

# Genealogical sources



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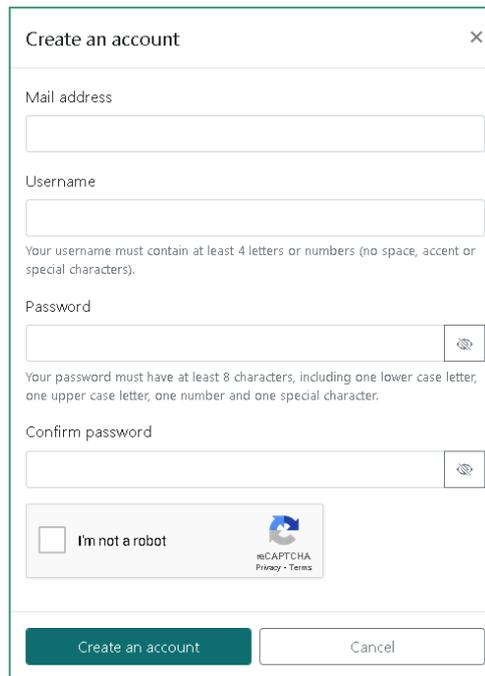
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# I. GENERAL INFORMATION

## A. Access to the website

- **Registration**

Registration is free but mandatory to access digital archives. You can register by clicking on 'Login' on the homepage and then on 'Create an account'.

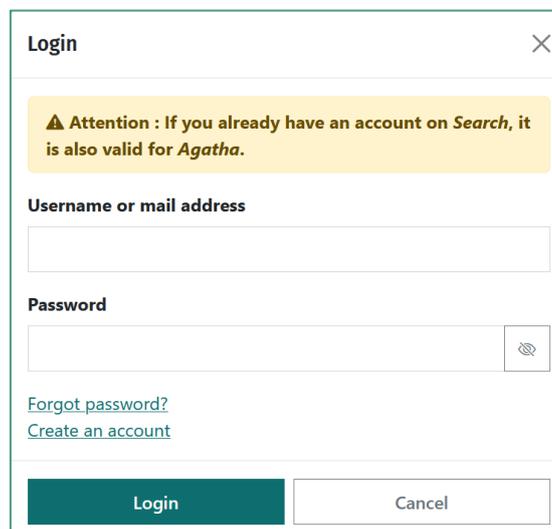


The 'Create an account' form includes the following fields and instructions:

- Mail address:** A text input field.
- Username:** A text input field with the instruction: "Your username must contain at least 4 letters or numbers (no space, accent or special characters)."
- Password:** A text input field with a visibility toggle icon and the instruction: "Your password must have at least 8 characters, including one lower case letter, one upper case letter, one number and one special character."
- Confirm password:** A text input field with a visibility toggle icon.
- Verification:** A checkbox labeled "I'm not a robot" next to a reCAPTCHA logo and "Privacy - Terms" link.
- Buttons:** "Create an account" (dark green) and "Cancel" (white with grey border).

Enter your mail address and a password containing at least eight characters with at least one lower case letter, one upper case letter, one number and one distinctive character. Activate your account by clicking on the link in the confirmation mail you received.

**Please note:** If you already have an account for the old search engine SEARCH, you do not need to create a new account. You can enter your username and password in the 'Login' section.



The 'Login' form includes the following elements:

- Header:** "Login" with a close button (X).
- Warning:** A yellow box with a warning icon and text: "Attention : If you already have an account on Search, it is also valid for Agatha."
- Username or mail address:** A text input field.
- Password:** A text input field with a visibility toggle icon.
- Links:** "Forgot password?" and "Create an account" (both in blue).
- Buttons:** "Login" (dark green) and "Cancel" (white with grey border).

After registration you can consult and save digital records that are relevant to your interests.

- **Languages**

The website interface is available in French, Dutch, German, and English.

**Please note:** The digital records themselves are provided in their original language and have not been translated.

## **B. How to get started?**

If you are new to genealogical research, we recommend you read the introduction [How to get started?](#) to guide you in your first steps.

For further information about the type of records contained in church registers and civil status registers, you can also refer to the [How to get started?](#) webpage.

Please also consult our [FAQ](#) (Frequently Asked Questions) for further information on how to use our search engine. In case any difficulty cannot be resolved, you can use our [contact form](#) to reach out to us.

## II. HOW TO PROCEED

### A. Carrying out research

#### 1. Choice between church registers and civil status registers

There are two tabs on the 'Search' page: 'Parish registers (before 1796)' and 'Civil status registers (as from 1796)'. Choose one of the tabs to start your research.

It is currently not possible to carry out research about a given municipality in both church registers and civil status registers simultaneously.

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of the search interface. The left screenshot shows the 'Church registers Before 1796' tab selected, with a red border around the 'Church registers' tab and the search form. The right screenshot shows the 'Civil status registers As from 1796' tab selected, with a red border around the 'Civil status registers' tab and the search form. Both forms include fields for 'Municipality', 'Parishes and other institutions', 'Records' and 'Indexes' (Births, Marriages, Deaths, Other types), and a 'Period' section with 'From' and 'until' date pickers. A 'Search' button and a 'Reset' button are at the bottom of each form.

#### 2. Municipality

Reference municipalities are those prior to the fusion of municipalities that took place in 1977. As from this year, the number of municipalities was reduced from 2,359 to 589. Because currently accessible civil status registers date from the time prior to 1977, old municipal names must be used. For example: Marche-lez-Écaussinnes (today: Écaussinnes).

