SNAC Authority ID Cheat Sheet

This List is in Alphabetical Order to match the Authority File List and drop down

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Authority File List

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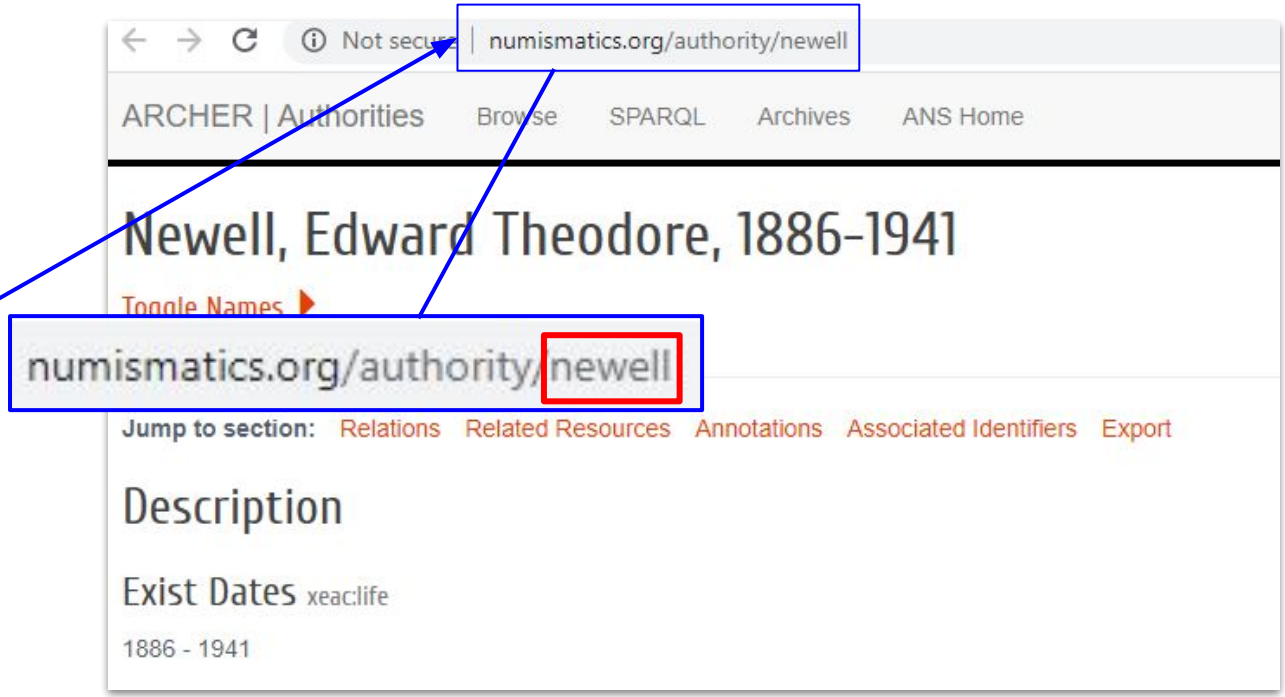
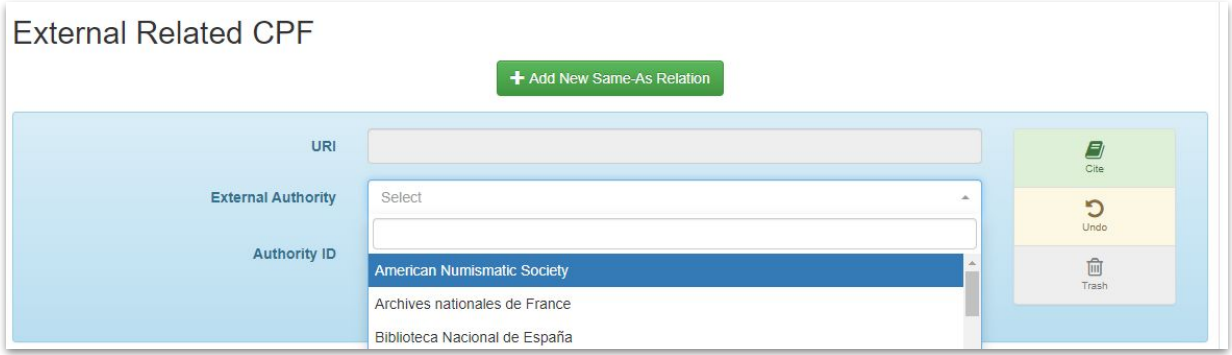
American Numismatic Society
Example: Edward Theodore Newell

1. Navigate to numismatics.org/authorities/
2. Search for name
3. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the URL

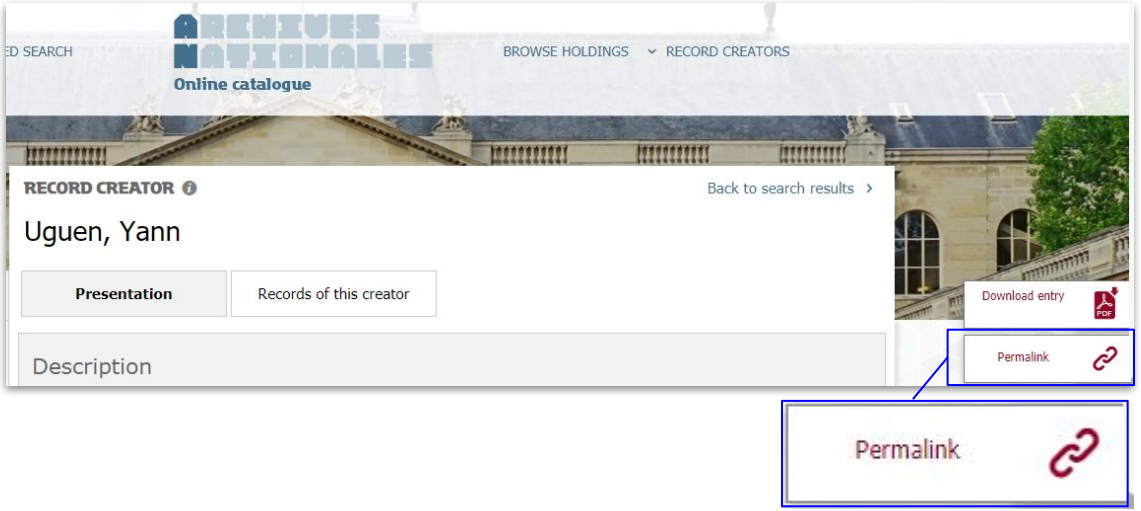


1. Select American Numismatic Society from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue



Archives nationales de France (National Archives of France)
Example: Yann Uguen

1. Navigate to http://www.archives-nationales.culture.gouv.fr/
   a. There is a toggle on the top right to select French, English, or Spanish
2. Select Search and search the Online Catalog
3. Select Record Creators
4. The **Authority ID** is at the permalink URL link



1. Select Archives nationales de France from the drop down in External Authority
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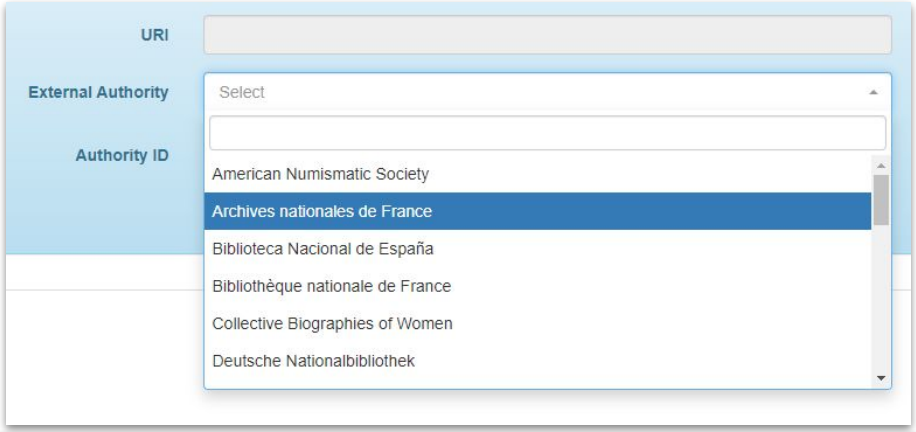
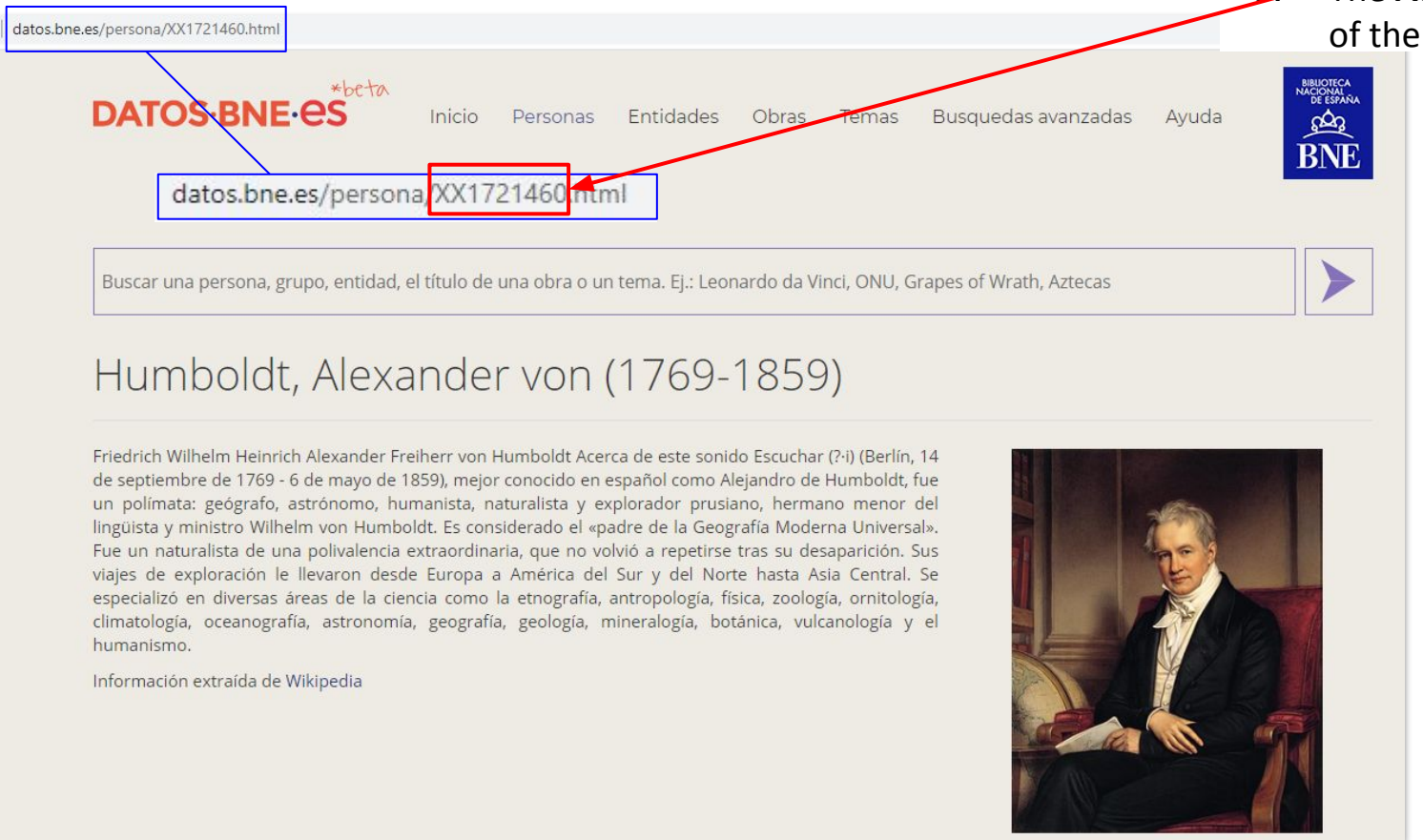


