Read Carefully These Instr[...]ns and Suggestions to Clerks and Others Using

FAMILY NAME INDEXES

THE SUB-INDEX

1. Write names on the Sub-Index plain and in as bold a hand as possible. Don't make n like u. Don't try to subdivide names on Sub-Index further than is arranged by the scheme here laid out. That is if Baker is the first name for the column, Bae to Bak, write Baker on the first dark ruled line followed by Baer if it should happen to be the second name of that group, on the second dark ruled line, and so on.

2. A name is written but once on the Sub-Index (except as noted in the next paragraph), no matter how many times the same name is repeated on the Main Index. Following the name is a column in which is written the page of the Main Index, where all entries of this name are to be placed.

3. Names similar in sound but spelled differently should be grouped together on the Main Index, and each variety of spelling noted on the Sub-Index, under its proper subdivisions. Thus:

Bair-Bare-Baer	Lowery-Lowry
Bear-Baehr	Lourie, etc.
Shafer-Schafer	Snyder-Snider
Sheffer-Shaefer	Schneider-Schnider
Read-Reed-Reid	Keyser-Keiser-Kizer
Kline-Klein	Pearson-Pierson

4. Names like Schneider and Snyder should appear in Sub-Index under Sc and also Sn; Pearson and Pierson under Pe and Pi, etc. However, no notice of more than one style of spelling a name need be taken—and that the way it is spelled on the record—unfil it is spelled differently in a subsequent entry.

5. Odd names falling to the same Sub-Index column may be grouped together on the Main Index. For example, the names Debler, Bedman, Debroski and Deator being odd, and likely to be infrequent and all belonging to the same Sub-Index column, could be given the same page on the Main Index, and write in the column in red ink, "For names not listed here, see page........................"

6. Sub-Indexes can be renewed and rewritten at very little expense and it is so planned that this can be done in after years if they become defaced and worn. Prices for new Sub-Indexes on extra heavy parchment paper furnished on request. Prices also quoted on rewriting names on Sub-Index in large typewriter type.

This Index in loose leaf form is continuous and expansive. When the [...] becomes filled to its capacity, get another Binder and carry one or more letters into the new Bin[...] Continue doing this when necessary until you have a Binder for each subdivision or unit. It is thus [...] to be a Continuous Index for a long period of years.

THE MAIN INDEX

7. Family Names appear together on the Main Index, the Sub-Index being a guide to the page on which such Family Names will be found.

8. If there are three or more columns on the page of the Main Index for given names, write the given name or names in the column in which the initial letter of first given name appears at head of column. By careful writing two given names can occupy the same line, one above the other, so that six given names, if two properly fall to each column, can be entered on one line. When more than two fall to a position make a complete new line for each two thus remaining.

9. In paging the Main Index, each subdivision or unit [...]ed by the extension tab begins with page 1. On the back of that sheet is page 2, followed by pages 3, 4, 5, 6, etc. When more sheets are needed add them continuing the paging in regular order.

10. Add a sheet immediately following a group requiring additional space, giving it the same page as the page continued. Preferably with red ink letter number these pages thus: 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d; 4a, 4b, 4c, etc.

11. Don't try to arrange Family Name Groups in any particular order on the Main Index, except to have "A" names separated from the "B's" and so on. Austin can go on p. 1, Armstrong p. 3, Abbott p. 5, Allen p. 7, or any right hand oddly numbered page. If any one is attempted it should be to put the largest groups in front, but this is only a matter of convenience. In several years, when time has demonstrated that a name is not likely to fill both pages of a sheet, put left hand or evenly numbered pages may be used for a Name Group. After a still longer period and a name has only one or two entries on a page, a new name may be given on the lower half of the same page.

If any point is not clear to you when beginning the Index or continuing the [...], always feel free to write the manufacturer, who will cheerfully reply to any questions regarding the proper working of the system.