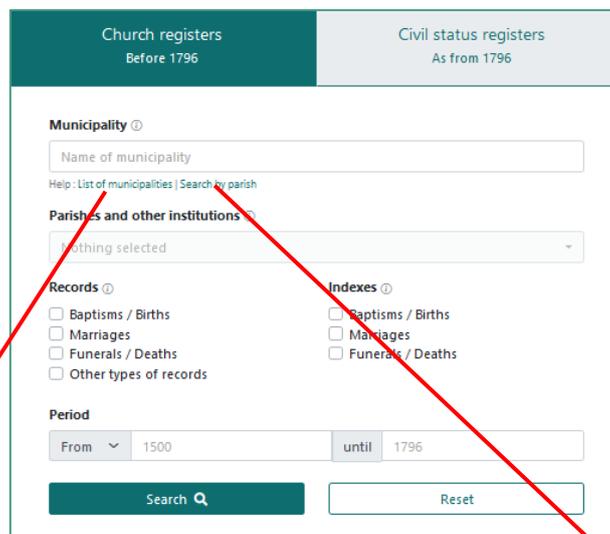
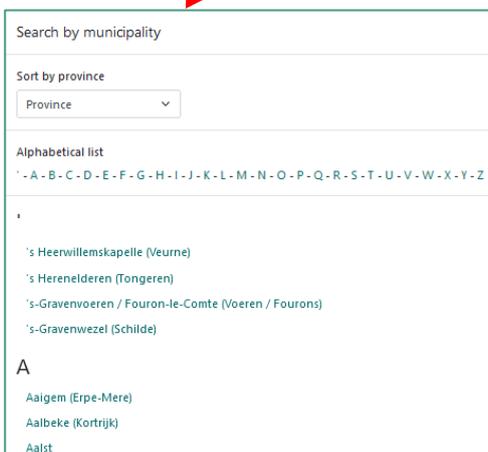
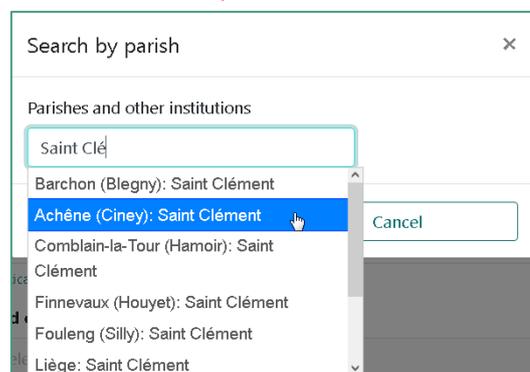
- Choose the name of a municipality from the drop-down menu:

The image shows a screenshot of the search interface with the 'Civil status registers As from 1796' tab selected. A red box highlights the 'Municipality' dropdown menu, which is open and showing a list of municipalities. The first few items are 'Brus', 'Brussegem (Merchtem)', 'Brussel / Bruxelles', 'Brustem (Sint-Truiden)', 'Haren / Haeren (Brussel / Bruxelles)', 'Laken / Laeken (Brussel / Bruxelles)', 'Neder-Heembeek (Brussel / Bruxelles)', and 'Neder-over-Heembeek (Brussel / Bruxelles)'. Below the dropdown is the 'Period' section with 'From' and 'until' date pickers, and 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons.

- If in doubt about a name, you may want to consult one of these tools:
  - 'List of municipalities': a complete list of all municipalities (prior to the fusion of 1977) with the option to sort by province.

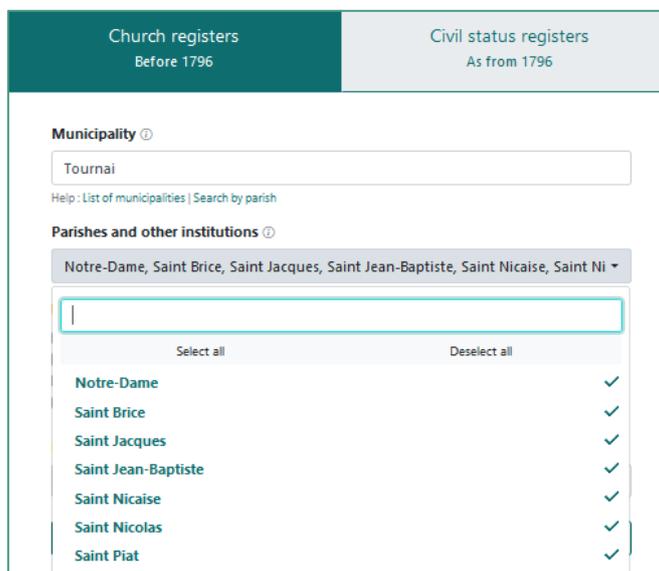


- 'Search by parish': name of the patron saint associated with a parish (only for church registers)

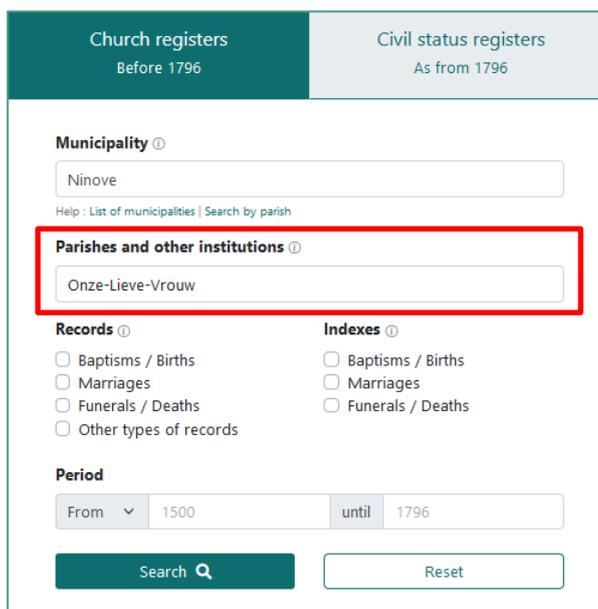
### 3. Parishes and other institutions

In case a municipality has several parishes (as, for example, in Tournai, as shown below), a drop-down menu shows all relevant parishes. You can select and deselect all parishes at once or one by one.



The screenshot shows a search interface for Tournai. At the top, there are two tabs: "Church registers Before 1796" (active) and "Civil status registers As from 1796". Below the tabs, the "Municipality" is set to "Tournai". A help link "List of municipalities | Search by parish" is provided. The "Parishes and other institutions" section is highlighted with a red box. It shows a dropdown menu with "Notre-Dame, Saint Brice, Saint Jacques, Saint Jean-Baptiste, Saint Nicaise, Saint Ni" selected. Below the dropdown, there are "Select all" and "Deselect all" buttons. A list of parishes is shown with checkboxes: Notre-Dame, Saint Brice, Saint Jacques, Saint Jean-Baptiste, Saint Nicaise, Saint Nicolas, and Saint Piat, all of which are checked.

If a municipality has only one parish, it is automatically selected. You cannot modify this selection.



The screenshot shows a search interface for Ninove. At the top, there are two tabs: "Church registers Before 1796" (active) and "Civil status registers As from 1796". Below the tabs, the "Municipality" is set to "Ninove". A help link "List of municipalities | Search by parish" is provided. The "Parishes and other institutions" section is highlighted with a red box and contains a single dropdown menu with "Onze-Lieve-Vrouw" selected. Below this, there are sections for "Records" and "Indexes", each with checkboxes for "Baptisms / Births", "Marriages", and "Funerals / Deaths", and an "Other types of records" checkbox. The "Period" section has "From" set to 1500 and "until" set to 1796. At the bottom, there are "Search" and "Reset" buttons.

**Please note:** For some municipalities that were merged before 1977, the index contains the records of both parishes. For example, this is the case of the municipality of Veltem-Beisem, which was composed of two different parishes during the Old Regime. In such cases, the indexes bear on both parishes.

