City/Town:	MyTown		Move	to Prior
State:	MA		View	Prior
Zip Code:	11025			
Home Phone:	413-555-1212	Unli	sted: N	
Business Phone:	413-555-8654			
Fax Number:	413-555-8699			
Family Cell Num:	413-889-1212			
Family E-mail:	crasher@some;	place.net		

Family Number and Contact Information

Family Number: This is the envelope number, placed here automatically by the program, and is used to identify this family and internally track all records for this family. It is taken from the *Add New* options on either *Manage Family* (family tab) or from the *Family Membership Record* screen. *This is a required field.*

>>> Address information used for all mailing labels. <<<

Street Number:	House ID only. Can accept alpha characters (i.e. 334W)
Name (street):	Street name - entered this way for alphabetical listings of street names.
P#O# Box:	For PO Box No., or commonly used as a second address line Examples: apt 413; second floor; Suite 3B
City/Town:	full name of city or town
State:	two alpha characters per US Postal Service
Zip:	can be 5 or 5+4 (your option)

Contact Information

Home Phone:	Main telephone number for reaching the family. Can be marked as Unlisted (Y/N)
Business Phone:	If available; for greater ability to contact the family.
Fax numbers:	If available; for greater ability to contact the family.
Family Cell Num:	Best number, chosen by the family, for reaching anyone in the family
Family E-mail:	Best address, chosen by the family, for reaching anyone in the family

Change of Address/Prior address



Before you change an address, press the **Move to Prior** button. This takes the current address and moves it to a history file. Then you can enter the new address.

NOTE: Each time you press this button an entry will appear in the history file. Duplicate files an be deleted from within the history file itself.

To see the history file, press **View Prior**. You will see the complete history of this family's address changes.

	Chage Date	Family Number	Street Number	Street Name	P#O# Box	Town	State	Zip
	10/5/2006	7023	44	St. Peter Ln.		MyTown	MA	11025
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Note the *Change Date* field. This allows you to see where a family's previous address, and when the change was made. This is useful if an address was changed in error, so the correction can be made. Also shows you if there are duplicate entries.

History



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Approx Yr Joined: Reference field to identify approximately when a family joined the parish.

Date Joined: Actual date the family registered

> Note: both of the above fields have reports connected to them to help you track join dates for "length of membership" inquiries i.e. 5- 10- 25- year anniversaries, or how many families join in a particular quarter of the year.

Previous Parish: Comment-only field to identify family's pervious parish.

Last Update

Click this button and today's date appears in the field. Date is taken from your Last Update: computer's internal clock/calendar.

Home Communion

Home Communion:	Ν	Name:	
Home Communion M	inister:		
Home Communion C	omment:		Home Visits
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Home Communion: A Y/N field. If marked Y, name and pertinent data will appear on appropriate reports.

Name:	Name of person requiring home communion. Field will hold up to 25 characters and can accommodate 2 names.
Home Communion Minister:	Name of minister assigned to your family.
Home Communion Comment:	Long comment-only field below the Home Visits button, does not appear on any report.

Home Visits

Home Communion Comment:	Home Visits				
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Clicking **Home Visits** opens the following screen:

	Visit Date	Reason For Home Visit	Home Visit Comment	Return Date
.0	7/21/2007		Add a comment here	9/15/2007
*		Family request Request volunteering		ali ang kang ka Sina ang kang kang kang kang kang kang kan
	۱ <u> </u>	Welcome		n Lander and States Marine and States and St

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Although Eucharistic Minister visits can be scheduled here, this can also be a history of any type of visit, and/or a calendar for projected/requested visits. All of the information entered here is available on reports. See **Reports>More Family Tab>Home Visits** in the **Reports** manual, or in the Census Program itself.

Visit Date:Date a visit occurred.

Reason for a Visit: This is a drop-down list (shown open) of pre-defined categories. You create and maintain this list. For more information, see **Census/Table Updates** in the **Overview/Census Menu** manual.

- Home Visit Comment: Comment field to describe either the reason for the visit or the outcome.
- **Return Date:** Schedule a date for a return visit. There is a report to see all return dates.

Envelopes Used / Date of Last Contribution, Prior Month



Envelopes Used and **Date of Last Contribution – Prior month** are automatically entered in these fields when envelope usage is entered in the **Funds module** of the census program. (See: **Funds Menu** document for more information.) They show you, at a glance, if this family is actively contributing to the support of the parish without revealing the amount of support. You cannot change the contents of these fields from this screen.

Briefly, funds are entered each week. At the end of each month, the month is "closed". Once closed, these fields are updated. If a family is new and the month is still open, these fields will be blank.