Biblioteca Nacional de España (National Library of Spain)
Example: Alexander von Humboldt

1. Navigate to datos.bne.es/inicio.html
2. Search for name
3. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the URL



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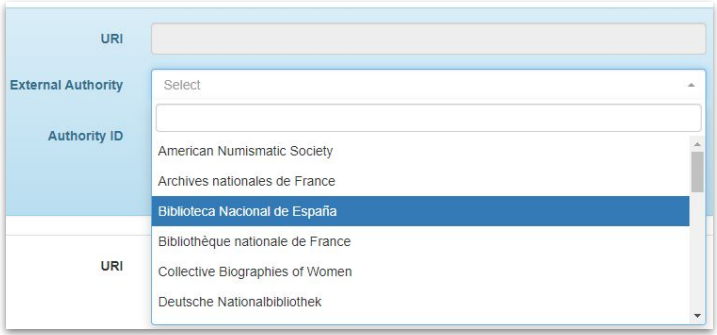
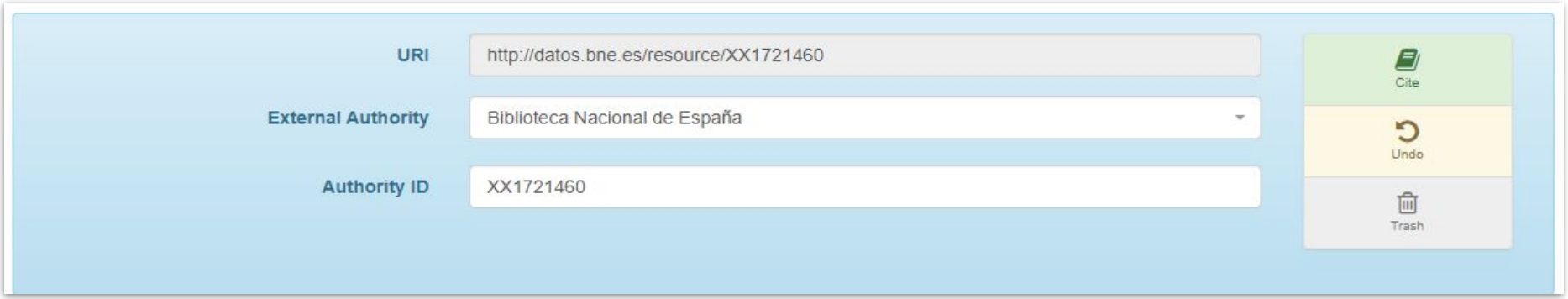
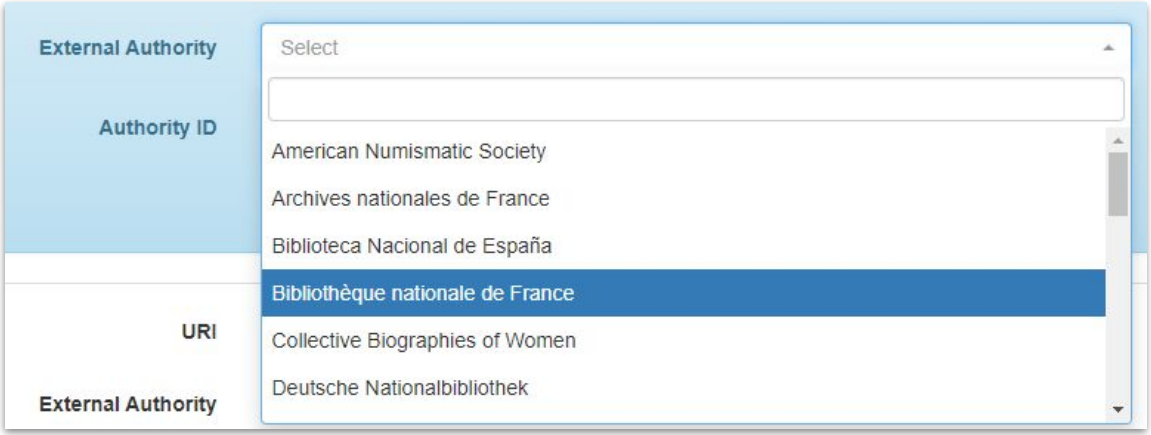


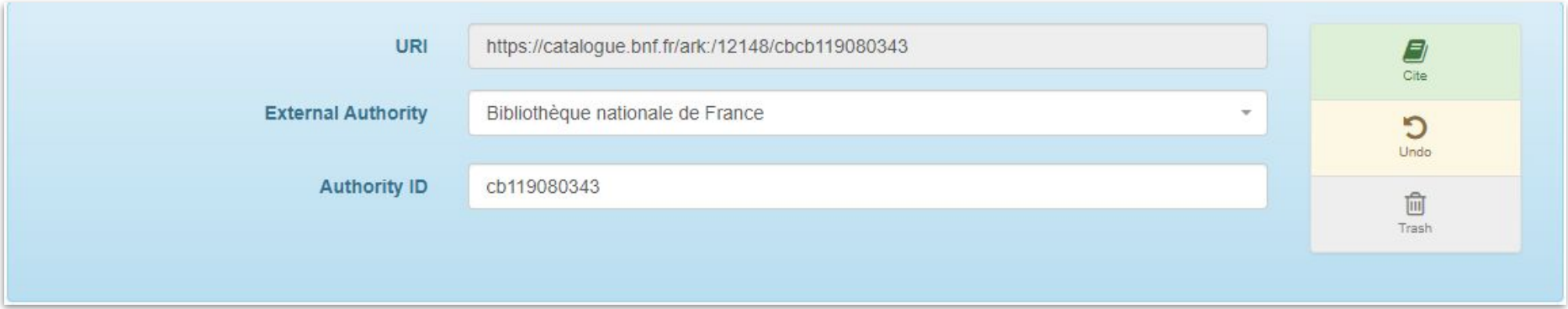


Bibliothèque nationale de France (National Library of France)
Example: Alexander von Humboldt

1. Navigate to https://catalogue.bnf.fr/
2. Select Recherche avancée/Advanced Search
3. Select Notices D'Autorité/Authority Record; search for name
4. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the URL (also at the end of the permalink)

1. Select Bibliothèque nationale de France from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue

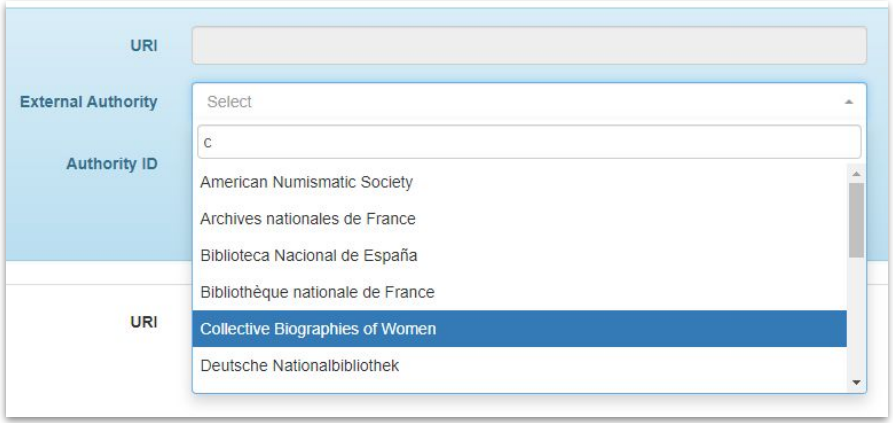


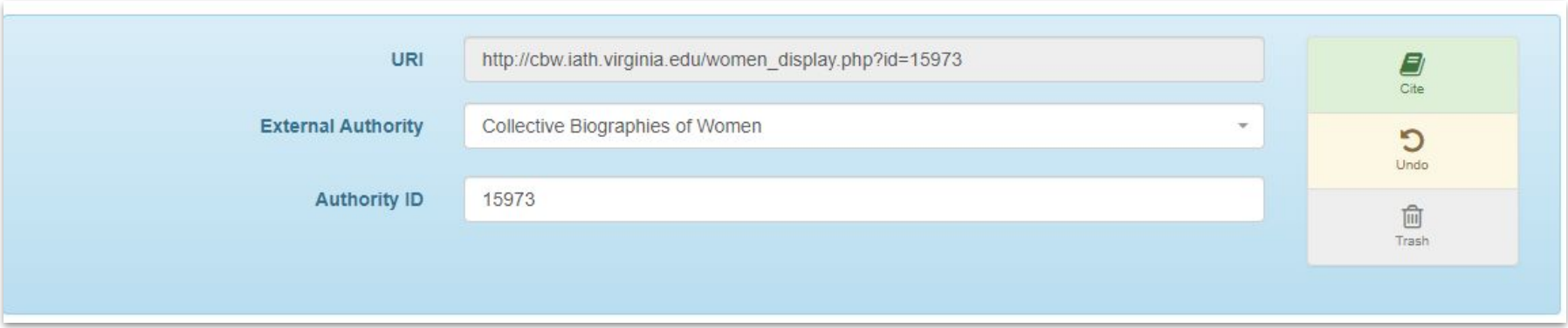


Collective Biographies of Women
Example: Victoria Woodhull

1. Navigate to http://cbw.iath.virginia.edu/
2. Select Search for Persons
3. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the URL and above the name (ignoring the P prefix)