Church registers Before 1796	Civil status registers As from 1796
<p><b>Municipality</b> ⓘ</p> <input type="text" value="Veltem-Beisem (Herent)"/> <p><small>Help : List of municipalities   Search by parish</small></p> <p><b>Parishes and other institutions</b> ⓘ</p> <input type="text" value="Sint-Laurentius en Sint-Michiel"/>	

**Please note:** Institutions other than parishes may be indicated in some cases. For instance, military chaplains were active in a number of cities, such as Mechelen.

Church registers Before 1796	Civil status registers As from 1796
<p><b>Municipality</b> ⓘ</p> <input type="text" value="Mechelen"/> <p><small>Help : List of municipalities   Search by parish</small></p> <p><b>Parishes and other institutions</b> ⓘ</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;"> <p>Legervicaraat, Militair Hospitaal</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Select all      Deselect all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begijnhof</li> <li>Godshuis van Olivetenberg</li> <li>Groot Begijnhof</li> <li>Klooster van Sion (Blijdenberg)</li> <li>Klooster van de Geschoeide Karmelieten</li> <li>Klooster van de Ongeschoeide Karmelieten</li> <li>Klooster van de Recollecten</li> <li>Klooster van de Urselinen</li> <li>Klooster van de Zwartzusters</li> <li><b>Legervicaraat</b> <span style="float: right;">✓</span></li> <li><b>Militair Hospitaal</b> <span style="float: right;">✓</span></li> </ul> </div>	

For other institutions, such as hospitals or some abbeys, there is only one type of records (for example, Sint-Joris Hospital in Ghent).

Church registers Before 1796	Civil status registers As from 1796
<p><b>Municipality</b> ⓘ</p> <input type="text" value="Gent"/> <p><small>Help : List of municipalities   Search by parish</small></p> <p><b>Parishes and other institutions</b> ⓘ</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;"> <p>Hospitaal van Sint-Joris</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Select all      Deselect all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abdij van de Cisterciënzerinnen (Nieuwenbosh)</li> <li>Priorij Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-ten-Hove (Abdij van Waarschoot)</li> <li>Bijlokehospitaal</li> <li>Groot Begijnhof</li> <li>Heilige Kerst (Sint-Salvator)</li> <li><b>Hospitaal van Sint-Joris</b> <span style="float: right;">✓</span></li> <li>Klein Begijnhof</li> </ul> </div>	

## 4. Records and Indexes

For the church registers, *Baptisms / Births, Marriages, Funerals / Deaths* and for the civil status registers, *Births, Marriages, Deaths*, you must select the type(s) of record(s) or the index(es) in which you are interested.

The image shows two screenshots of a search interface. The left screenshot shows the 'Records' and 'Indexes' sections highlighted with a red box. The right screenshot shows the same sections with 'Marriages' selected in both 'Records' and 'Indexes'.

**Left Screenshot:** The interface is split into two tabs: 'Church registers Before 1796' (active) and 'Civil status registers As from 1796'. The 'Records' section has four options: Baptisms / Births, Marriages, Funerals / Deaths, and Other types of records. The 'Indexes' section has four options: Baptisms / Births, Marriages, Funerals / Deaths, and Other types of indexes. The 'Period' section has 'From' set to 1500 and 'until' set to 1796.

**Right Screenshot:** The interface is split into two tabs: 'Church registers Before 1796' and 'Civil status registers As from 1796' (active). The 'Records' section has four options: Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other types of records. The 'Indexes' section has four options: Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other types of indexes. The 'Period' section has 'From' set to 1796 and 'until' set to 1920.

For example, if you are only interested in *Marriages*, you should check only the corresponding box. You can choose to search for records, indexes, or both.

The image shows a screenshot of the search interface. The 'Municipality' field is filled with 'Brussel / Bruxelles'. The 'Records' section has 'Marriages' selected. The 'Indexes' section has 'Marriages' selected. The 'Period' section has 'From' set to 1796 and 'until' set to 1920.

**Church registers Before 1796** | **Civil status registers As from 1796**

**Municipality** ⓘ  
Brussel / Bruxelles  
Help : List of municipalities

**Records** ⓘ | **Indexes** ⓘ

Births |  Births  
 Marriages |  Marriages  
 Deaths |  Deaths  
 Other types of records |  Other types of indexes

**Period**

From ▼ 1796 | until 1920

Search 🔍 | Reset

- **Other types of records**

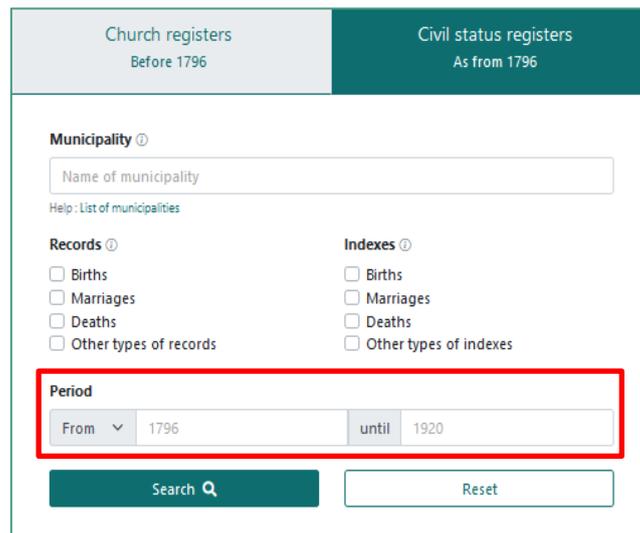
For more information on the other types of records and indexes, you can consult the [Guide to genealogical research](#).

When the symbol (i) is next to a document type, you can hover over it to read its definition.

**Please note:** These records have not been digitised for all parishes and municipalities. To find out if a particular type of record exists for a specific municipality, you can use the [contact form](#).

## 5. Search period

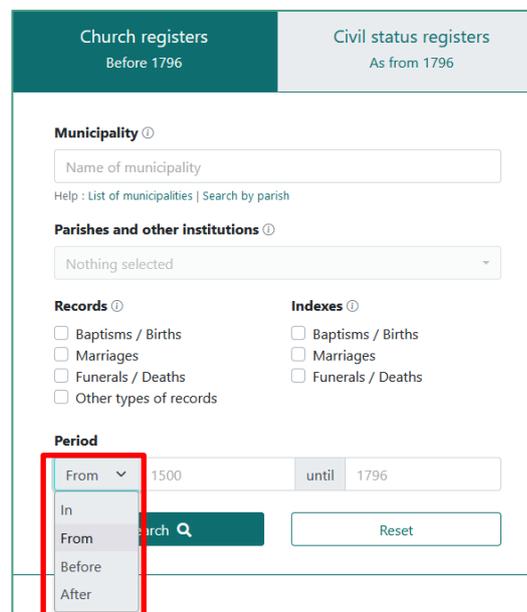
You can search by default for records pertaining to the whole period covered by parish registers (1580-1796) or for the period covered by civil status registers (1796-1920/1950). The date range is shown by default.