Label Select



In the **Reports** and **Label** areas of this program, there are a variety of ways to obtain mailing labels. However, you may have a special need to reach families that do not fall into the given categories. To help you meet your special need, the **Label Select** field allows you to "check off" the people you wish to contact and create mailing labels for them.

Once you select the families you need, go to the **Labels** menu (shown below) and choose **Print Selected** to print the labels. (The names will first appear on the screen, and then you can print from there.)

Labels				
Title Page Laser R.E.	Selected Misc Dot Matrix			
These Labels use the "Se	These Labels use the "Selected Label" checkbox on the Family Screen			
Manage Special Lists	This allows creating lists that can be saved to check multiple families in one step instead of going to each family screen			
Clear Selected	This will clear all selected family checkboxes- Caution there is no warning, all boxes immediately cleared when you click this button			
Print Selected)	This will print all families with the "Label Select" Checked			
Print De-Selected	This will print all families with the "Label Select" NOT Checked			
Selected Members	This will open a form that allows you to select and print individual members instead of families.			
Export Selected	This will Export all families with the "Label Select" Checked to Excel - c:\census\SelectedFamilies.xls			
Export Unselected	This will Export all families with the "Label Select" NOT Checked to Excel - c:\census\UnSelectedFamilies.xls			
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Notice in the example above that the second option is for **Unselected Families**. This allows you to print labels for everyone that you did NOT select.

Once you have completed your work, choose Clear Selected and all the checkboxes become blank.

Export Selected	This will Export all families with the "Label Select" Checked to Excel - c:\census\SelectedFamilies.xls
Export Unselected	This will Export all families with the "Label Select" NOT Checked to Excel - c:\census\UnSelectedFamilies.xls

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At the bottom of the **Labels Menu** is an option to **Export Selected and Un-selected Families**. We mention it here to complete the scope of the **Label Select** feature.

Other functions and utilities are available on this menu as shown below:



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Go to the Label Menu manual for a complete description of all these features.

Primary Record

In some parishes the situation exists where several adult members of a family living at the same address receive separate envelopes. When a mailing goes out, each member would receive a copy of the same mailing (i.e. newsletter, message from the pastor, special announcement, etc.).

Other Options	
Envelopes used	
Date of Last Contribution Prior month:	
6/1/2010	
Primary Record	
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To eliminate these costly duplicate mailings, we have created a **Primary Record** feature. When you encounter the situation described, determine whose name should appear on the address label. They become the Primary Record. Then, simply "uncheck" the other members living at the same address.

Labels					
Title Page Laser R.E. Sel	ected Misc Dot Matrix				
5160 Laser La	5160 Laser Labels				
Alpha	Prints in alphabetical order all families with an envelope number less that the Inactive - Mail End number on the parish screen.				
Alpha w/Secondary	Prints in alphabetical order all families with an envelope number less that the Inactive - Mail End number on the parish screen, this includes the secondary name field.				
Family w/number	Prints in alphabetical order all families with an envelope number less that the Deaceased/Moved start] number on the parish screen, this includesFamily Number.				
Alpha w/secondary zip	Prints in Zip then alphabetical order all families with an envelope number less that the Inactive - Mail End number on the parish screen, this includes the secondary name field. and a report showing the total labels in each zip code.				
Zip Order	Prints in Zip then alphabetical order all families with an envelope number less that the Inactive - Mail End number on the parish screen, this includes a report showing the total labels in each zip code.				
Numeric Order/Zip	This brings up a screen so that you can slect a family number range to Print in Zip/ alphabetical order OR numeric order - all families with an envelope number less that the Inactive - Mail End number on the parish screen.				
Family with no members	Prints all families that have no member records, this allows you to mail a census form to these families to get the member information				
Primary Record	Prints in alphabetical order all families with an envelope number less that the Inactive - Mail End number on the parish screen, AND have the "Primary Record" check box checked. This is meant when there are multiple members at one address and only 1 label is desired.				

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The **Label Menu** has the option (shown above) to print only **Primary Record** families, which will eliminate the unnecessary duplication.

Please note: Each time a new family record is created, the Primary Record box is "checked" by default.

Temporarily Inactive

You have the ability to temporarily deactivate a family number by clicking a check box on the Family Membership Page. You can also enter a reason for the deactivation, as shown below. However, checking this box does NOT remove the family from mailings. You still need to change the Family Number, putting it in the Inactive-Mail or Inactive-No Mail ranges. See Manage Census manual for more information.

Other Options	
Envelopes used	
Date of Last Contribution Prior month:	
6/1/2010	
Label Select	
Primary Record	V
Temporarily Inactive	
Reason:	
Staying in a rehab center.	