1. Select Collective Biographies of Women from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue

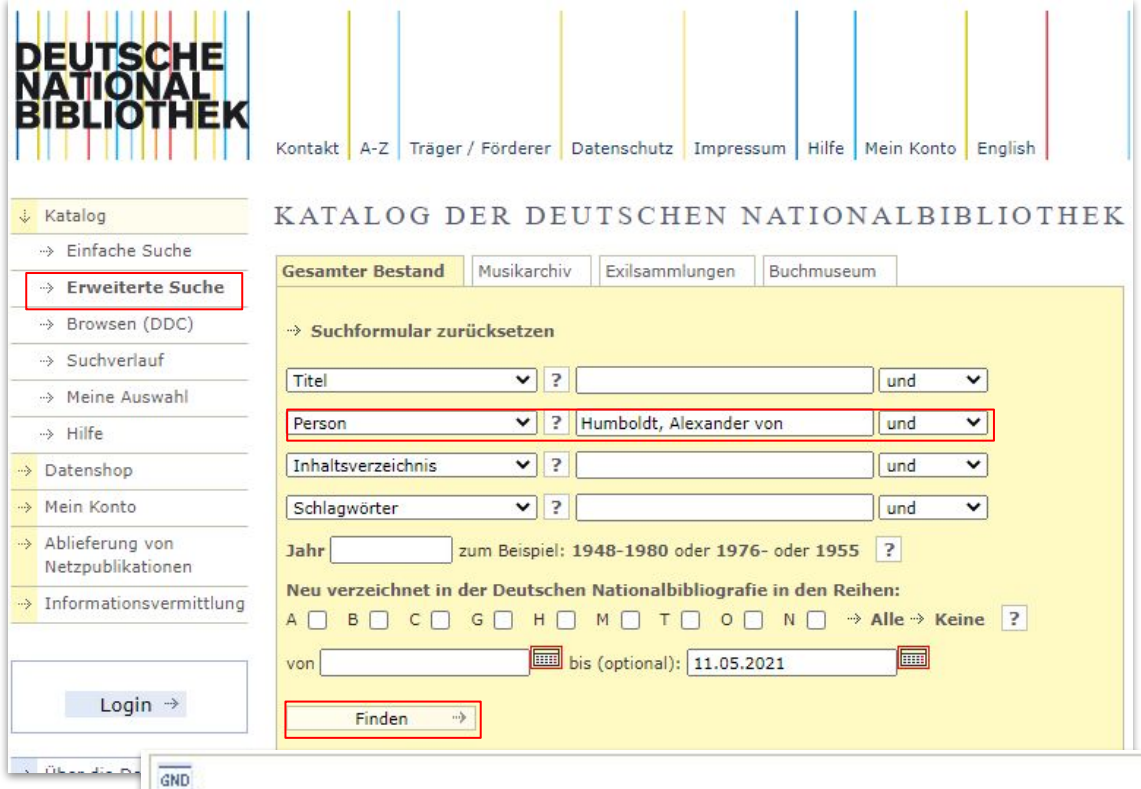




Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (German National Library)

Example: Alexander von Humboldt

1. Navigate to https://portal.dnb.de/opac.htm
   Note: There is a toggle on the top right to select English; that will send you back to the main page
2. Select **Erweiterte Suche** (Advanced Search); search under **Person** then select **Finden**
3. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the URL and above the name



1. Select Deutsche Nationalbibliothek from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
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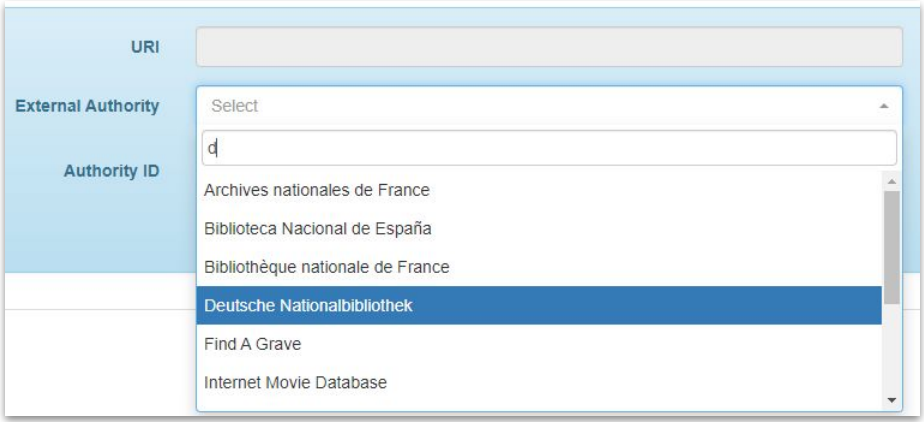
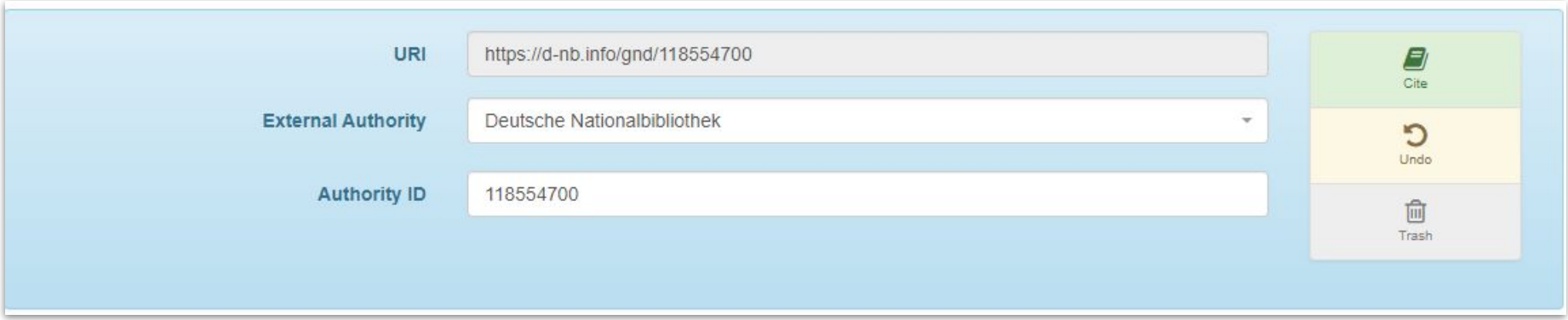
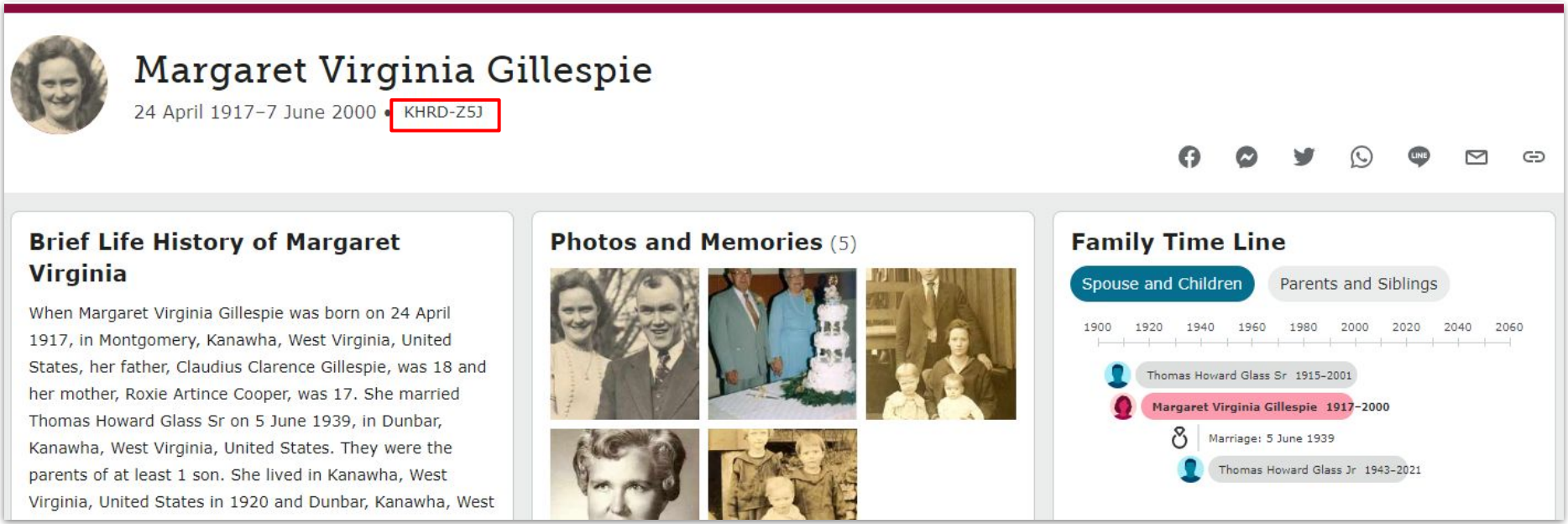