The screenshot shows a search interface with two tabs: 'Church registers Before 1796' and 'Civil status registers As from 1796'. Below the tabs are several search fields: 'Municipality' (with a text input and a help link), 'Records' (with checkboxes for Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other types of records), and 'Indexes' (with checkboxes for Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other types of indexes). The 'Period' section is highlighted with a red box and contains a 'From' dropdown menu set to '1796' and an 'until' text input set to '1920'. At the bottom are 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons.

If you click on the arrow next to 'From', you will be able to choose the following options:

- In: to search for the exact date of a record
- From / until: to search for a record over a given period
- Before: to search for a record before a specific date
- After: to search for a record after a specific date



This screenshot shows the same search interface as above, but with the 'Period' dropdown menu open. The 'From' dropdown is set to '1500' and the 'until' text input is set to '1796'. The dropdown menu is open, showing the following options: 'In', 'From', 'Before', and 'After'. The 'From' option is highlighted. The 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons are visible at the bottom.

**Click on 'Search' once you have filled in all fields.**

In the screenshot below, we are searching for baptism and marriage indexes and records of the parish of Saint Michael in Namur for the period 1620-1780:

**Church registers**  
Before 1796

**Civil status registers**  
As from 1796

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**Municipality** ⓘ

Help : List of municipalities | Search by parish

**Parishes and other institutions** ⓘ



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**Records** ⓘ

Baptisms / Births

Marriages

Funerals / Deaths

Other types of records

**Indexes** ⓘ

Baptisms / Births

Marriages

Funerals / Deaths

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**Period**

From  until

## B. Overview of results

### 1. List of results

The search results are listed in the following order:

- Alphabetically by parish name (if several parishes are selected)
- Alphabetically by document type
- Chronologically by start or end year
- Chronologically by date of last modification

Depending on the availability and digitisation status of registers, there may be more or less search results per record type and period.

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## Church registers

# Namur

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Parishes and other institutions	Document type	Starting year	Ending year	Date of last modification	
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of baptism and birth certificates	01/01/1575	31/12/1796	02/02/2022	<a href="#" style="background-color: #006666; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 5px;">View</a>
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of baptism and birth certificates	01/01/1575	31/12/1796	02/02/2022	<a href="#" style="background-color: #006666; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 5px;">View</a>
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of baptism and birth certificates	01/01/1575	31/12/1796	02/02/2022	<a href="#" style="background-color: #006666; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 5px;">View</a>
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Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of baptism and birth certificates	01/01/1575	31/12/1796	02/02/2022	<a href="#" style="background-color: #006666; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 5px;">View</a>
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of baptism and birth certificates	01/01/1793	31/12/1793	02/02/2022	<a href="#" style="background-color: #006666; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 5px;">View</a>
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of baptism and birth certificates	01/01/1794	31/12/1794	12/02/2020	<a href="#" style="background-color: #006666; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 5px;">View</a>
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of baptism and birth certificates	01/01/1795	31/12/1795	12/02/2020	<a href="#" style="background-color: #006666; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 5px;">View</a>
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of baptism and birth certificates	01/01/1797	31/12/1798	02/02/2022	<a href="#" style="background-color: #006666; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 5px;">View</a>
Saint Michel	Baptism certificates	01/01/1580	31/12/1601	06/02/2025	<input type="button" value="Info"/> <input type="button" value="Not available"/>

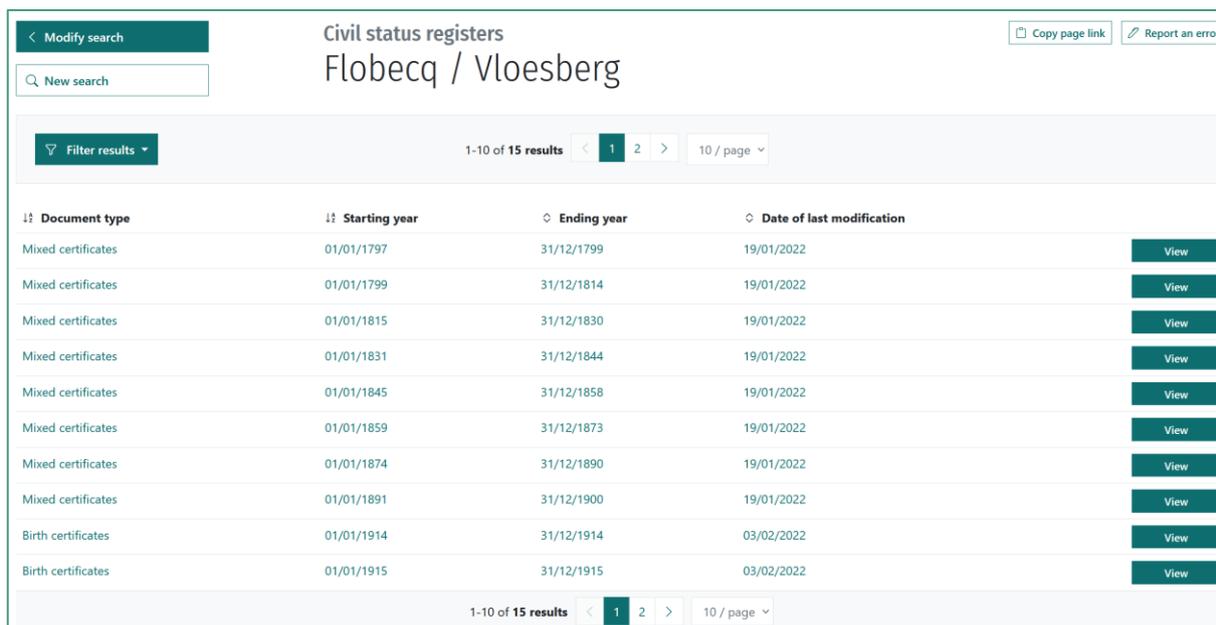
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## a) Particular cases