To obtain a report for all Temporarily Inactive numbers go to the Reports Menu, click the Parish tab and select Temporarily Inactive as shown below.

Reports				
Title Page Family More Family Member:	s Sacraments E-Mail (Parish)			
Parish Status Parish Status report for Diocese				
Parish Stewardship Manage and	report on Parish Stewardship			
Clear Stewardship Clear Parish S	Clear Stewardship Clear Parish Stewardship to be ready for a new campaign			
Zartarian/Envelope export Disk Exports a parish list with envelope number for selected range ASCII format				
Parish Export with Phone Exports a parish list with envelope number for selected range ASCII form includes phone number				
Temporarily Inactive	Produces a report based on the Temporarily inactive Checkbox			

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Shown here is a sample report:

Temporarily Inactive Report				
Family Name	Street	Town	Temp Inactive - Reason	
Adams , Mr. & Mrs. James	8 Church St.	Your Town, MA 22022		
Cascade , Mr & Mrs Ronald	45 Slave St.	Hungary, MA 01195	Staying in a rehab center.	
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Counters

Located at the bottom of the Family Screen are two counters labeled **Family Members** and **Notes**. These are designed to count and display the number of "records" in each of these areas.





Family Members

This counter tells you how many members are entered for this family. This is useful when you are quickly entering in new families. Some parishes add the family name/address only to activate the family, but plan to enter the individual members at a later date. As you add each member to a family, the program keeps track of the members, and updates this counter automatically when the page is reopened. Each time you open this page, you can see if any members are entered.

Notes

You can enter a note, or series of notes, concerning each family in the database. This procedure is described under **Notes** (see Table of Contents). As described above, the notes are counted by the program and displayed for you. When you see a number in this counter, you will know that a note is entered. Selecting the Notes button (at the bottom of the screen) will give you access to the notes.

Section/Area

Located to the right of the counters are two entry fields named **Section** and **Area**. These are used to geographically divide your parish into small, manageable areas. Originally designed for a diocesan-wide fund-raising campaign, this feature can be used for any purpose. However, its use is optional.

Suggestions to use this feature: First, using a street map, divide your parish into a series of large "sections". Name them whatever you choose. In this example we used capital letters (sections A, B, C, etc.). Next, divide each section into smaller "areas". In this example, we used numbers for identification. Once you have created this "map" of the parish, you can place your families in their own Section/Area.

The reports for this feature are located on the FUND Menu under Annual Appeal Lists. See Fund Menu for more information.

Religious Education – Family Information

This section is used primarily when assessing fees for religious education families. Since each parish uses a different method for determining and applying fees, this section helps determine if the fee is billed and when it is paid.





In this section, located below the counters, are entry fields relating to the parish religious education program. *Data in these fields is entered manually* as described below:

Children in Program: Determine the number of children registered and participating in religious education classes and enter the value here.
Fee Paid: Enter the amount due by this family. NOTE: There is another entry screen for entering fees for the entire program at the same time. For more information, go to Religious Education Menu – *Fees* tab, *Enter Fees* button.

Registered; no fee due: This checkbox is used when the parish has determined that, for special circumstances, the fee is waived. Entering this checkbox can also be done in the Enter Fees area as described above.

Family Activities

This feature allows you to identify and track various types of activity for each family. A variety of reports are available relating to this feature.

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Family activities are selected from a drop-down list created in *Manage Census – Table Updates – Family Act.*

See Overview/Census Menu manual for more information on creating/maintaining this list.

Entering Activities

Simply open the list and select the desired entry. Another empty list automatically appears for you. There is no limit to the number of activities each family can have.



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Deleting an activity

To delete an entry, click in the entry to delete, and click on the Delete Act. button. This message will appear. Click YES and the entry is deleted.



Clicking NO will stop the operation and return you to the regular screen.

Button Bar

Several functions are controlled with the buttons located at the bottom of the Family Page.

📇 Members	Funds Add New	Notes	by Name by Num	P
Record:	1 ▶▶▶▶ ► of 88			
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Printer Icon

Click to print a Confidential Census Form for the family on the screen. The sample shown below is a partial image of the form that is displayed first on screen, and then you can print it if you choose.