FamilySearch

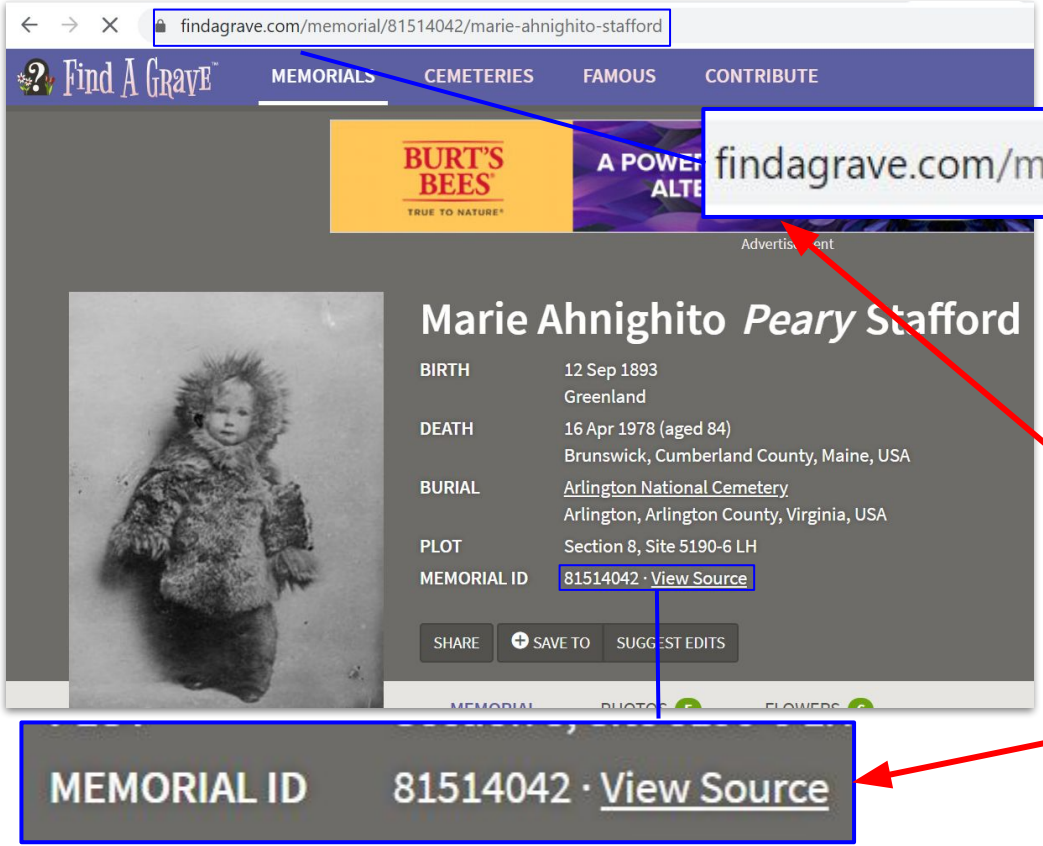
Example: Margaret Virginia Gillespie



1. Navigate to https://www.familysearch.org/en/ (you do not need to sign in)
2. Search for name
3. The **Authority ID** is the alphanumeric code after the dates of life

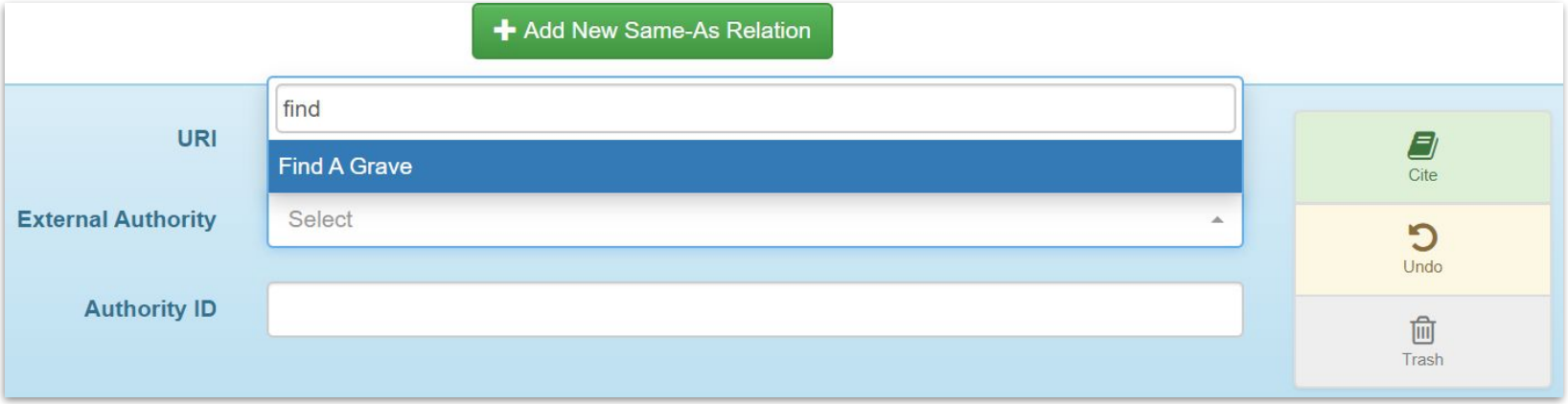
Find A Grave

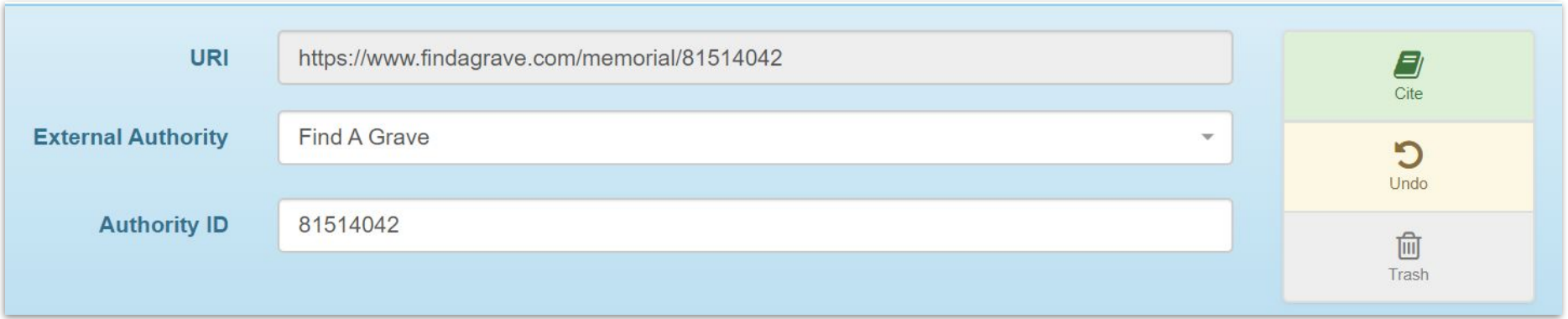
Example: Marie Ahnighito Peary Stafford



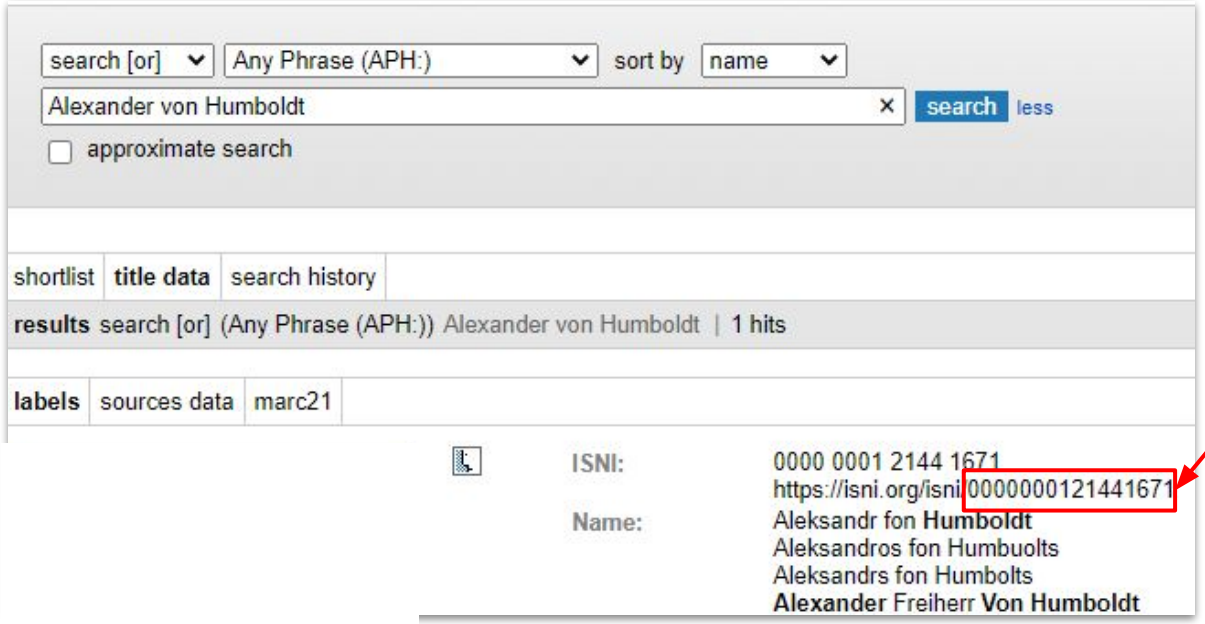
1. Navigate to findagrave.com
2. Search for name
3. The Authority ID is in one of two places:
   a. In the URL - just make sure to select the **Authority ID** rather than all of the name
      The permalink will have the **Authority ID** at the end of the page
   b. The Memorial ID