- Civil status registers: records



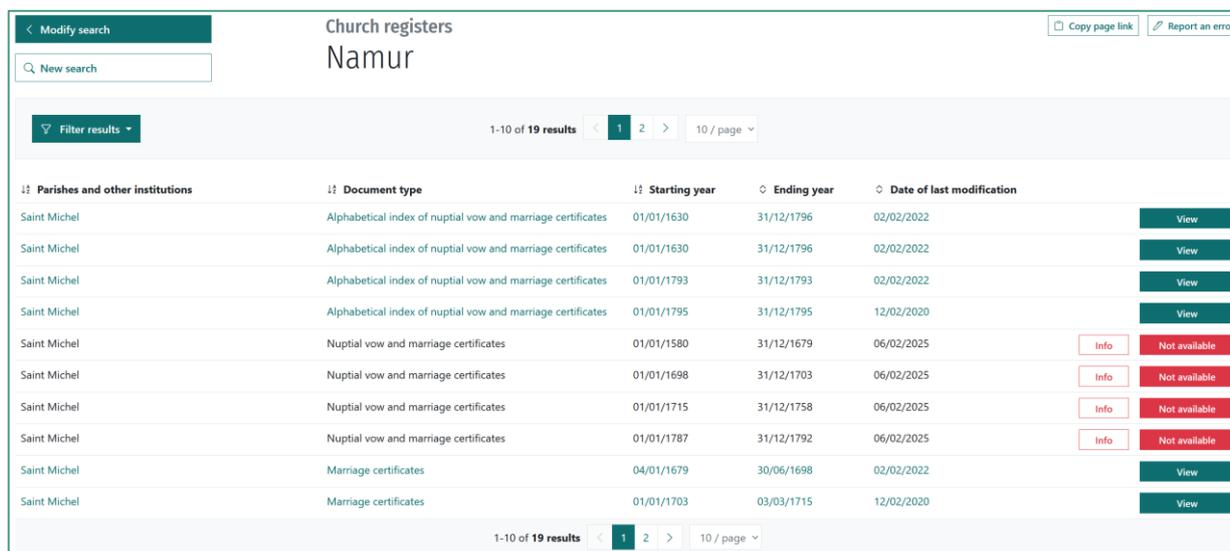
Document type	Starting year	Ending year	Date of last modification	
Mixed certificates	01/01/1797	31/12/1799	19/01/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Mixed certificates	01/01/1799	31/12/1814	19/01/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Mixed certificates	01/01/1815	31/12/1830	19/01/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Mixed certificates	01/01/1831	31/12/1844	19/01/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Mixed certificates	01/01/1845	31/12/1858	19/01/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Mixed certificates	01/01/1859	31/12/1873	19/01/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Mixed certificates	01/01/1874	31/12/1890	19/01/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Mixed certificates	01/01/1891	31/12/1900	19/01/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Birth certificates	01/01/1914	31/12/1914	03/02/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Birth certificates	01/01/1915	31/12/1915	03/02/2022	<a href="#">View</a>

Search result may indicate 'Mixed certificates' as a type of record. There are two explanations:

- When registering the records of a small municipality, the same register was used for births, marriages, and deaths, which were recorded together;
- Births, marriages, and deaths in a given municipality are listed in the same yearly register: first births, then marriages and finally deaths, with an index after each type of record.

- Church registers: missing registers

In the list of search results, some lines in the 'Church registers' section can be marked as 'Not available', which means that these registers are missing for the period concerned. The reason a register is missing, if known, can be seen by hovering the cursor over the button *Info*.



Parishes and other institutions	Document type	Starting year	Ending year	Date of last modification	
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1630	31/12/1796	02/02/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1630	31/12/1796	02/02/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1793	31/12/1793	02/02/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1795	31/12/1795	12/02/2020	<a href="#">View</a>
Saint Michel	Nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1580	31/12/1679	06/02/2025	<a href="#">Info</a> <a href="#">Not available</a>
Saint Michel	Nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1698	31/12/1703	06/02/2025	<a href="#">Info</a> <a href="#">Not available</a>
Saint Michel	Nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1715	31/12/1758	06/02/2025	<a href="#">Info</a> <a href="#">Not available</a>
Saint Michel	Nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1787	31/12/1792	06/02/2025	<a href="#">Info</a> <a href="#">Not available</a>
Saint Michel	Marriage certificates	04/01/1679	30/06/1698	02/02/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Saint Michel	Marriage certificates	01/01/1703	03/03/1715	12/02/2020	<a href="#">View</a>

The main reasons why church registers may be missing include:

- There is no trace of any registration prior to the date concerned or thereafter;
- The registers were destroyed in during a particular year, by war, fire, or a natural disaster;
- A parish did not have baptism, matrimonial or burial rights;
- A parish used to be under the jurisdiction of another parish (which is then indicated);
- There are deficiencies in originals and microfilms for undocumented reason;
- The original or the microfilm has not yet been digitised;
- The registers in question are still in the hands of the parish or municipality and have not yet been transferred to the State Archives.

## **b) Available data**

### • **Church registers**

The complete collection of church registers conserved at the State Archives is digitised, although some registers have not yet been transferred to the State Archives and are still conserved elsewhere. A campaign to identify these registers was launched with the aim to digitise them.

### • **Civil status registers**

For most municipalities, records, and indexes until 1920 are available.

The law of 13 September 2023 (published in the Belgian Official Journal of 2 October 2023) modified the rules governing the publicity of civil status registers:

- Death and marriage certificates (indexes included) become public after 75 years;
- For birth certificates (indexes included), the 100-year term remains applicable.

Marriage and death certificates older than 75 years can, for the time being, only be consulted at municipal administrations, under the same conditions as for certificates older than one hundred years. Consultation at the State Archives is currently not yet possible. The transfer of the registers from the period 1919-1969 has begun, but it is a long-term operation (packaging, cleaning, and disinfecting, and transporting). This is also the reason digitisation in cooperation with *FamilySearch* has yet to start. Using the filter 'Date of update' gives you an overview of the progress of the digitisation of registers.

## 2. Narrowing down search results

This option allows you to narrow down search results without having to enter a new search query.

The screenshot shows a search results page with several filter panels and a sorting bar. A red arrow labeled 'Filter' points to the filter panels, and another red arrow labeled 'Sorting' points to the sorting bar. The filter panels include 'Document type', 'Parishes and other institutions', and 'Period'. The sorting bar includes 'Parishes and other institutions', 'Document type', 'Starting year', 'Ending year', and 'Date of last modification'.

**Filter**

**Sorting**

### a) *Sorting search results*

In the search results window, a number of sorting options are available:

- Parishes and other institutions: alphabetical order (from A to Z or from Z to A)
- Type of document: alphabetical order (from A to Z or from Z to A);
- Starting year: ascending or descending order
- Ending year: ascending or descending order
- Date of last modification: sorted by the date of the last change on the website (change – addition or correction of register descriptions)

**Please note:** To sort the search results of several columns, hold the Shift key and click on the arrows next to the column name.

