

Connecting Places in World Historical Gazetteer

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The **World Historical Gazetteer** platform

- supports the aggregation, linking, and publication of historical place data contributed by researchers studying the past from many disciplinary perspectives





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World Historical Gazetteer

linking knowledge about the past via place



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Upload and [extend](#) your data with geometry and identifiers from Wikidata and Getty TGN



[Contribute](#) your uploaded data to WHG by linking it to other places in our index



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[Create and share](#) your custom collection of places and datasets published in WHG



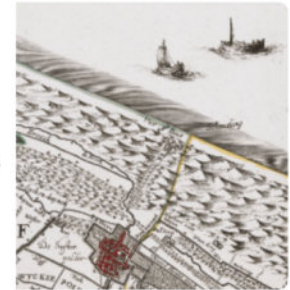
[Integrate WHG data](#) using our application programming interface

Featured Datasets and Collections

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[Dutch Global History](#)

The 'Dutch Global History' collection will offer users a central point of entry for all Dutch historical place names and other place names related to Dutch history — in the broadest geographical sense. As the collection grows, it will also function as a public resource for the wide range of projects on Dutch history that carry spatial components. The collection is being compiled on an ongoing basis by the [KNAW Humanities Cluster](#) from new and existing datasets created by a variety of different institutions, projects, and individual researchers.



collection (in-progress)

[D-PLACE](#)

D-PLACE (the Database of Places, Language, Culture, and Environment) contains cultural, linguistic, environmental and geographic information for over 1400 human 'societies'. A 'society' in D-PLACE represents a group of people in a particular localit...



dataset

[HGIS de las Indias](#)

Historical geography for the Bourbon Spanish America through time (1701-1808), comprising settlements (lugares) and their temporally scoped position within the administrative territorial structure (territorios) of that period and region.



collection

<https://whgazetteer.org>

Outline

- Define some terms
- WHG data
- Users and use cases
 - Research
 - Teaching
- Contribution workflow
- Features:
 - Search, Browse, API
 - Dataset Collections, e.g. **Dutch Global History**
 - Place Collections
- Future plans

Definitions

What is a gazetteer?

- A [*catalogue/register/list/index/thesaurus*] of place information
 - Web navigation systems, e.g. Google Maps
 - The back of a print road atlas
 - Encyclopedic: Chinese local gazetteers; Wikipedia place pages
 - GeoNames, Getty TGN, Nominatim, etc.
- There is enormous variety in both the kinds of places represented, and the information held for each entry
- WHG is using the Linked Open Data framework to publish (mostly historical) gazetteer datasets, to link individual attestations of closely matched places from multiple sources, and to provide record-level access to the resulting data

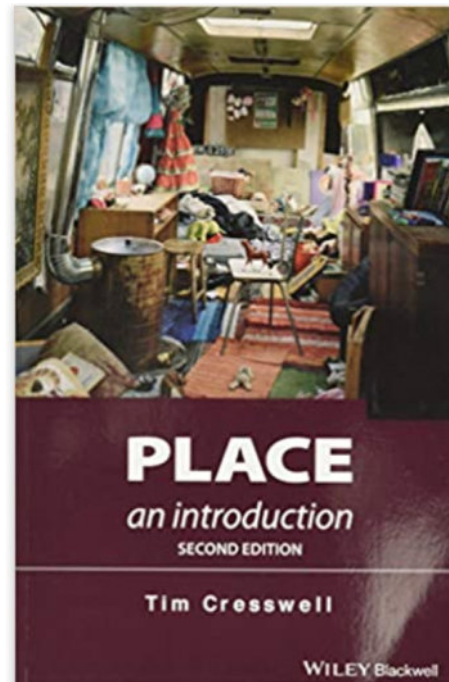
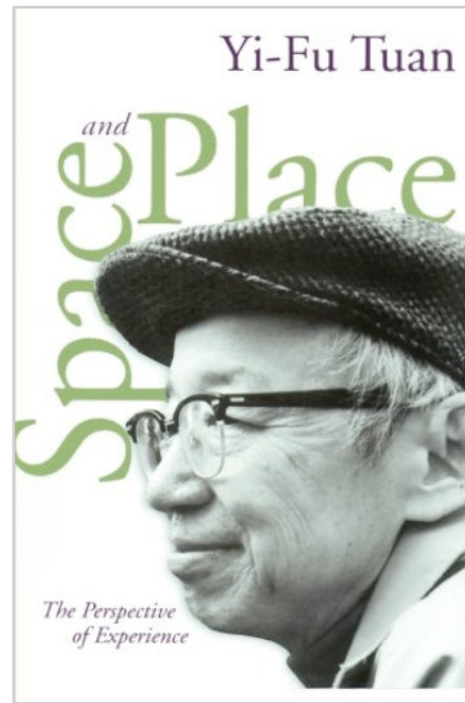
A Distinctive *combination*



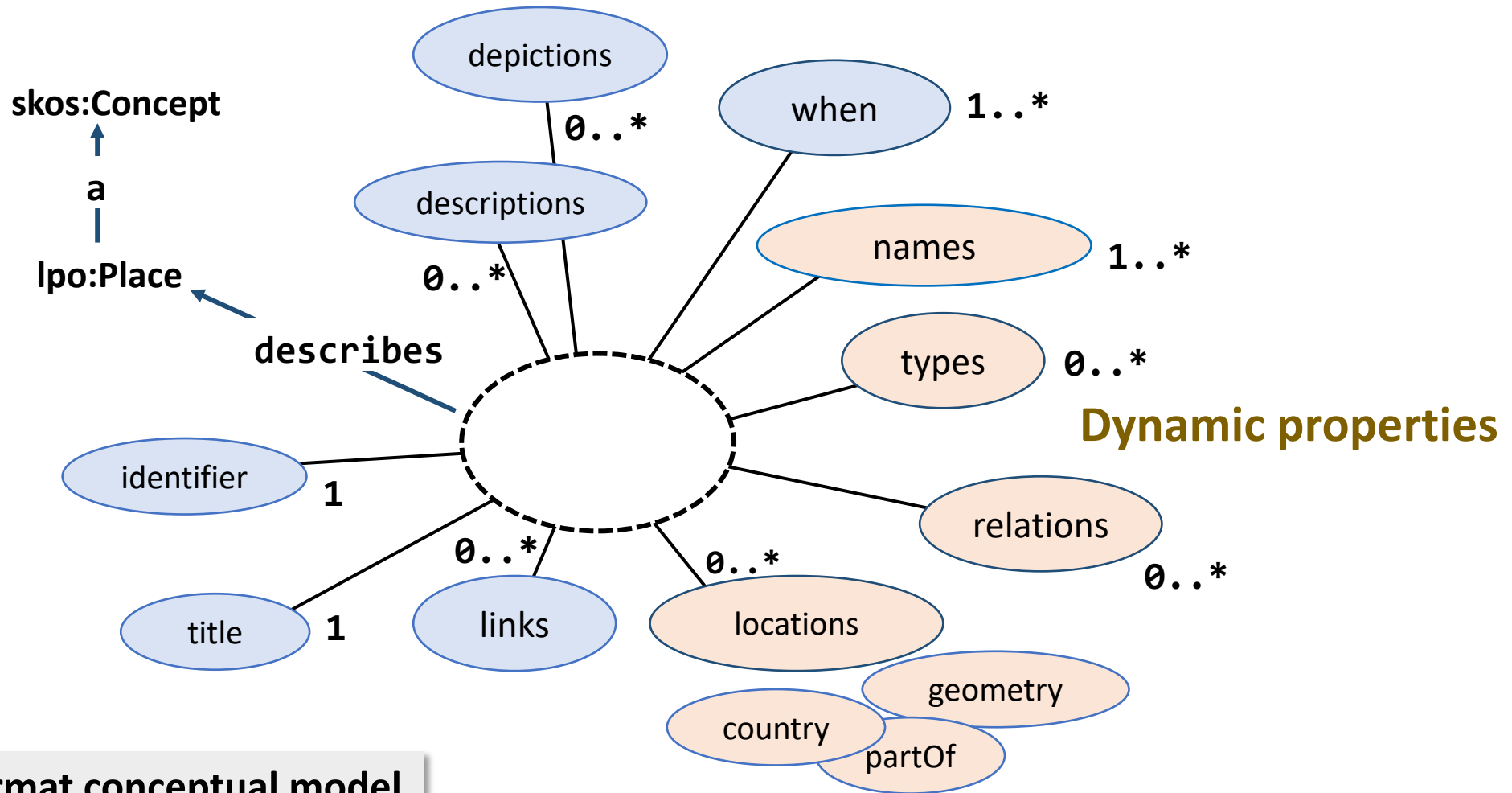
- global geographic coverage
- structured, granular temporal information
- attestations of place references by researchers
- Linked Data publishing platform for datasets without web presence
- multiple attestations for a place are linked, effectively linking projects and disciplines
- faceted record-level search across datasets
- machine access via APIs