1. Select Find A Grave from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue



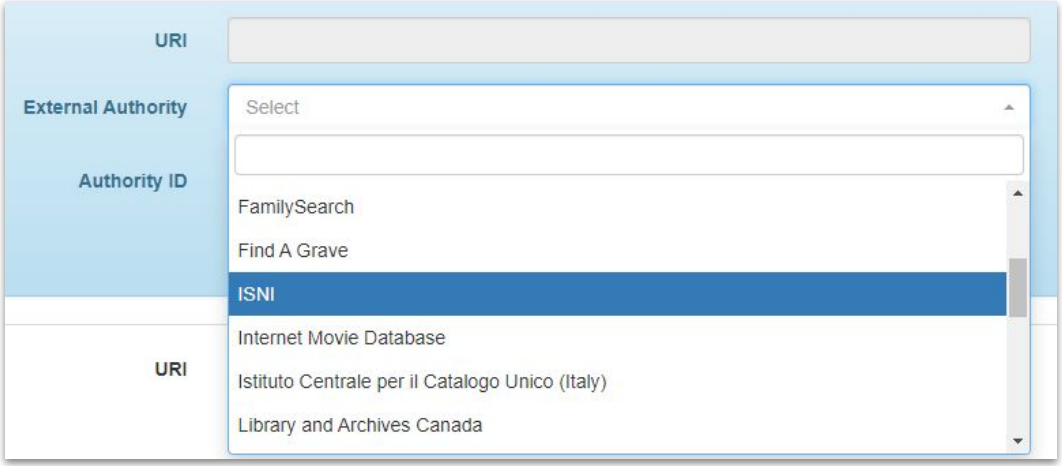


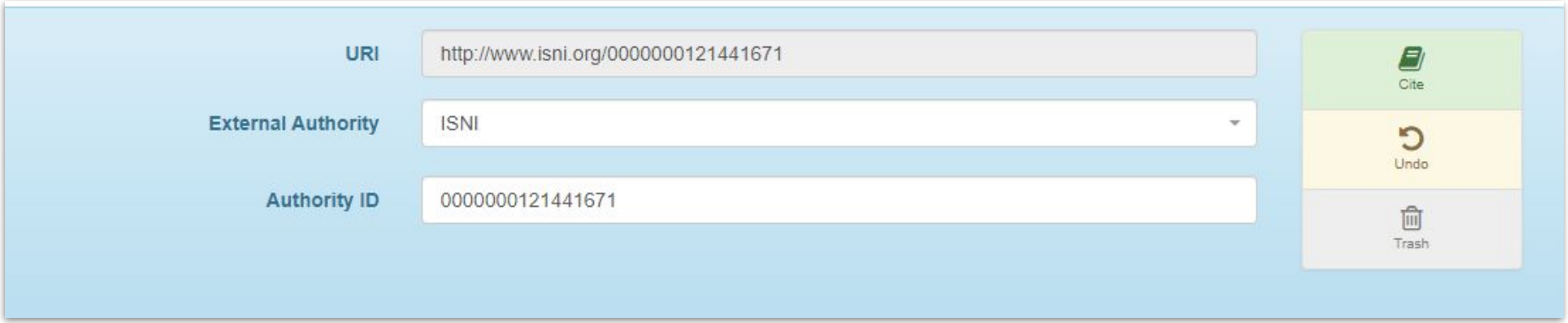
ISNI
Example: Alexander von Humboldt



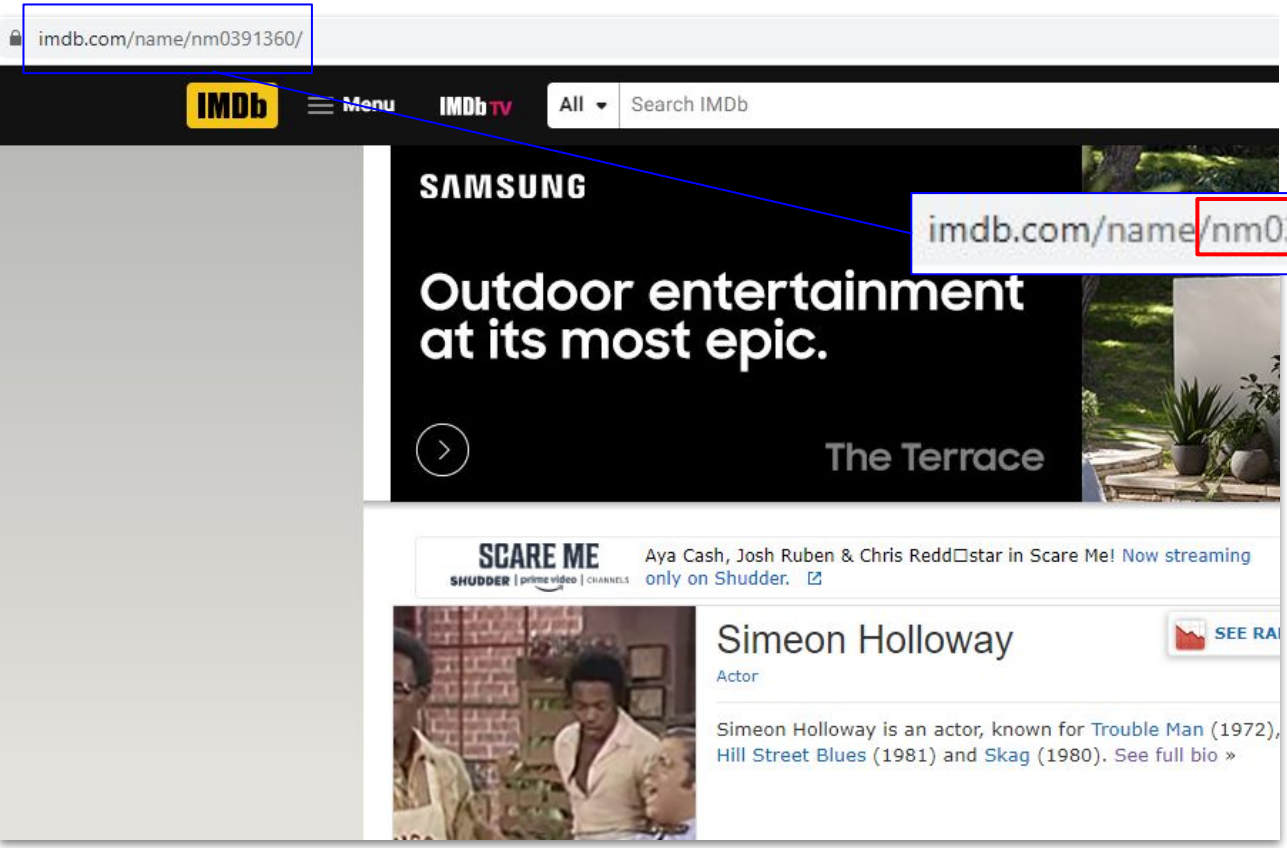
1. Navigate to https://isni.oclc.org/
2. Enter name search
3. The **Authority ID** is listed at the end of the permalink
   It is also the ISNI number but when entering it into the Authority ID field you'll need to delete the spaces

1. Select ISNI from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue



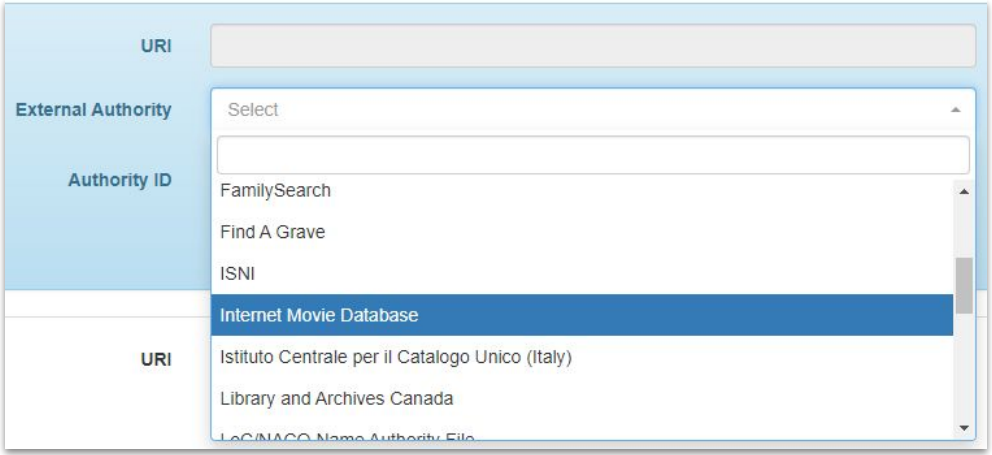


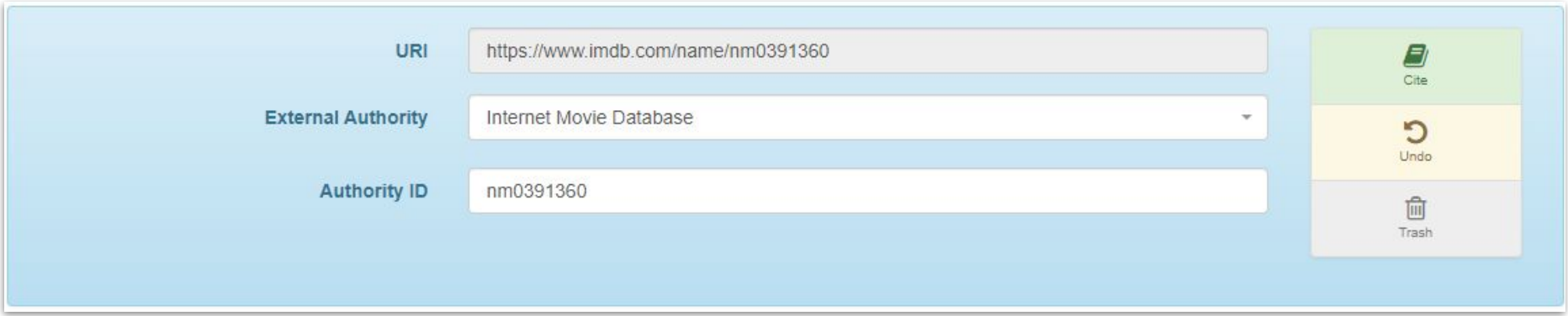
Internet Movie Database
Example: Simeon Holloway