### b) *Filter results*

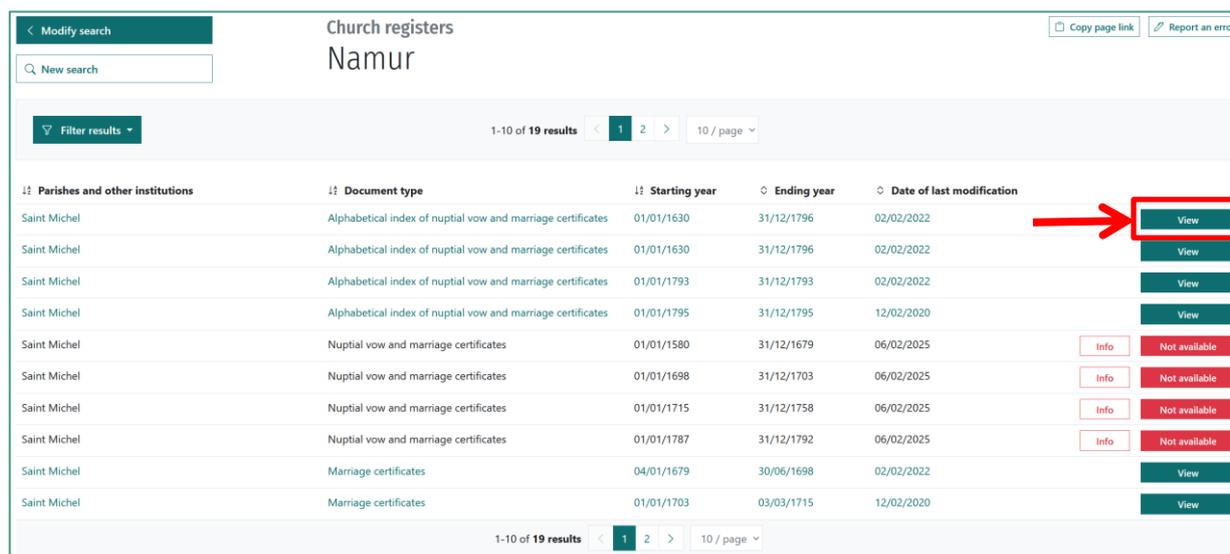
In the results display window, several filter features are available:

- Type of document: add or modify document types. The number of available registers is indicated next to every type of records.
- Date: extend or shorten the period.
- Parishes and other institutions: select or deselect all parishes at once.
- Date of last modification: filter the registers by the date of the last modification (addition or correction of register descriptions).

Once filters are set, click on 'Apply Filter' to view the filtered search results. You can then close the filter options by clicking on 'Apply Filter' again.

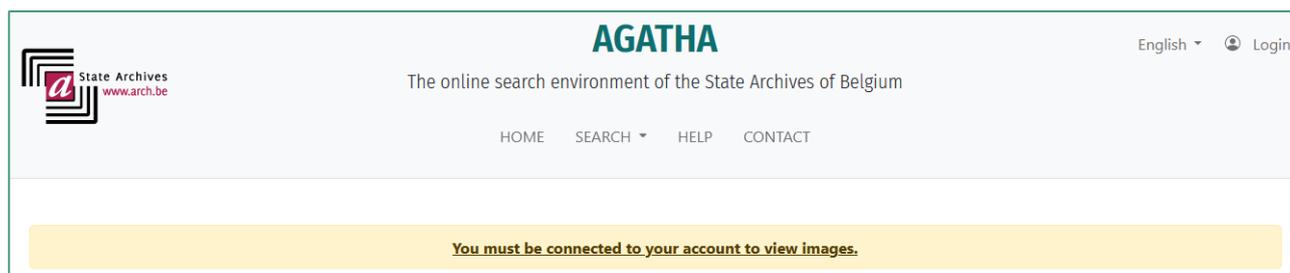
## C. Viewing registers

To view registers, click on the 'View' button of the register of your choice.



Parishes and other institutions	Document type	Starting year	Ending year	Date of last modification	
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1630	31/12/1796	02/02/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1630	31/12/1796	02/02/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1793	31/12/1793	02/02/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Saint Michel	Alphabetical index of nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1795	31/12/1795	12/02/2020	<a href="#">View</a>
Saint Michel	Nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1580	31/12/1679	06/02/2025	<a href="#">Info</a> <a href="#">Not available</a>
Saint Michel	Nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1698	31/12/1703	06/02/2025	<a href="#">Info</a> <a href="#">Not available</a>
Saint Michel	Nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1715	31/12/1758	06/02/2025	<a href="#">Info</a> <a href="#">Not available</a>
Saint Michel	Nuptial vow and marriage certificates	01/01/1787	31/12/1792	06/02/2025	<a href="#">Info</a> <a href="#">Not available</a>
Saint Michel	Marriage certificates	04/01/1679	30/06/1698	02/02/2022	<a href="#">View</a>
Saint Michel	Marriage certificates	01/01/1703	03/03/1715	12/02/2020	<a href="#">View</a>

If you are not connected, the following message appears:



The viewer is launched after you have logged in.

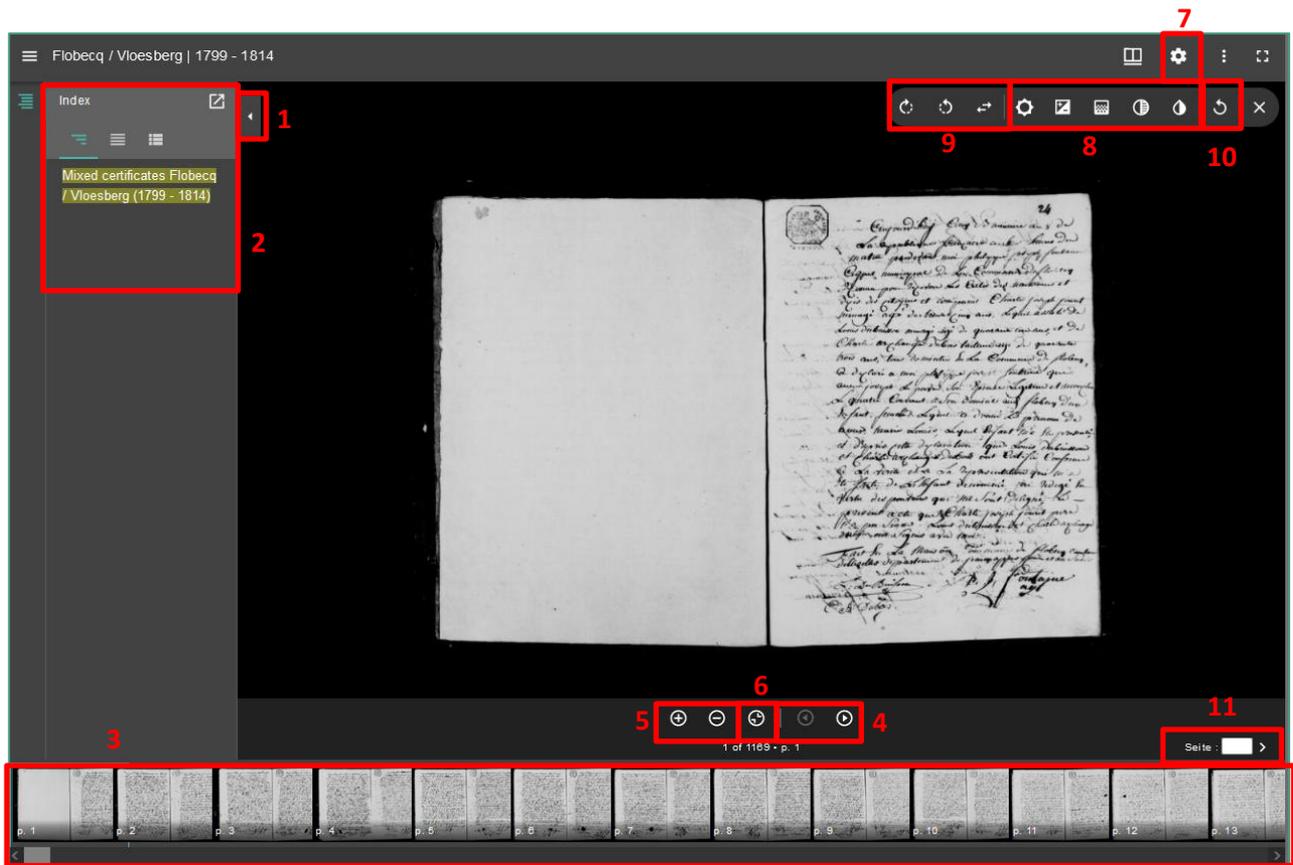
In the panel on the left (2), you can browse the descriptions of the selected register. This table of contents can also be minimised (1) to have a better view of the records. The left panel (2) also allows you to see which part of the register you are currently consulting or to click through to another part.