What is a place?

- “...a meeting up of histories” – Doreen Massey
- NOT simply a location, but **a setting for activity**
- “Experienced space” -- @kgeographer



What is a WHG place attestation record?



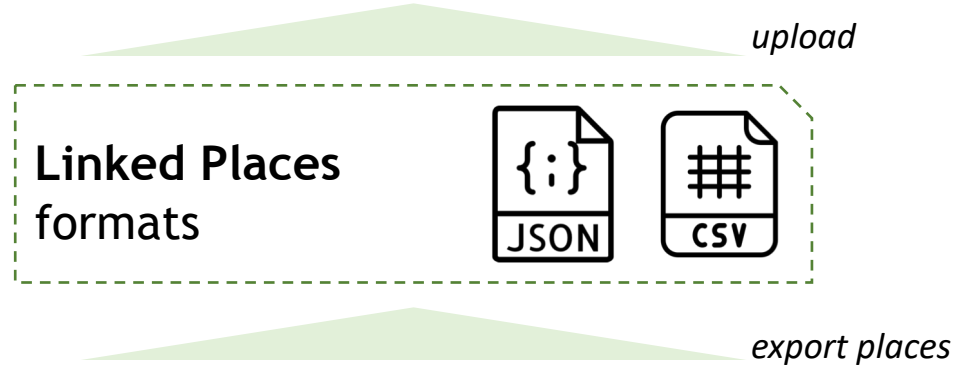
Linked Places format conceptual model

WHG Data

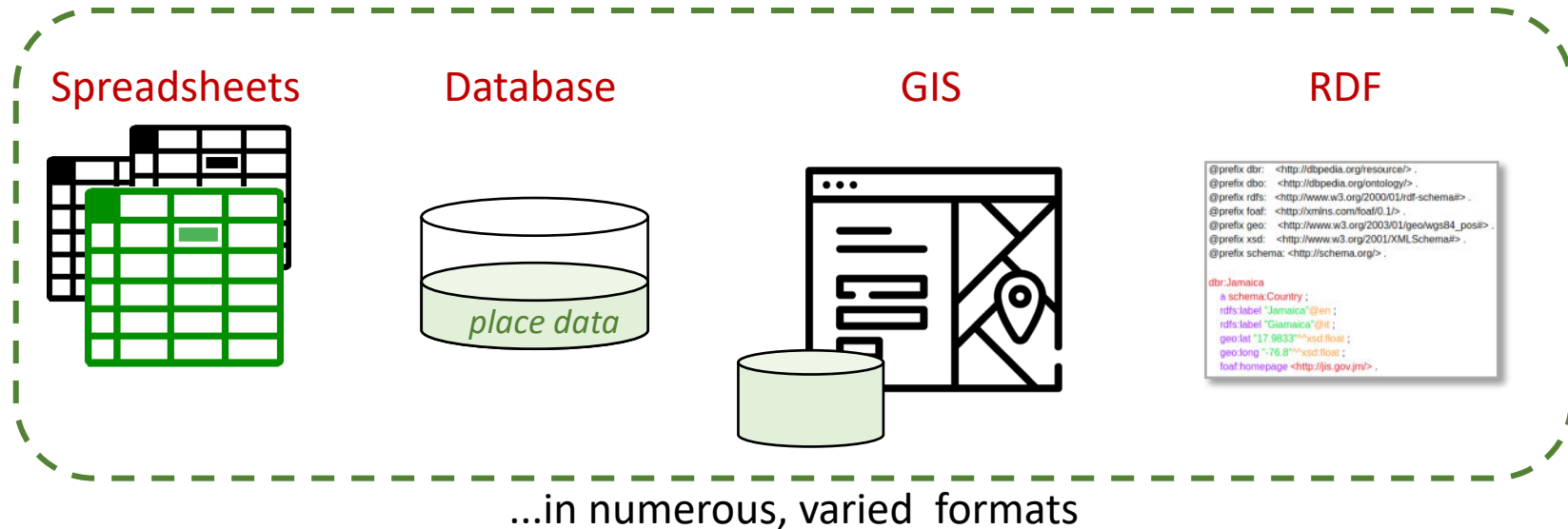
WHG Data



we are **agnostic**
as to contributors' own
research data formats!!



researchers create data,
some of it for places, ...



WHG Data



an uploaded dataset,
reconciled and made public

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Dataset Summary

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Title	Atlas of Mutual Heritage
ID / label	819 / amh_20210622
Description	The Atlas of Mutual Heritage is a growing database containing information about, and images of, the charter areas of the VOC (Dutch East India Company) and WIC (Dutch West India Company).
# Records	1322
Timespan	earliest: 1417; latest: 1945
Last modified	17 Aug 2022
Webpage	https://www.atlasofmutualheritage.nl/
WHG Permalink	http://whgazetteer.org/datasets/819
Creator(s)	Nationaal Archief (Dutch National Archives), Rijksdienst het Cultureel Erfgoed (Dutch Cultural Heritage Agency), Rijksmuseum Amsterdam and the Koninklijke Bibliotheek (Dutch National Library)
Citation 	Nationaal Archief (Dutch National Archives), Rijksdienst het Cultureel Erfgoed (Dutch Cultural Heritage Agency), Rijksmuseum Amsterdam and the Koninklijke Bibliotheek (Dutch National Library). Atlas of Mutual Heritage. [Data file, last modified 17 Aug 2022]. Retrieved from http://whgazetteer.org/datasets/819 , 12 Sep 2022

Atlas of Mutual Heritage [Summary](#) [Browse](#)



Title: **Aijcotta**
Variants: Aijcotte; Aycotta; Aijkotta; Aijcotta; Aijcotta;
Types: Post; ([sites \(locations\)](#))
Links: [wp:Azhikode, Thrissur](#), [wd:Q4832541](#),
Parent(s): Malabar Coast; Malabaar (VOC area);
Description: Locality associated with Dutch East India Company. Aijcotta was situated on the mouth of the Periyar River close to Paliporto. The village lay on the coast north of the island of Vypeen. The mouth of the river had been reinforced against enemy attack. There was a small stone guardhouse, which served ...
When: earliest: 1600; latest: 1600

Show 10 entries

Search:


pid	src_id	title	ccodes	geo	select ?
6674505	amh_593p	Aijcotta	IN		<input type="checkbox"/>
6674506	amh_628p	Airbangis	ID		<input type="checkbox"/>
6674507	amh_626p	Airhaji	ID	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Showing 21 to 30 of 1,322 entries

Previous 1 2 3 4 5 ... 133

Next

- Adapt — remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially.