1. Navigate to imdb.com
2. Search for name
3. The **Authority ID** is listed at the end of the URL

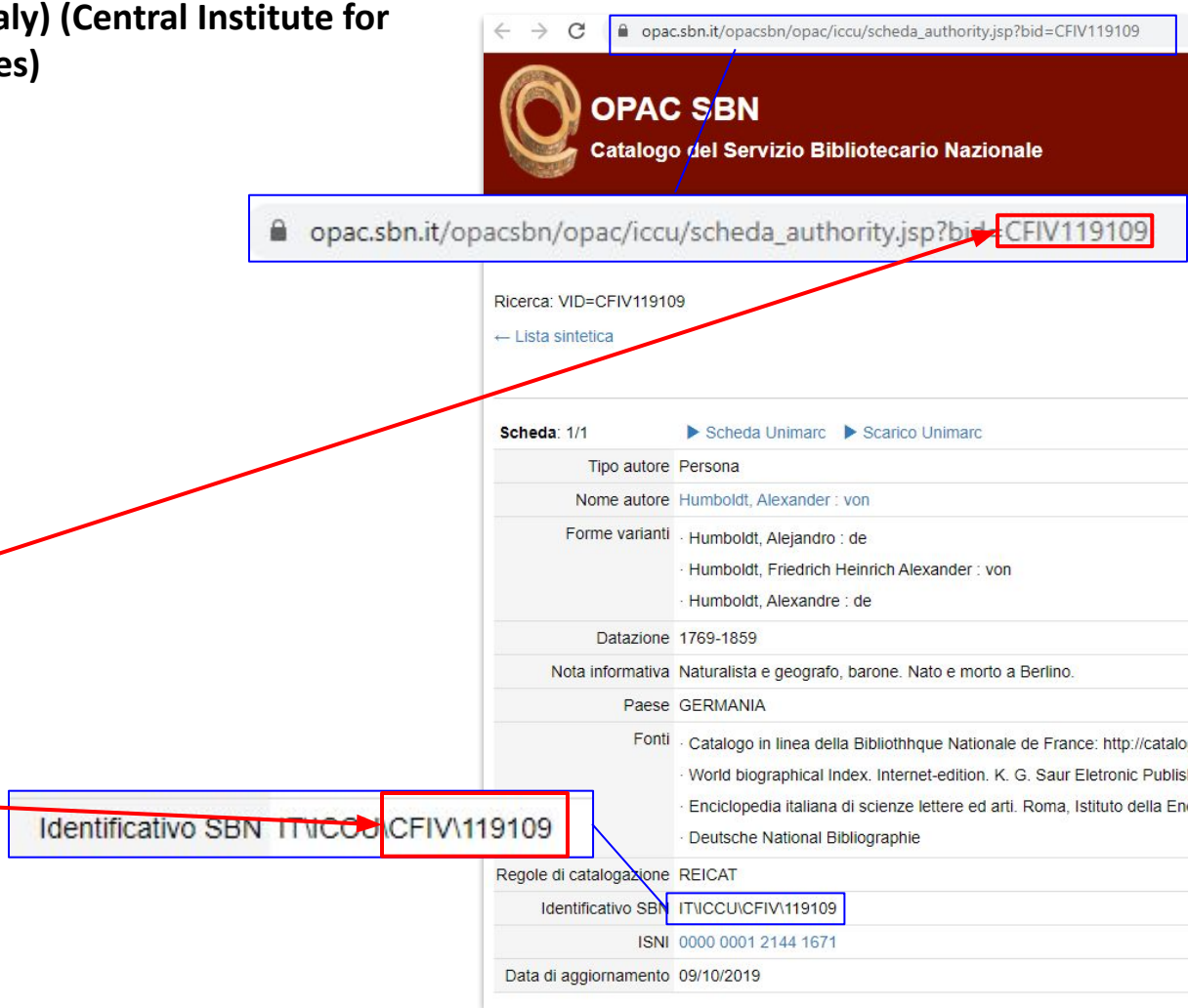
1. Select Internet Movie Database from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue





Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico (Italy) (Central Institute for the Union Catalogue of the Italian libraries)
Example: Alexander von Humboldt

1. Navigate to https://opac.sbn.it/
   a. At the top right of the page you can toggle between Italian and English
2. Select Voci Contr ITA - ENG Authority
3. The Authority ID is in one of two places:
   a. In the URL
      But only if you go there directly; it does not appear after a search
   b. The Identificativo SBN; just make sure to delete the \ after the CFIV



1. Select Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico (Italy) from the drop down in External Authority
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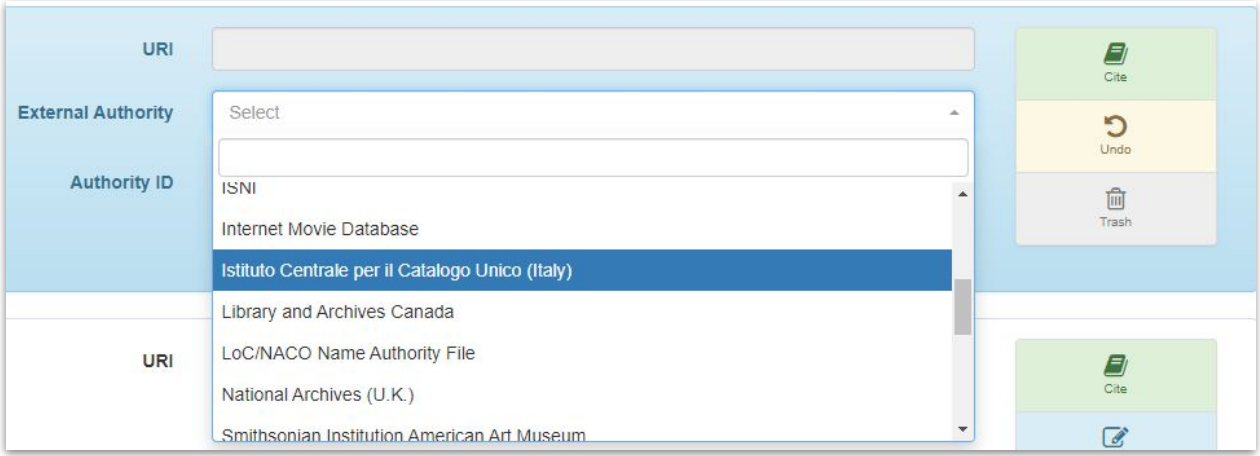
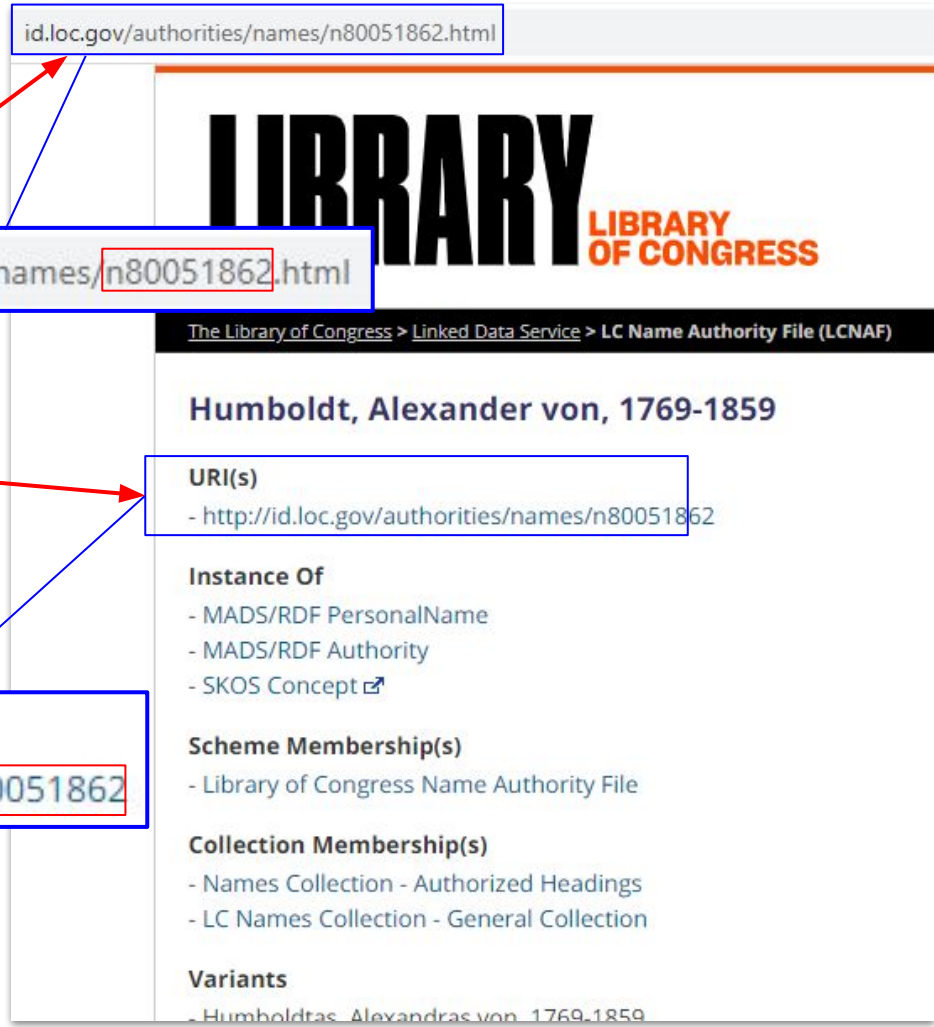


Library and Archives Canada
Example: *Coming Soon*

LoC/NACO Name Authority File (Library of Congress)
Example: Alexander von Humboldt

1. Navigate to id.loc.gov
2. Search for name
3. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the URI which you can find on the address bar **or** in the permalink directly under the authority name



