

SNAC Editorial Policy and Standards

Working Group: Relationship Types

Relationship Types

What

One of SNAC's great powers is providing connections among historical figures and their related materials

Where

Looked to existing relationships available in SNAC as well as expanding to those in development by RiC.

Why

Expanding relationship types from those currently available in SNAC will allow for making those connections more clearly and decisively.

ESWG's work

Current

Working through a list of relationships types defined by RiC, that were listed to be added to SNAC during the implementation of controlled vocabulary management.

These terms have not yet been added.

Policy

Creating definitions for each relationship type that will be made available in SNAC once vocabulary management is implemented, so editors and users can understand the specific meaning of each relationship.

Name	Has or had place of residence	inverse relation: is or was place of residence
Domain/Range	Domain	Domain
Definition	Connects a person or family to the specific location where they lived or resided, and vice versa.	
Scope Notes	“Has or had place of residence” and “is or was place of residence” relate specifically to the place where a person or family lived/resided, rather than where they held citizenship or with which they identified.	
Examples	Ruth Bader Ginsburg has or had place of residence in the District of Columbia. / District of Columbia is or was place of residence of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Fannie Lou Hamer has or had place of residence in Mound Bayou, Mississippi / Mound Bayou is or was place of residence of Fannie Lou Hamer	
Relation types	CPF to place/Place to CPF	
Broader relations	is or was location of	
Narrower relations	None	

example

Expansion: Indigenous & Enslaved Description Groups

Looking at these lists with our inclusive and specialized description groups, have realized that more specific relationships are needed to be inclusive of differing communities.

Representatives from those groups will speak to this during their presentations, but we are meeting quarterly to discuss relationship types and ensure that needs are met in balance with ensuring clarity for editors and users.

Thanks for listening!

We are seeking volunteers to join us in this work!
Please reach out to **elizabeth_coup@harvard.edu**
if you'd like to join ESWG and push this project (and
other policies) forward!