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[Linked Places format](#) 

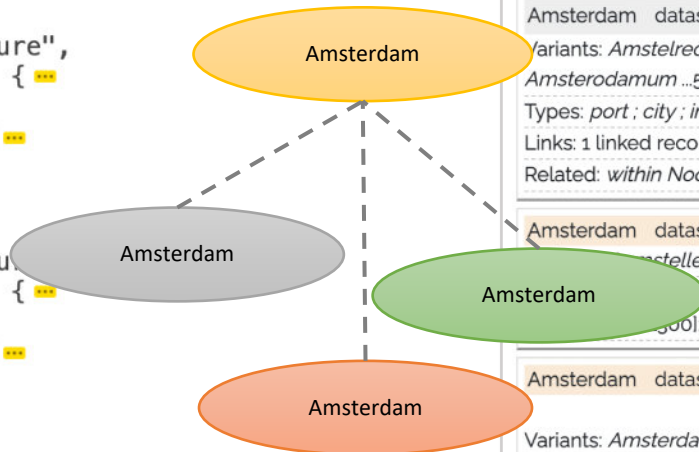
[LP-TSV](#) 

WHG Data

union index

a “place portal” page showing
four linked attestations for Amsterdam
in the WHG union index

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  "note": "4 records asserted as skos:closeMatch",
  "type": "FeatureCollection",
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  ]
}
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[return to search results](#)

Amsterdam

ATTESTATIONS TO DATE

Amsterdam dataset: [GeoNames cities \(more\)](#)

[issue?](#) [pid: 2487616](#)

Variants: [Ἀμστερδαμ](#); [アムステルダム](#); [阿姆斯特丹](#); [암스테르담](#) ...68 more

Types: *populated place*

Links: 5 linked records [gn:2759794](#); [loc:n78095634](#); [viaf:158212776](#);

[wd:Q727](#); [tgn:7006952](#);

Amsterdam dataset: [Getty TGN \(partial\)](#)

[issue?](#) [pid: 4699946](#)

Variants: [Amstelredamense oppidum](#); [Amstelredamum](#); [Amsterdam](#);

[Amsterodamum](#) ...5 more

Types: *port*; *city*; *inhabited place*

Links: 1 linked records [tgn:7006952](#);

Related: *within Noord-Holland, Nederland, Europe, World*

Amsterdam dataset: [EurAtlas Cities](#)

[issue?](#) [pid: 6370140](#)

Variants: [Amstelledamme](#); [Amsterdam](#)

Types: *city*; *inhabited place*

When: [1400, 1400]; [1400, 2000]

Amsterdam dataset: [DK Atlas of World History](#)

[issue?](#) [pid: 81317](#)

Variants: [Amsterdam](#)

Types: *settlement*

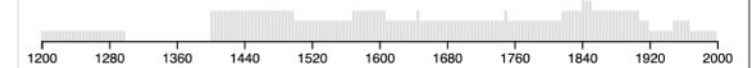
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[tgn:7006952](#); [viaf:158212776](#); [wd:Q727](#);

When: [1947, 1968]; [1400, 1500]; [1750, 1750]; [1840, 1910]; [1815, 1852];

[1400, 1860]; [1860, 1920]; [1568, 1609]; [1648, 1648]

TEMPORAL ATTESTATIONS

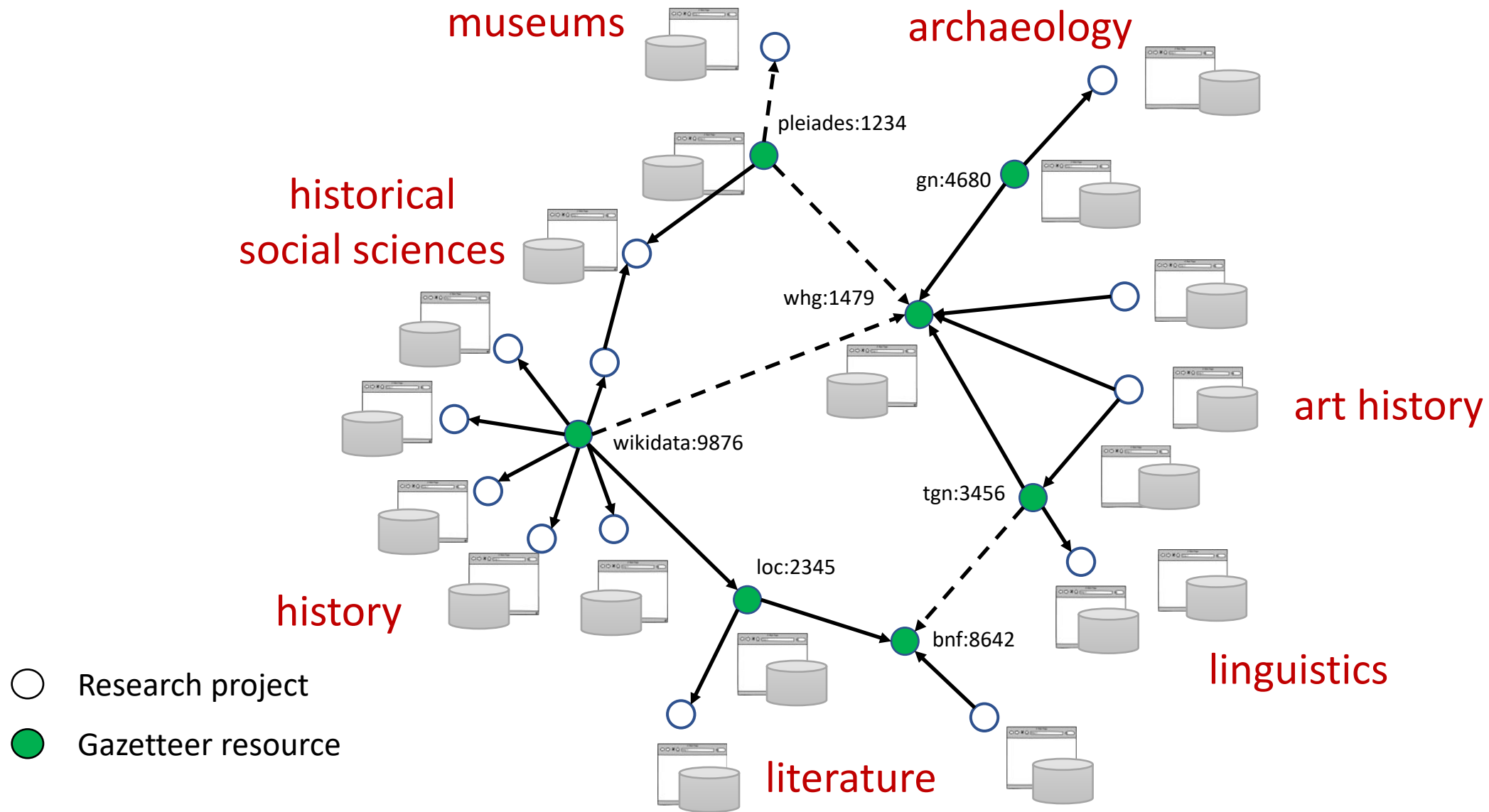


GEOGRAPHY



IN COLLECTIONS

- Roundabout 2022 (a digital nomad itinerary), a collection of 31 places [description, places]



