

Update Needed: Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1878-1922, 1959-1994

Short summary:

Please add the Reference ID field back to the index pages so that patrons will have the certificate numbers needed to easily locate the records on microfilm.

Longer explanation:

The previous index showed the "Reference ID" which was usually the certificate number—a key piece of information for finding the record on the microfilm that's referenced. (I say "usually" because in some cases, indexers didn't understand which of multiple numbers to index.)

The current index leaves off the certificate number information which means patrons have to know to check an alternate index to find the certificate number—the Illinois Statewide Death Index, for example—or, if they're not familiar with the search process, spend a lot of time scrolling through the images looking for the match.

It would be very helpful if the Reference ID field could be added back to the search result pages.

Examples from the same page URL:

OLD INDEX

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/N79L-QJZ>

GS Film number: **1239953** , Digital Folder Number: **4004775** , Image Number: **873** , Reference ID: **cn 4032**

NEW INDEX

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/N79L-QJZ>

GS Film Number: **1239953** , Digital Folder Number: **004004775** , Image Number: **00873**

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