1. Select LoC/NACO Name Authority File from the drop down in External Authority
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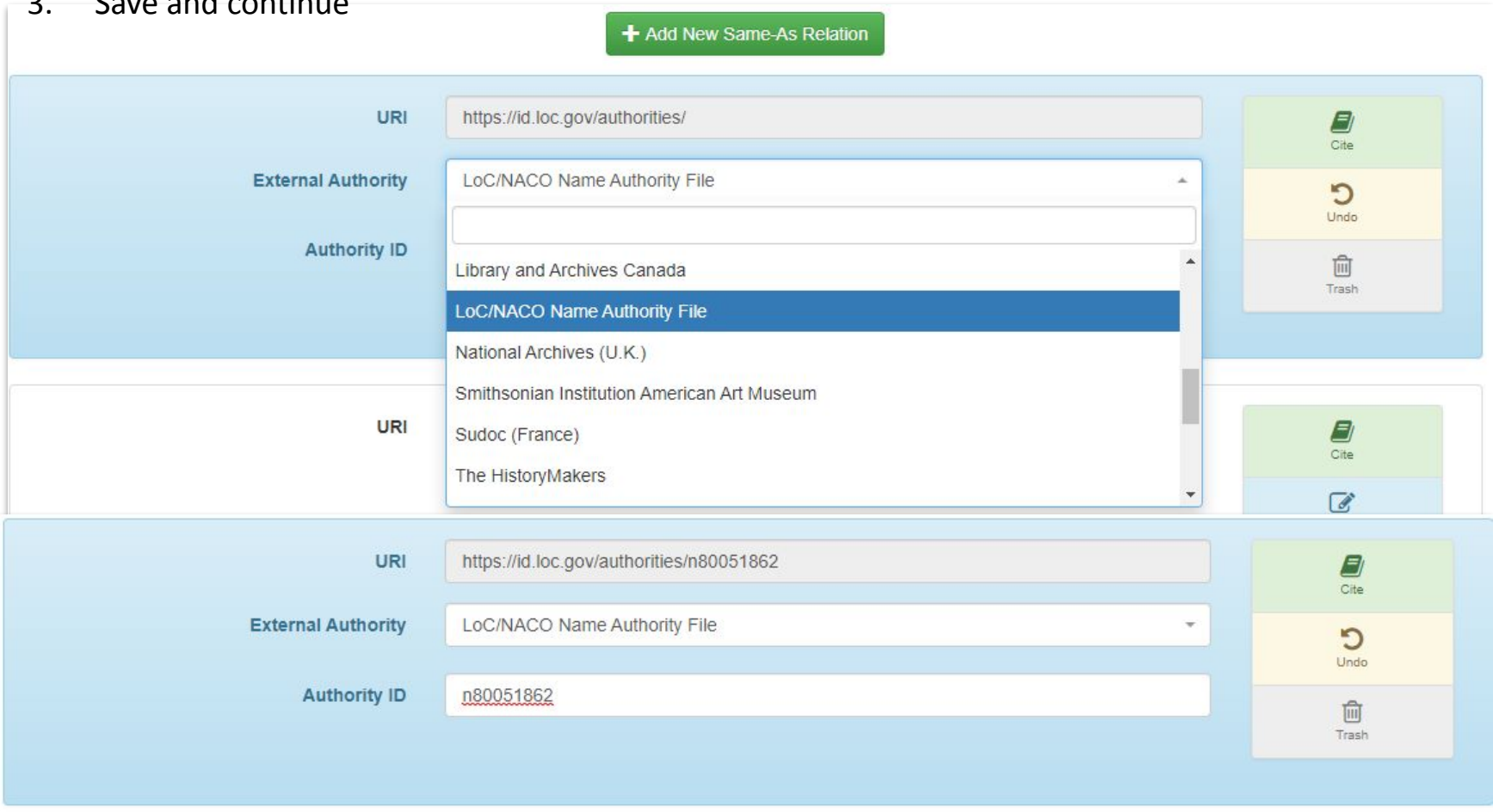
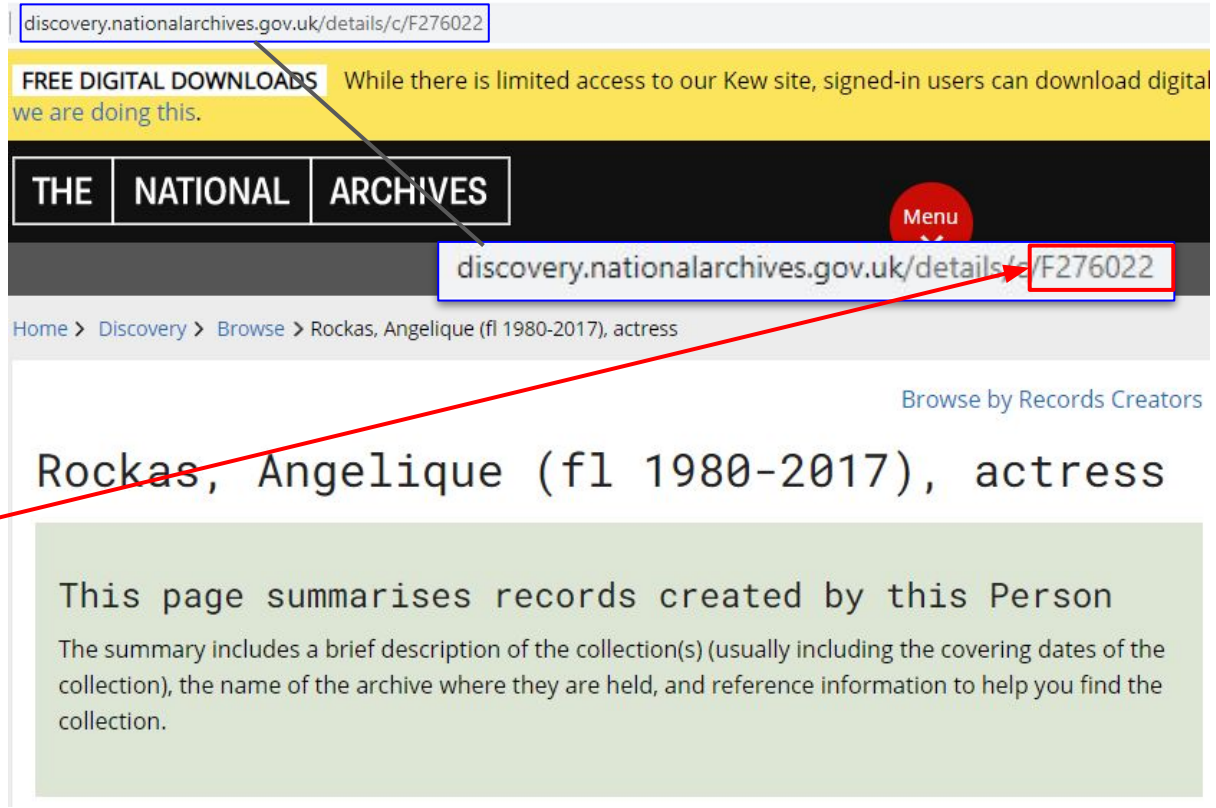


National Archives (U.K.)
Example: Angelique Rockas

1. Navigate to http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/
2. Search for name
   a. Select records Creator
   b. You can also do a browse by records creators
3. The Authority ID is at the end of the URI which you can find on the address bar



1. Select National Archives (U.K.) from the drop down in External Authority
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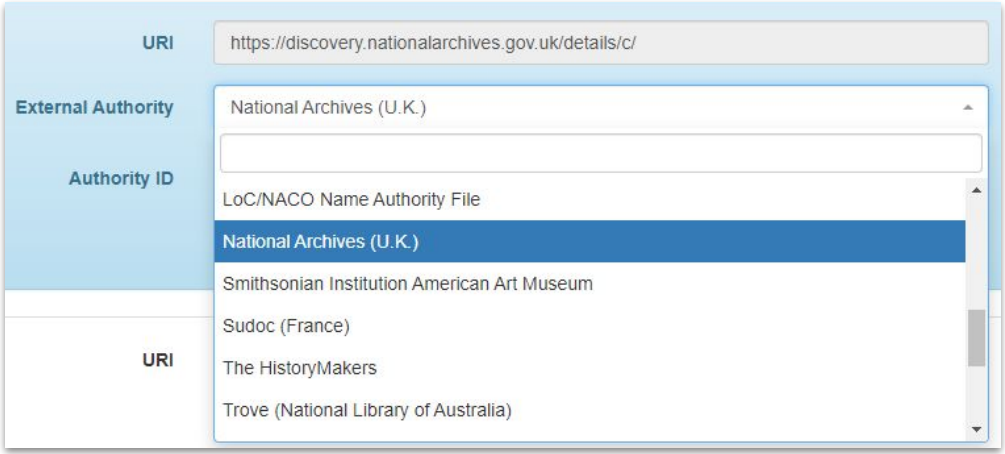
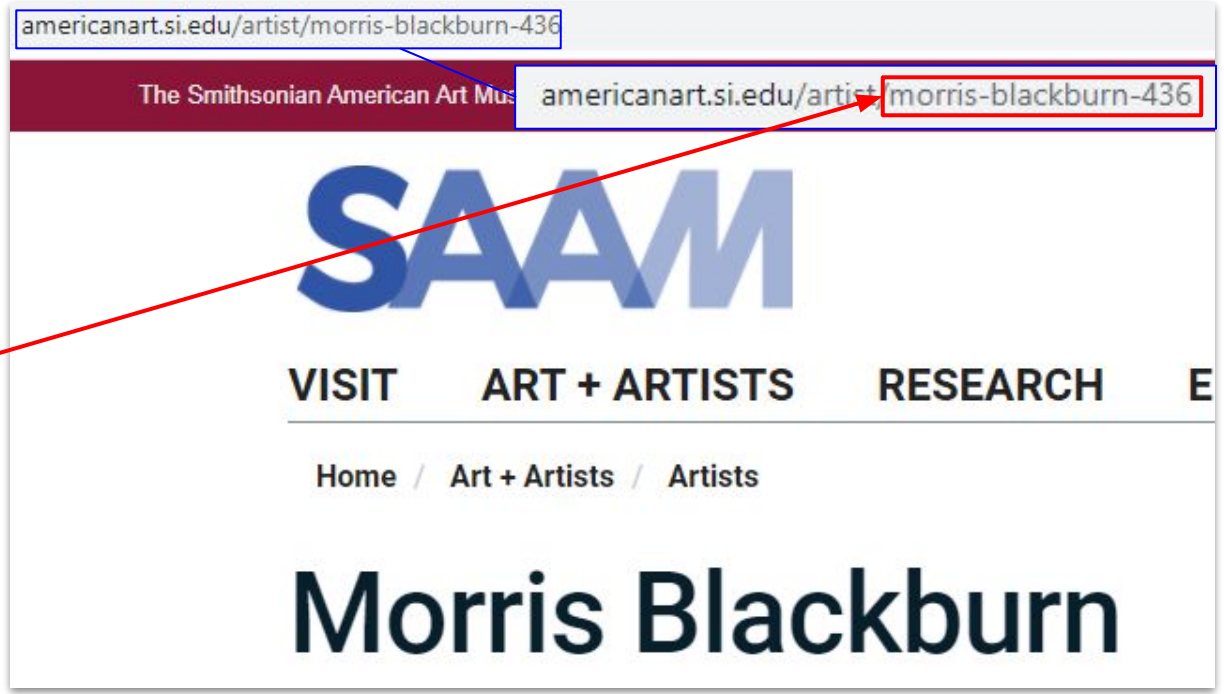


Smithsonian Institution American Art Museum
Example: Morris Blackburn

1. Navigate to https://americanart.si.edu/art
2. Search for name
   a. Select Search for an Artwork or Artist
   b. Select Browse Artists A-Z
3. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the URI which you can find on the address bar