linking knowledge about the past via place identifiers

WHG Data

- ~ 1.9 million places, ~5 million name variants
- 18 public datasets; 1/3 from KNAW
- dozens in queue, from every continent

existing and in-progress
Dataset Collections

Public Datasets

HGIS de las Indias lugares (13258)
HGIS de las Indias territorios (892)
African Ports, 1887 (305)
D-PLACE Societies (1428)
Pleiades (partial) (20365)

Atlas of Mutual Heritage (1322)
KIT gazetteer Surinam (2146)
KIT gazetteer Dutch Antilles (1227)
Curaçao Administrative Areas (29)
Utrecht Chronicle of the Teutonic Order (181)
Curaçao Administrative Areas (29)

DK Atlas of World History (10643)
Old World Trade (4117)

Euratlas Cities (3584)
An Historical Atlas of Central Asia (759)
List of Russian towns, late 14c (282)
Indigenous Place Names of the Yukon (100)
Geographic Names of Antarctica (63)

Getty TGN (partial) (1804270)
GeoNames Cities (926)
Ecoregions (TNC) (814);
Watersheds (226);
Mountain Ranges (217);
Lakes (WRI) (1491)
Global Rivers (982)

In queue (partial)

al-Thurayya (11c Islam) (2241)

Ukrainian settlements, 17c (3007)
Rivers of Crimea (74)
Populated places of Crimea, 1450–1800 (94)
Provinces of Crimea, 1450–1800 (6)
Districts of Crimea, 1450–1800 (43)

Poland settlements of the 16c (23771)
Poland provinces in the 16c (23)
Poland districts in the 16c (105)

French Sci. Mission Greek Settlements (3888)
KIMA Gazetteer (27239)
CAMPOP Places (4065)
Seshat polities (64)

Dataset Collection presentation page(s)

Collection Summary

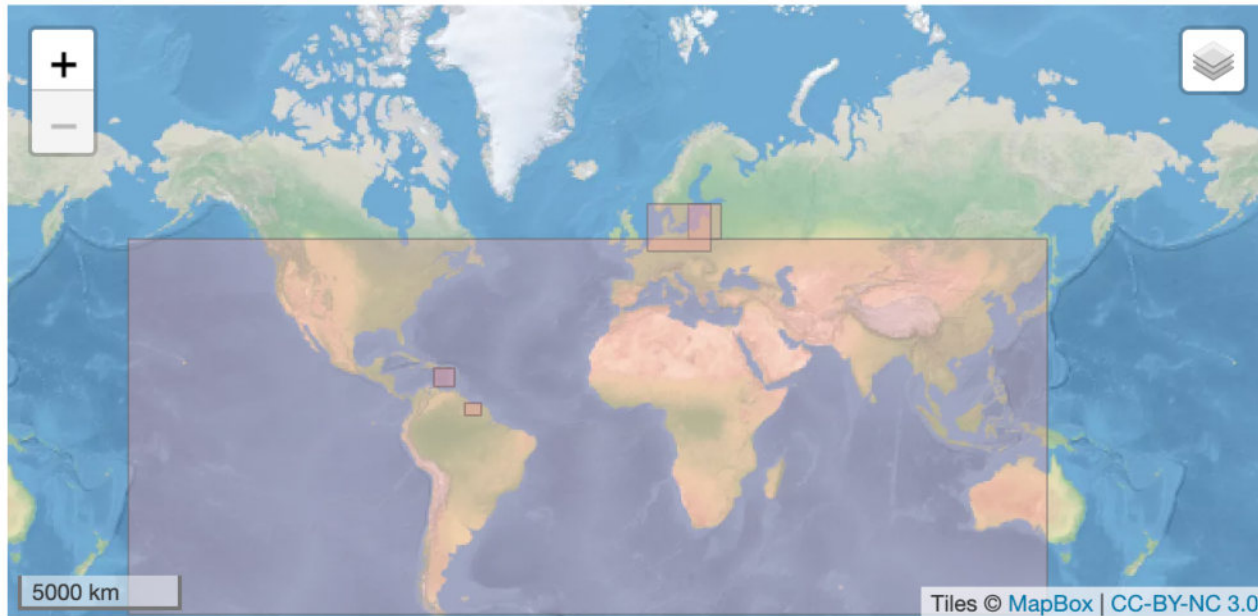
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Title Dutch Global History

Description The 'Dutch Global History' collection will offer users a central point of entry for all Dutch historical place names and other place names related to Dutch history — in the broadest geographical sense...[more](#)

Keywords Netherlands, West Indies, East Indies



Datasets (6)

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Title: **KIT gazetteer Surinam** (829)

Description: Gazetteer developed by the Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen (Royal Tropical Institute) in the Netherlands, in order to allow users to produce geographical queries on the KITs Dutch Colonial Maps Co...[more](#)

Temporal coverage: 1993 / 2011

Created: 03 Aug 2021

Number of records: 2146

Title: **KIT gazetteer Dutch Antilles** (827)

Description: Gazetteer developed by the Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen (Royal Tropical Institute) in the Netherlands, in order to allow users to produce geographical queries on the KITs Dutch Colonial Maps Co...[more](#)

Temporal coverage: 1993 / 2011

Created: 01 Aug 2021

Number of records: 1227

Title: **Atlas of Mutual Heritage** (819)

Description: The Atlas of Mutual Heritage is a growing database containing information about, and images of, the charter areas of the VOC (Dutch East India Company) and WIC (Dutch West India Company).

Temporal coverage: 1417 / 1945

Created: 22 Jun 2021

Number of records: 1322

Why a World Historical Gazetteer?