	St. Columkille Pari: 1400 Saint Jude Li	sh 1.	
	Southbridge, MA 11	544	
	Confidential Census I	nformation	Printed: 6/28/2007
Family number 1171	Date Joined:		Last Census Update: 5/5/2005
Family Name: Mr. & Mrs. Jam	es Adam <i>s</i>	Second ary Name:	
Street: 8 Church St.	City/Town: Y	our Town MA 2202	2
Home Phone: 413-444-2323	Unlisted: N Previous Parish	: Blessed Sacramer	nt, H olyok
Business Phone: 413-555-1212	Shutins at home: N Home	Communion Name:	
amily e-mail:	Family Cell Phone:		
√ame: James Adams	Relationship: Head of Hou	se M/F: M	Date of Birth: 10/9/1951
)ccupation/School: Business M	lanager		Date deceased:
Aaiden name	E-Mail: usb@msn.com	Cell Phone: 413-	555-1212
landicapped:	Handicap comment		
Religion: Other	Marital status: M Atte	nd mass 0	
Married by priest: Y Marr	iage Date://1975 Marriage	e City:	
Baptized: Y 05/12/1952	First communion N/	Confirmed	N/_/_
ctivities:			
Euch Min - Hom	e		
Name: Kristen T Adams	Relationship: Daughter	M/F: F	Date of Birth: 3/10/1986
Occupation/School: Waitress			Date deceased:
Maiden name Adams	E-Mail: Me@Me.com	Cell Phone: 413-	555-1212
Handicapped: Hearing Imp.	Handicap comment Hearing Impai	red	



Members



Funds

This button opens the windows for entering in all the members of a family. See: *Update/View – Part 2 Member Information* for complete details.

Funds

This button is password protected, and will open a special page showing the family's current giving. The password is the same used to open the FUND menu. See: **Fund Menu** manual for complete information.

E CHECK PASSWORD	
Please Enter Password - Press OK	OK CANCEL

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Enter the correct password, and then press OK. Your entry will appear as asterisks. (**) Pressing Cancel will close the window and return you to the Family screen. To change Password, see: **Census: File Menu** manual for details.

Fund	ds by Famil	у					
	Ronald	Cascade	Family I	Number:			1025
	Regular	Special	Diocese	Maint.		Att	endance
Week 1	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	[1
Week 2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		0
Week 3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	[0
Week 4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		0
Week 5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	[0
YTD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		0
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Press OK and the following screen will appear:

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The purpose of this screen is to quickly see if a parishioner has contributed in given week, which type of collection received the money, and how much was given. There have been circumstances where a family calls to verify a contribution. This is the quickest way to answer the question.

The Head of Household and the Family Name, and the Family (Envelope) Number appear at the top.

- Each column represents the 4 types of collections tracked.
- The 5 rows are the 5 weeks in the month (5^{th} week once per quarter).
- YTD shows the Year to Date for each column *after* each month is closed, then zeros out all fields for the new month.
- The Attendance column records a 1 when a "Regular" collection envelope is received. YTD adds them up

Each entry field CAN be edited, but not recommended. The built-in "checks-and-balances" will be overridden and you may lose the accuracy of the financial reports.



This button is an alternative way to enter a new family into the system. It is used most often when you are entering in several families at the same time. You do not have to exit the family page and return to the main title screen.

Clicking this button will open the same screen as going to Census – Add New Family.

See: Overview/Census Menu – Add New Family for complete details on this feature.



Notes from this button are for complete families only. There is another option for individual member notes which will be discussed in Pt. 2 of this manual.

Clicking Notes will open the following screen:

	Notes	Family Number:	5379
	Note:		
	No census form returne school sponsorship forr	ed. Information listed here ta ms, etc. RC	ken from other sources, i.e.
►	Note:		
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The family (envelope) number appears at the top. Below is a window where you can type in as little or as much as you choose. When you begin to type, a new blank window will appear below. There is no limit to the number of note windows you have, and there is no limit to the size of each note.

You are not limited to the amount of text in each note. A scroll bar appears on the right if the text exceeds the window. Although you cannot sort on any information within the notes, you can print the contents of the notes page. See below for more information.

At the bottom of the Notes page there are 3 buttons:

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Printer icon: will display all notes to the screen. There is a button to send the notes to a printer.

Trash Can: click in a note window, and then press the Trash Can. This window will appear to confirm the delete.



Clicking "Yes" will delete the selected massage; "No" will cancel the action.

Arrow pointing to door: Exit the Notes page and return to the Family Record page.



These 2 buttons sort the families on the **Family page**.

By Name sorts the records alphabetically by last name.

By Num sorts the records by family (envelope) number.



You can rapidly scan the records using these "VCR" buttons.

The single triangle goes one record at a time according to the sort you have chosen.

By holding this button down, the data quickly scans the records until you release it.

The line/triangle (left) brings the database to the first record.

The triangle/line (right) brings the database to the last record.

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This closes the database window.

Door/arrow

This concludes the Update/View: Family Information Part 1 manual. Update/View: Member Information Part 2 continues with Members Information.