At the bottom of the viewer, you can see an overview of the digitised pages (3). There, you can click on a page thumbnail to consult it. The register can also be browsed using the buttons 'Previous item' and 'Next item' (4). It is also possible to go directly to a specific page by typing the page number in the appropriate field and clicking enter or the arrow (7). The page can be enlarged or reduced with the buttons 'Zoom in' and 'Zoom out' (5). By clicking on 'Reset zoom' (6) you will see the initial size again.

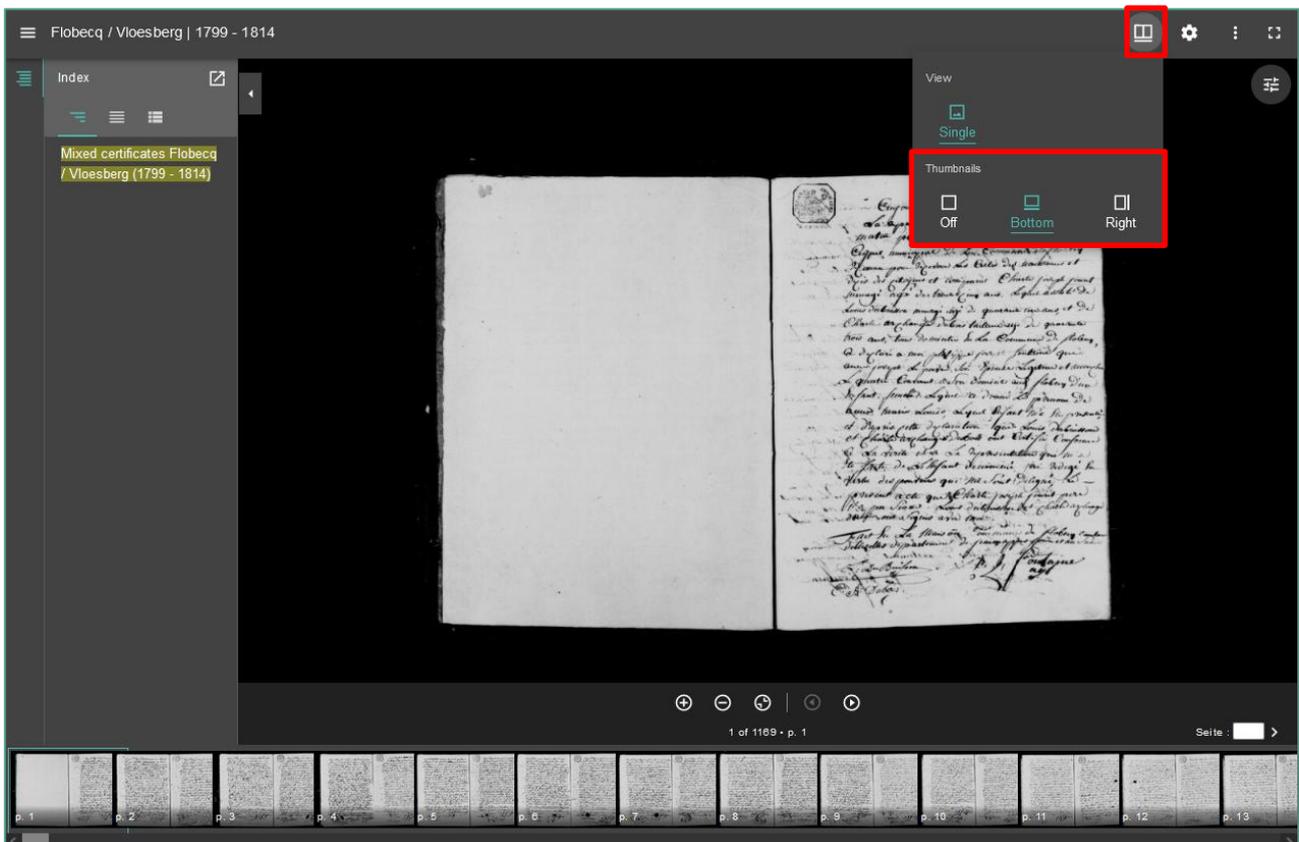
**Please note:** with the software in use, it is not yet possible to lock the zoom from one page to another. We will implement this functionality as soon as it is available.

The brightness, contrast, saturation, and colour levels of the images can be adjusted (8). In addition, the page can be rotated or mirrored (9). These operations can also be undone (10).