Use cases, audiences, contributors

Use cases for research and teaching

- Research

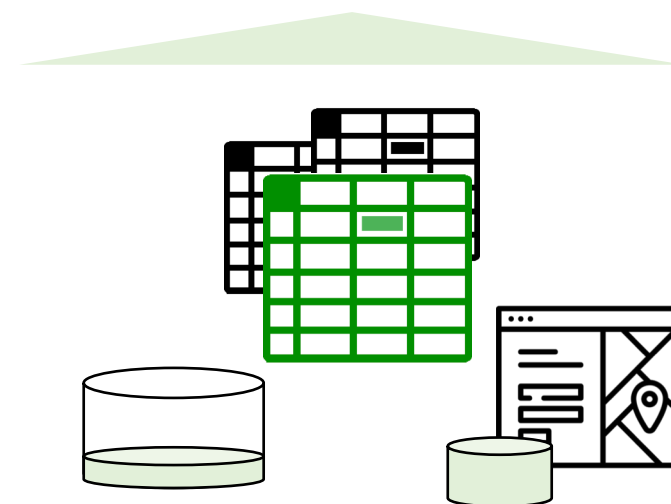
- Publish place data products of research as Linked Data
- Georeference place references in source materials, for mapping, analysis
- Augment place data with missing geometries & authority identifiers
- Link individual place records & entire datasets with those of other projects
- Use resulting datasets & *Dataset Collections* for georeferencing during annotation of source materials

- Teaching

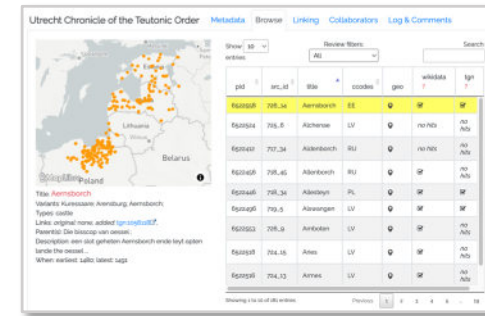
- Graduate level: building historical gazetteers
- Secondary level: discovering connections between places and publishing them in *Place Collections*

Contribution workflow

- Export a place data file from existing research data, in Linked Places format
- Upload into private WHG workspace
- Submit reconciliation task against the WHG index of 3.5m Wikidata place records
- Review resulting prospective matches
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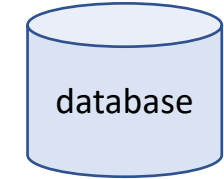


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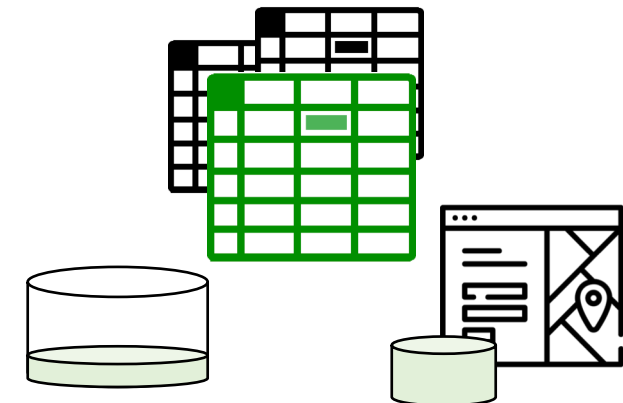
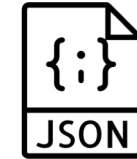
Metadata Browse Linking Collaborators Log & Comments

Search

pid	url_id	title	codes	geo	whgdata	ign
Ep0000	705.36	Abernach	EU	Q	SE	SE
Ep0004	705.8	Abernach	LV	Q	no/NO	no/NO
Ep0008	707.34	Abernach	EU	Q	no/NO	no/NO
Ep0010	705.40	Abernach	EU	Q	SE	SE
Ep0011	705.36	Abernach	PL	Q	SE	SE
Ep0012	705.5	Abernach	LV	Q	SE	SE
Ep0013	705.5	Abernach	LV	Q	SE	SE
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**Linked Places
formats**



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Enslaved
Metadata
Browse
Linking
Add task
Collaborators
Log & Comments

Name authority source
Your task will enter a queue and an email notification sent when completed.


☐ Wikidata (wdlocal) *estimated time: about 35 minute(s)*
☒ keep prior match results ☐ delete prior match results

Geographic bounds ?
Select pre-defined region or...
Select user-defined study area [create user area](#)

Start Cancel



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OPTIONS
☒ accept geometries in matches ?

Task: align_wdlocal (17-Mar-2022, 20:51 0);
elapsed: 12:01
ID: 836e782b-2f47-4e74-a325-459bb1a826bb
[Delete task & hits, clear matches](#) 
[Delete geometries added so far](#)

Result: 1433 of the 6325 records got 1690 hits in total
Remaining to review: 449

- Pass 0 (matched links): 0
- Pass 1: 175 [review](#)
- Pass 2: 274 [review](#)
- Deferred: none



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Reconciliation Review

PASS 1

task id 836e782b-...

dataset: [enslaved_test01](#)
Save defer
« first previous Record 10 of 175 next last »
Undo last save

Charlestown

add note

WHG place id: 6920755
Source id: Q487462
Name variants: *Charlestown*;
Modern countries: United States (United States);
Place type(s): City, Town, or Village ();
Earliest/latest: 1508 / 1865

☐ closeMatch
☒ no match

Title/Preferred: **Charlestown**
Wikidata ID: [Q34791982](#)
Types: [human settlement]
Links: [gn:5084457](#)
Modern country: [United States]

☐ closeMatch
☒ no match

Title/Preferred: **Charlestown**
Wikidata ID: [Q754637](#)
Variants: Чарлестовн@uz; Чарлстаун@kk; چارلستاون, مريلند, چارلستاون@fa; Чарлстаун@sr; چارلستون@ar; چارلستون@ur; Чарлстаун@ky; Charlestown (Maryland)@eu; Чарлстаун@uk; Charlestown, Maryland@cy;
Types: [human settlement]
Links: [gn:4351038](#) [wp:Charlestown, Maryland](#)
Modern country: [United States]
Temporal attestations: [1742, 1742]
Description(s):
(en) town in Cecil County, Maryland


☐ closeMatch
☒ no match

Title/Preferred: **Charlestown**
Wikidata ID: [Q34766240](#)

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[LP-TSV](#) 



Public

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- Upload into
- Submit record to WHG index of records
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ID: agf54d6d-774a-4865-bef2-250235ead83c

[Delete task & hits, clear matches](#) 🗑️

[Delete geometries added so far](#)

Result: 2495 of the 2495 records got 4148 hits in total automatically

Remaining to review: 2485

• Passes 0, 1: 2484 [review](#)

• Deferred: 1 [review](#)



Accessioning Review ?
dataset: euratlas_cities
task id: ag

Save defer Record 1 of 2484 next last »

Maraga

WHG place id: 6367898
Source id: 25
Name variants: *Marageh; Maragheh; Maraga;*
Modern countries: Iran (īrān);
Place type(s): city (city);
Earliest/latest: 1000 / 2000

☐ closeMatch ☒ no match ?

Title(s): **Marāge**

Countries: Iran

Linked records (1):

[pleiades20k \(6460545\)](#): variants: Phraata, al-Marāga, al-Marage, el-Maraghe, el-Maragheh, Marāga, Marāga, Maragha, Maraghah; type(s): settlement, inhabited place

☐ closeMatch ☒ no match ?

Title(s): **Marāgheh**

Countries: Iran

Linked records (1):

[tgn_filtered_01 \(5092160\)](#): variants: Maragha, Maragheh, town, inhabited place pass:

All concordances: [tgn:1079191](#)

Save

defer

Record 1 of 110 [next](#) [last »](#)

Isfahan ●



WHG place id: 6691964

Source id: b_4272

Name variants: *Isfahan*;

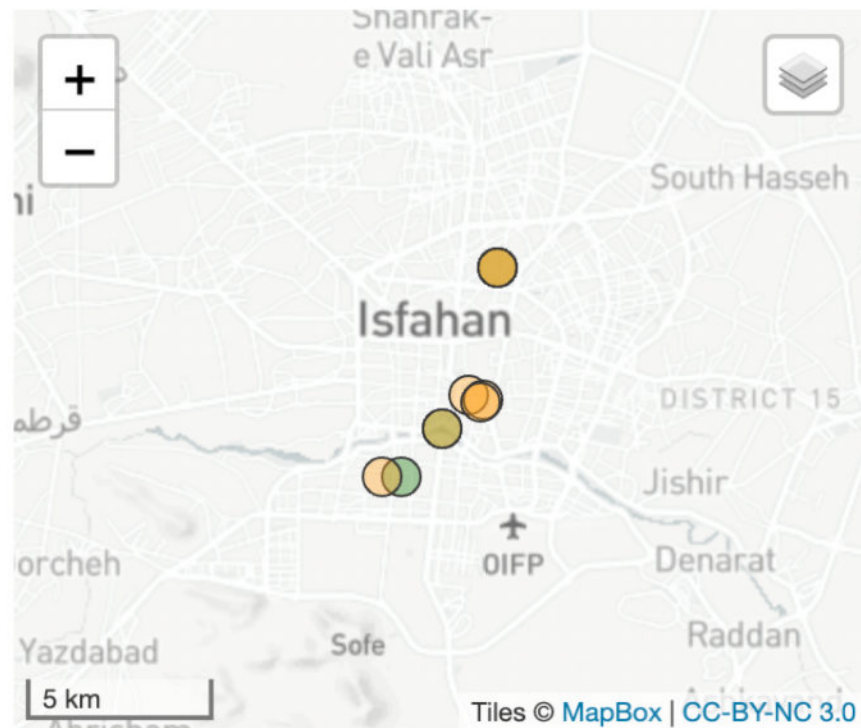
Modern countries: Iran (Īrān);

Place type(s): settlement (inhabited place);

Links: [wp:lsfahan](#) [loc:n82083647](#) [gn:418863](#)

[gnd:4072937-o](#) [viaf:236810055](#) [pl:902990](#)

[wd:Q42053](#)  [tgn:7017459](#) 



☐ closeMatch ☒ no match ☐ ?

Title(s): Isfahan, Eşfahān, Aspadana/(I)Spahan/Gay/Gabai?

Countries: Iran

Linked records (4):

gn500 (227730): variants. 이스파한, 伊期

هان، ئسفاھان، اصفهان، اسفہان،

Isfahan, **Isfahán**, Isfehan, Isfahan, Îs

esufahan, esaphahana, aysfahan, asfhan, Yspyhan, Spahan, Kota Isfahan, Iszfahán, Iszf

Isfahāna, Isfahán, Isfahon, Isfahanum, Isfahanas, Isfahana, Isfahan, Isfachan, IFN, Eşfeh

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Features: Search, Browse, API, Teaching

Teaching with World Historical Gazetteer

NEW! Place Collections

Place names—their origins, change over time, and reflections of identity—can provide a fascinating and revealing lens through which to explore history. Used with the interactive tools of digital history, the study of place names brings new, deeper, and broader connections to our understanding of patterns of historical change.



Place in World History

Ruth Mostern WHG Project Director

Most of us use the word place without thinking too much about what it means, but for historians, place can be a powerful concept. According to the geographer John Agnew, when we say that something is a place, we are invoking three ideas. First, we are talking about something that has a **location**. A place exists somewhere on the surface of the earth. Second, we mean that it has a **locale**. A place is a location that is a setting for social relations.

TEACHING RESOURCES (7)

Lesson plan

Navigating the WHG for Spatial Thinking

Students will use the World Historical Gazetteer to make connections between named place and cartographic space, gaining exposure to key skills of...

Lesson plan

Place and Place Names

This lesson, Japanese learners will practice and explore the pronunciation of foreign names of countries and cities while learning about travel...

Lesson plan

Commodore Matthew Perry and the End of Edo

In this lesson, students studying Japanese language will become familiar with Commodore Perry and his role in Japanese history while learning...

Lesson plan

Identity, Sovereignty, and Political Power: Japanese Names for Korean Places

This document-based lesson is designed to examine Japanese and Korean attitudes concerning Korean identity and...

Lesson plan

Power and Possession: The Role of Place Names in Establishing Territorial Claims

What is this collection about?

Featured Datasets and Collections

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Dutch Global History

The 'Dutch Global History' collection will offer users a central point of entry for all Dutch historical place names and other place names related to Dutch history — in the broadest geographical sense. As the collection grows, it will also function as a public resource for the wide range of projects on Dutch history that carry spatial components. The collection is being compiled on an ongoing basis by the [KNAW Humanities Cluster](#) from new and existing datasets created by a variety of different institutions, projects, and individual researchers.



collection (in-progress)

DK Atlas of World History

Data culled from the index and maps of DK Atlas of World History. Jeremy Black, Ed. DK Publishing (2005)



dataset

HGIS de las Indias

Historical geography for the Bourbon Spanish America through time (1701-1808), comprising settlements (lugares) and their temporally scoped position within the administrative territorial structure (territorios) of that period and region.



collection

API

search

browse

database

index

WHG database and index support search, browse, teaching, and API features

Amsterdam

Search Index Search Database

pre-filters

PLACE CATEGORIES [CLEAR ALL](#)

- ☒ administrative entities (A)
- ☒ cities, towns, hamlets...(P)
- ☒ sites, buildings, complexes...(S)
- ☒ roads, routes, rail...(R)
- ☒ regions, landscape areas (L)
- ☒ terrestrial landforms (T)
- ☒ water bodies (H)

TEMPORAL (DEFAULT = ALL)

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SPATIAL

Netherlands (Nederland)

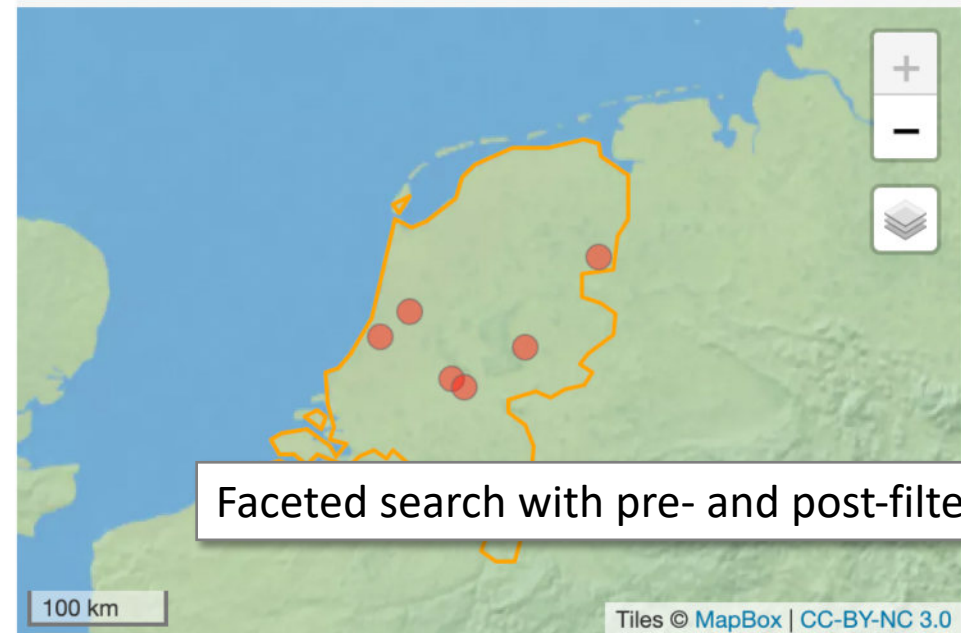
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result filters