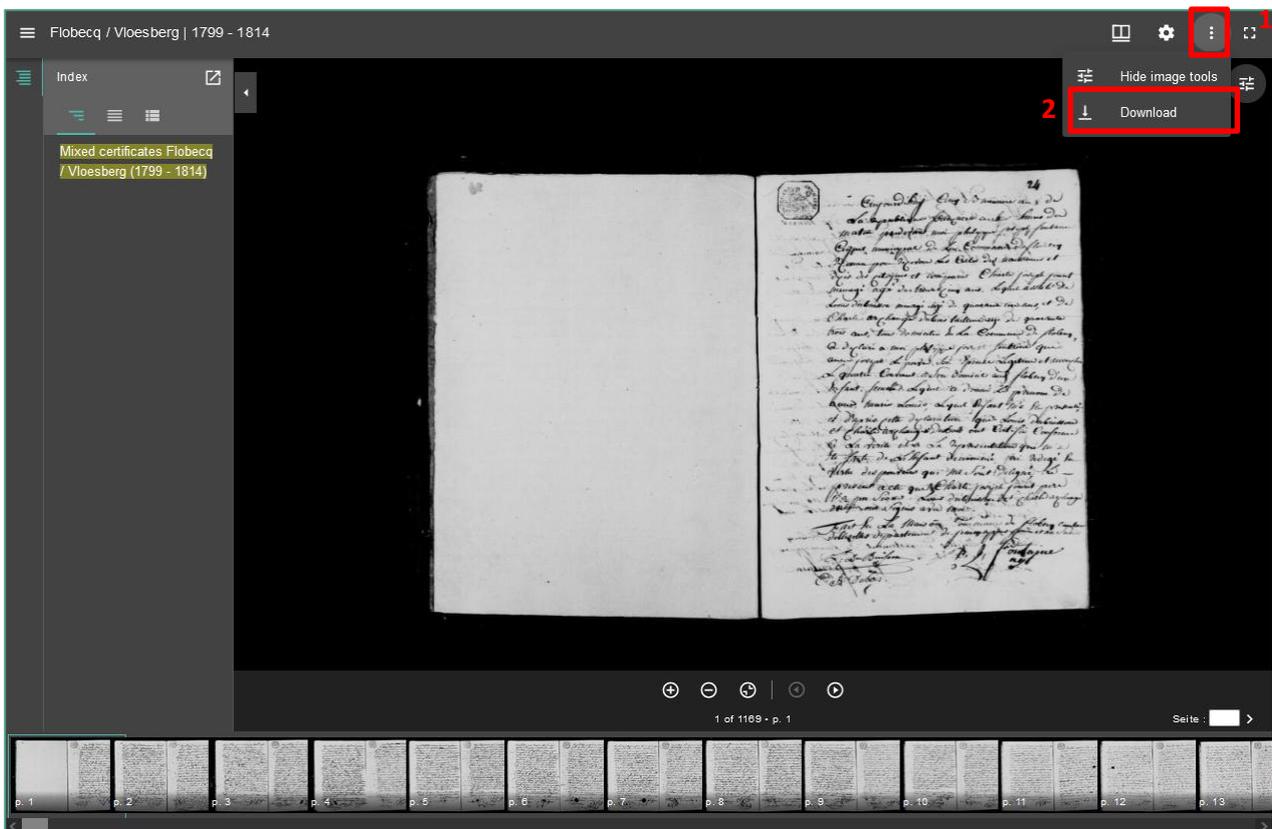
If the language of the viewer is not correct, you can click on the 'Settings' button to change it (12).



It is also possible to disable the thumbnails (small image per page), which by default appear at the bottom of the viewer or place them on the right.



It is also possible to save (download) a page and to print it afterwards. However, downloads are limited to one hundred per day.



## D. Useful links

The *Useful Links* menu allows you to consult this user manual as well as the latest updates of parish registers and civil registers.

[Home](#) / [Search](#) / Genealogical sources

### Genealogical sources

Church and civil status registers form the backbone for genealogical research. They contain information on births/baptisms, marriages and deaths/burials.



**SEARCH**

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**USEFUL LINKS**

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Church registers Before 1796	Civil status registers As from 1796
<p><b>Municipality</b> ⓘ</p> <input type="text" value="Name of municipality"/> <small>Help: <a href="#">List of municipalities</a>   <a href="#">Search by parish</a></small> <p><b>Parishes and other institutions</b> ⓘ</p> <input type="text" value="Nothing selected"/>	
<p><b>Records</b> ⓘ</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Baptisms / Births</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marriages</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Funerals / Deaths</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other types of records</p>	<p><b>Indexes</b> ⓘ</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Baptisms / Births</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marriages</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Funerals / Deaths</p>
<p><b>Period</b></p> <p>From <input type="text" value="1500"/> until <input type="text" value="1796"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="SEARCH Q"/> <input type="button" value="RESET"/></p>	

This list allows you to check which new descriptions were added to the search engine during the last update. All columns can be sorted alphabetically or chronologically. You can also view these new descriptions by clicking on the corresponding button.

Latest update of church registers

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Municipality	Parishes and other institutions	Document type	Starting year	Ending year	
Aye (Marche-en-Famenne)	Saint Séverin	Baptism and birth certificates	01/01/1785	31/12/1785	<a href="#">View</a>
Aye (Marche-en-Famenne)	Saint Séverin	Baptism certificates	13/01/1779	24/12/1779	<a href="#">View</a>
Aye (Marche-en-Famenne)	Saint Séverin	Baptism certificates	02/02/1780	02/10/1780	<a href="#">View</a>
Aye (Marche-en-Famenne)	Saint Séverin	Baptism certificates	14/03/1781	22/09/1781	<a href="#">View</a>
Aye (Marche-en-Famenne)	Saint Séverin	Baptism certificates	06/02/1782	03/11/1782	<a href="#">View</a>
Aye (Marche-en-Famenne)	Saint Séverin	Baptism certificates	19/01/1783	29/12/1783	<a href="#">View</a>
Aye (Marche-en-Famenne)	Saint Séverin	Baptism certificates	07/01/1784	26/12/1784	<a href="#">View</a>
Aye (Marche-en-Famenne)	Saint Séverin	Baptism certificates	10/02/1786	07/12/1786	<a href="#">View</a>
Aye (Marche-en-Famenne)	Saint Séverin	Baptism certificates	08/01/1787	31/12/1787	<a href="#">View</a>
Aye (Marche-en-Famenne)	Saint Séverin	Baptism certificates	21/01/1788	02/12/1788	<a href="#">View</a>

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By clicking on the *Back to search* button, the search menu screen reappears.

## E. Report error in a description

If you have found an error in the description (for example, an incorrect starting year or an unscanned page) while searching digitised parish or civil registers, you can report it using the **contact form**. Try to be as clear and complete as possible when reporting an error (for instance, by including links to relevant images or pages). For example: 'Error in the description of the baptisms of the parish of Saint Martin in Ghent for the period 1761-1774. This should be 1760-1774.' It is also possible to send images or text files along with your error report. Be sure not to forget the URL to the relevant web page!

**Name and first name**

**Subject\***

No selection

**URL**

**Message\***

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