- ☒ Place type
 - inhabited places
 - canals (waterways)

Modern country bounds

UNION INDEX SEARCH may include records with no geometry



Faceted search with pre- and post-filtering

Title	Linked	Countries	Type(s)	Name variants	geom?
Amsterdam	4	NL	inhabited places	AMS; Aemstelledamme; Amesterdam; Amesterdao; Amesterdão; Amistardam ... <i>80 total</i>	
Nieuw Amsterdam	1	NL	inhabited places	Nieuw-Amsterdam	
Klein Amsterdam	1	NL	inhabited places		
Amsterdam Rijn Kanaal	1	NL	canals (waterways)	Amsterdam-Rijnkanaal	
Amsterdam-Rijnkanaal	1	NL	canals (waterways)	Amsterdam-Bovenrijn Kanaal; Amsterdam-Rhine River Canal; Der Amsterdam-Rheinkanal	
Ringvaart van de Haarlemmermeerpolder	1	NL	canals (waterways)	Amsterdam Ring Canal; Haarlem Ring Canal; Haarlemmermeerpolder, Ringvaart van de; Ringvaart;	

These datasets flagged as **public** in WHG include **a growing set of historical contributions**, as well as several in a non-historical "core." They can be browsed on their linked pages, explored in context of the entire repository on the [Search page](#), and accessed programmatically with our [Index and Database APIs](#).

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H = Historical; C = Core (non-historical)

title ↕	rows	description	modified ↕	contributor ↕	type ↕
African Ports, 1887	305	305 settlements and ports on the West African coast	2022-08-31	whgadmin	H
An Historical Atlas of Central Asia	759	This dataset comprises 759 place records, digitized in 2018 from 15 of the 48 maps in this scholarly atlas. The maps' extensive sources, detailed in the Preface and Notes, include "...all reliable gen... more	2022-08-31	whgadmin	H
Atlas of Mutual Heritage	1322	The Atlas of Mutual Heritage is a growing database containing information about, and images of, the charter areas of the VOC (Dutch East India Company) and WIC (Dutch West India Company).	2022-09-12		
Curaçao Historical Administrative Areas	29	Spatiotemporal GIS layer of administrative areas (quarters; divisions; districts; urban neighbourhoods) in the island of Curaçao under Dutch, post-WIC control (1792-1954).	2022-07-06	rjstapel	H
EurAtlas Cities	3584	3584 cities with temporally scoped names from the EurAtlas Periodis Historical Atlas and Gazatteer. Polities will be added as a separate dataset.	2022-09-07	whgadmin	H
Geographic Names of Antarctica	63	A sample of geographic names in Antarctica in Gazetteer of the Antarctica, a cooperative project of the the Geological Survey (U.S.), National Mapping Division; National Science Foundation (U.S.).	2022-04-22	als512	H

Browsing public datasets

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Dataset Summary [Browse](#)

Title	Atlas of Mutual Heritage
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Description	The Atlas of Mutual Heritage is a growing database containing information about, and images of, the charter areas of the VOC (Dutch East India Company) and WIC (Dutch West India Company).
# Records	1322
Timespan	earliest: 1417; latest: 1945
Last modified	17 Aug 2022
Webpage	https://www.atlasofmutualheritage.nl/
WHG Permalink	http://whgazetteer.org/datasets/819
Creator(s)	Nationaal Archief (Dutch National Archives), Rijksdienst het Cultureel Erfgoed (Dutch Cultural Heritage Agency), Rijksmuseum Amsterdam and the Koninklijke Bibliotheek (Dutch National Library)
Citation 	Nationaal Archief (Dutch National Archives), Rijksdienst het Cultureel Erfgoed (Dutch Cultural Heritage Agency), Rijksmuseum Amsterdam and the Koninklijke Bibliotheek (Dutch National Library). Atlas of Mutual Heritage. [Data file, last modified 17 Aug 2022]. Retrieved from http://whgazetteer.org/datasets/819 , 12 Sep 2022

Atlas of Mutual Heritage [Summary](#) [Browse](#)



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Title: **Aijcotta**

Variants: Aijcotte; Aycotta; Aijkotta; Aijkotta; Aijkotta;

Types: Post; [sites \(locations\)](#) 

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
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When: earliest: 1600; latest: 1600


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Features: Dataset Collections

Dutch Global History

Collection Summary

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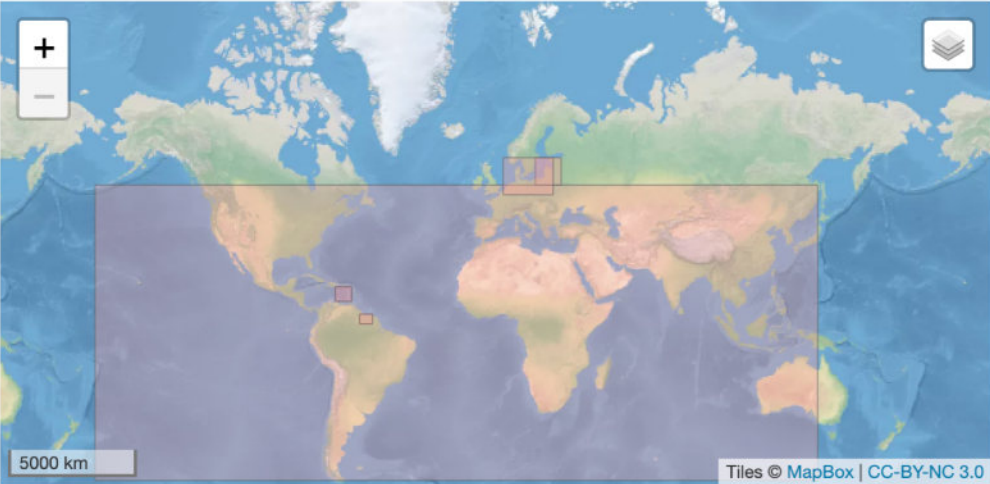
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Keywords

Netherlands, West Indies, East Indies





5000 km

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Datasets (6)

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Description: Gazetteer developed by the Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen (Royal Tropical Institute) in the Netherlands, in order to allow users to produce geographical queries on the KITs Dutch Colonial Maps Co...[more](#)

Temporal coverage: 1993 / 2011

Created: 03 Aug 2021

Number of records: 2146

Title: **KIT gazetteer Dutch Antilles** (827)

Description: Gazetteer developed by the Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen (Royal Tropical Institute) in the Netherlands, in order to allow users to produce geographical queries on the KITs Dutch Colonial Maps Co...[more](#)

Temporal coverage: 1993 / 2011

Created: 01 Aug 2021

Number of records: 1227

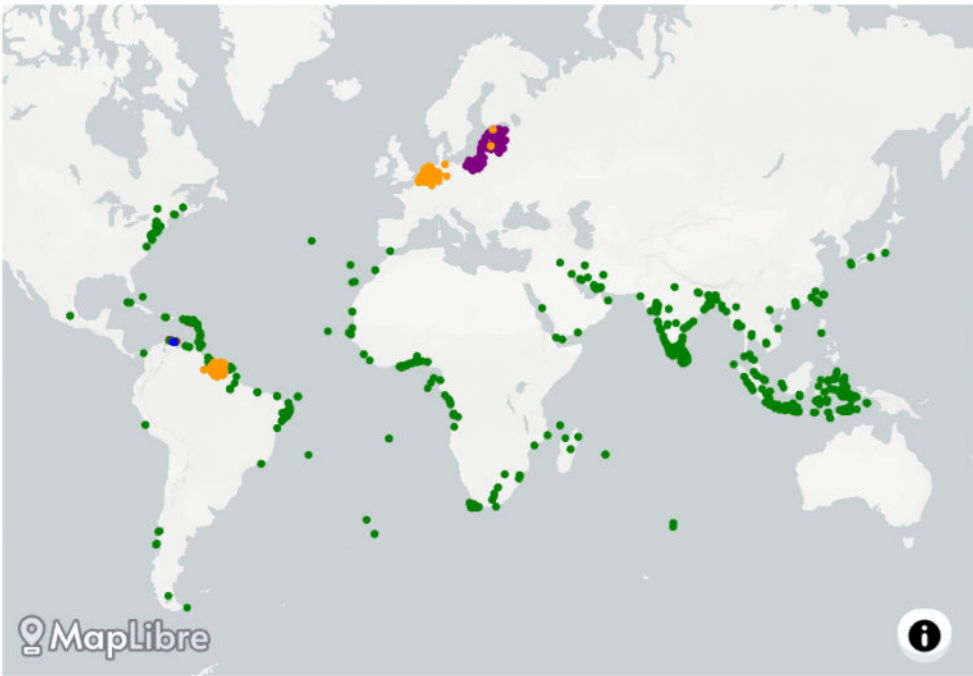
Title: **Atlas of Mutual Heritage** (819)

Description: The Atlas of Mutual Heritage is a growing database containing information about, and images of, the charter areas of the VOC (Dutch East India Company) and WIC (Dutch West India Company).

Temporal coverage: 1417 / 1945

Created: 22 Jun 2021

Number of records: 1322



Title: **Abigaelslust**
Variants: Abigaellust; Abigaelslust; Abigaelslust;
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Links: *no links established yet*
When: earliest: 1993; latest: 2011

Datasets

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KIT gazetteer Surinam

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Curaçao Historical Administrative Areas

Utrecht Chronicle of the Teutonic Order

Birth places of ordained priests in Utrecht (1505-1518)

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Features: Place Collections

A Place Collection is a set of place records found in publicly accessible datasets within WHG. Place records can be added to a collection individually, in groups, or from entire datasets. Each record in the collection can optionally be annotated with relevant start and end dates, a relation keyword, and notes—all serving to explain the place's membership in the collection. The collection record itself can include an abstract, keywords, an image, an accompanying essay in PDF format, and up to three links to relevant web resources. Its data can be downloaded for further use.



The World of Olaudah Equiano (Gustavus Vassa), 1745-1797 *a place collection by Ruth Mostern*

BETA

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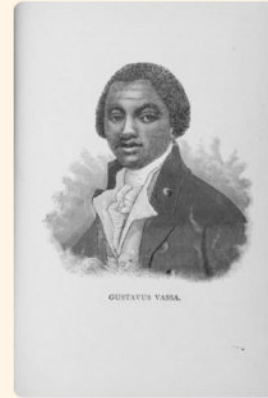
Olaudah Equiano, also known as Gustavus Vassa, was born in the Kingdom of Benin, enslaved as a child, and spent his adult life as a sailor, writer, and abolitionist. His autobiography, *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano*, published in 1789, is an important source for understanding enslaved and free lives in the eighteenth century.

Keywords slavery, Atlantic world

Essay [The Life of Olaudah Equiano](#)

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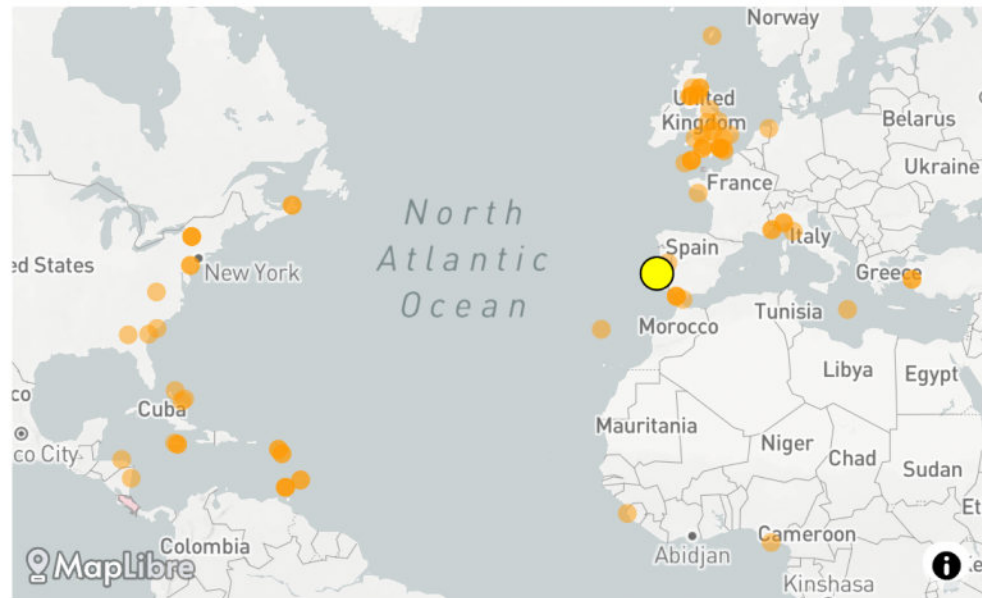
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Porto

ANNOTATION

Relation: waypoint

Notes: Equiano spent Carnival in Porto on his way to Smyrna on board the Delaware.

Start/End: 1769/1769

PLACE RECORD

Name variants: Porto;

Place type: inhabited place

External links (1) [Show](#)


Parent(s): Lisboa, Portugal, Europe, World;

Title *
The World of Olaudah Equiano (Gustavus Vassa), 17

Description *
Olaudah Equiano, also known as Gustavus Vassa, was born in the Kingdom of Benin, enslaved as a child, and spent his adult life as a sailor, writer,


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Annotations

Title: Livorno

Variants: Liburna; Liburno;

Relation: Start/End: / 

Notes: Livorno was one of Equiano's ports of call while working for John Jolly on the Delaware.

Future plans

- Plan for sustainability: international consortium? subscription?
- More data
- Make contributing easier
- More Dataset Collections (“focus domains”)
 - e.g. Historical Gazetteer of Ukraine; Portuguese Global History; Historical Middle East; Ottoman Empire; Central Eurasia; Latin America; Atlantic
- More and better integrations with external apps
 - e.g. Recogito; NodeGoat; AllMaps; Machines Reading Maps
- Enhance Place Collection capabilities, for teaching and ??
- Region Collections

Thank you!
Questions or comments?



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