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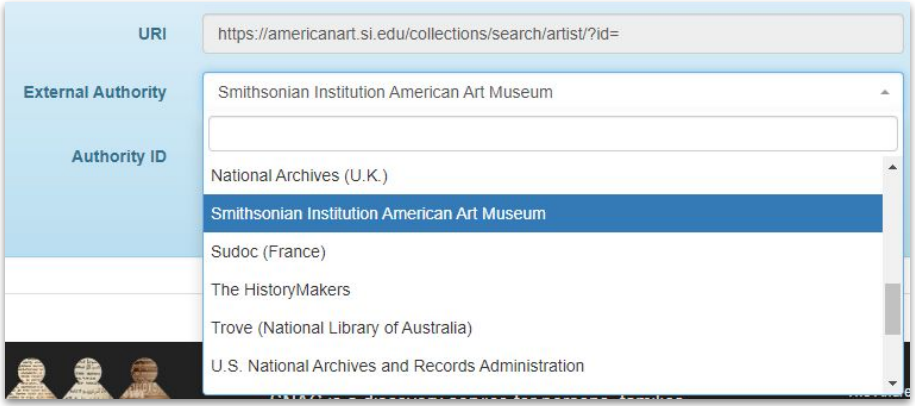

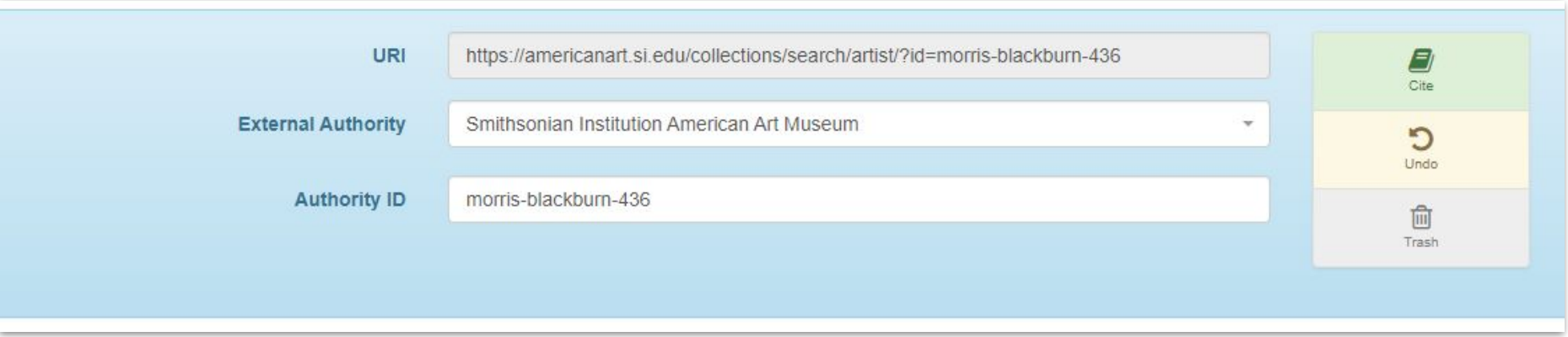

Sudoc (France)
Example: Alexander Von Humboldt

1. Navigate to https://www.idref.fr/autorites.jsp
2. Search for name; select radio buttons to switch from person name, corporate names, etc.
3. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the permalink URI

1. Select Sudoc (France) from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
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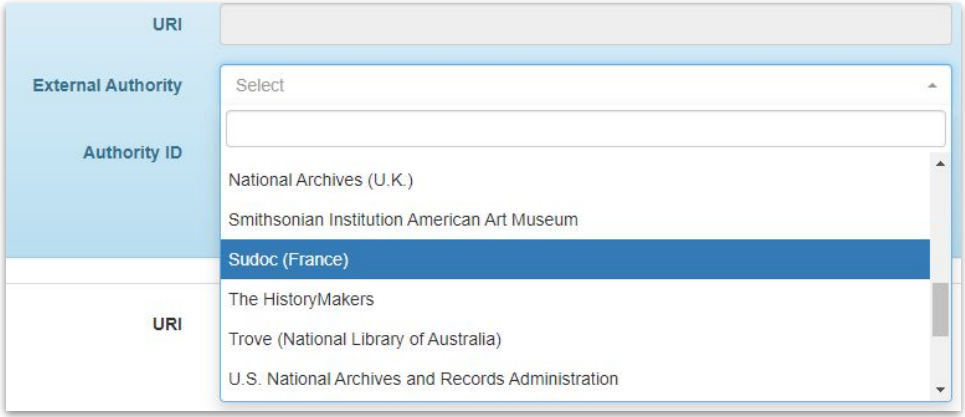
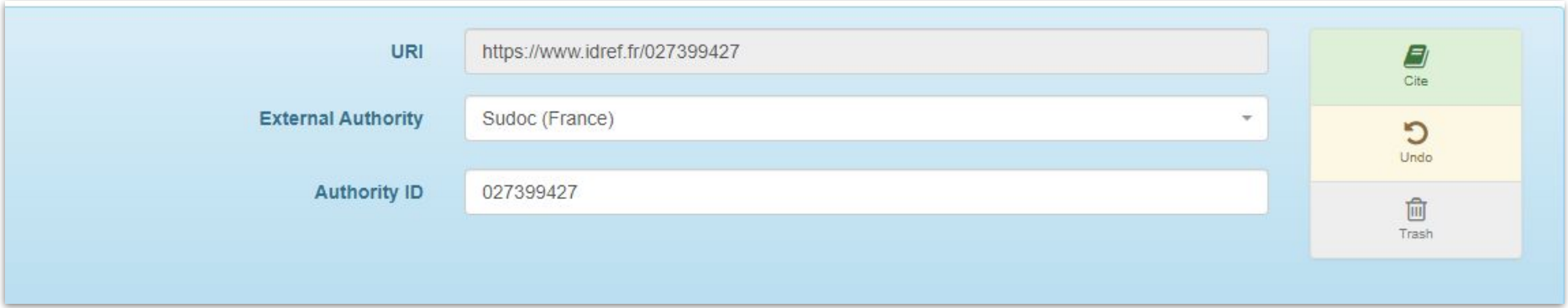
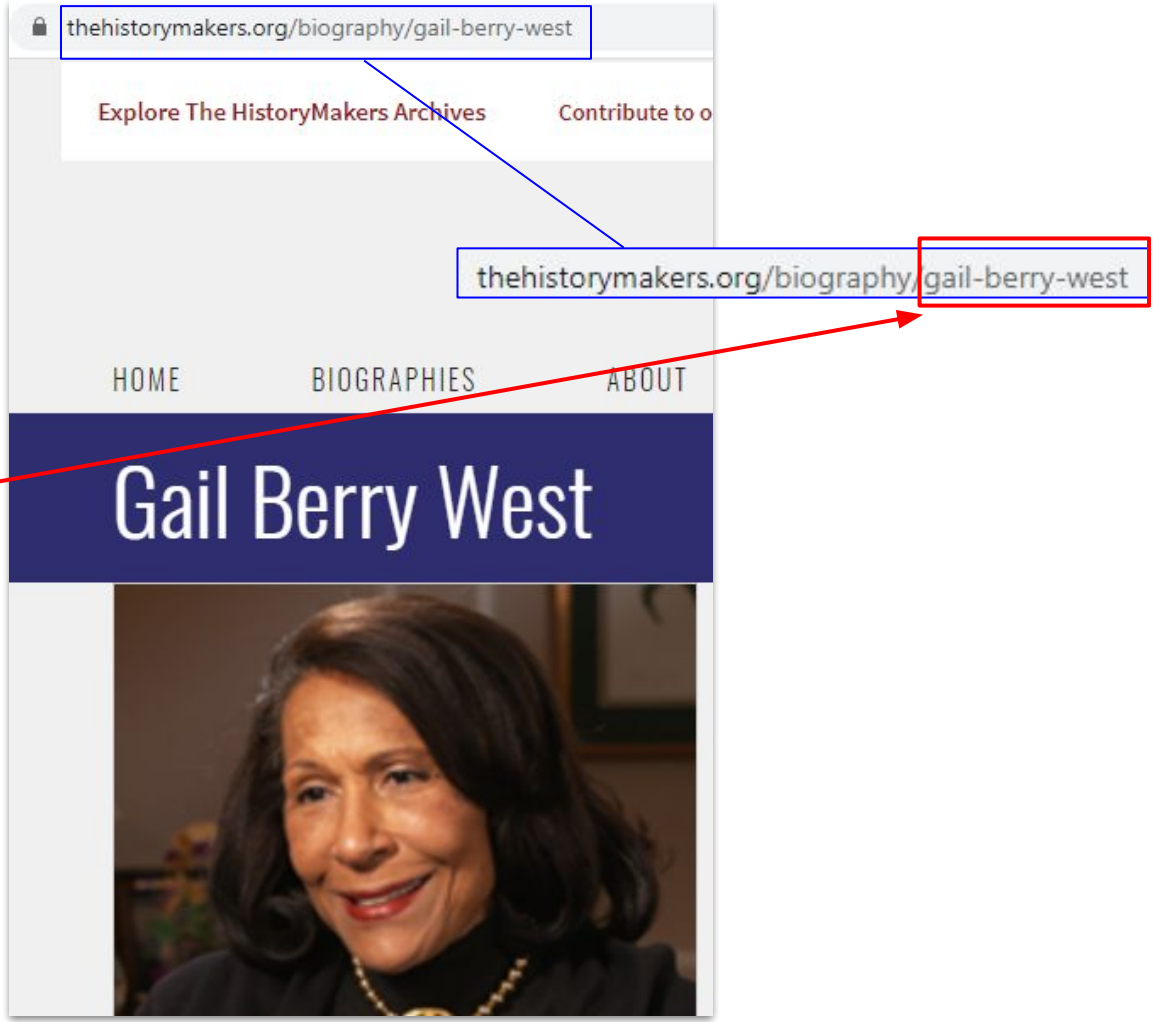




The HistoryMakers
Example: Gail Berry West

1. Navigate to https://www.thehistorymakers.org/
2. Select Biographies (https://www.thehistorymakers.org/biographies) and search for the name
3. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the permalink URI



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2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
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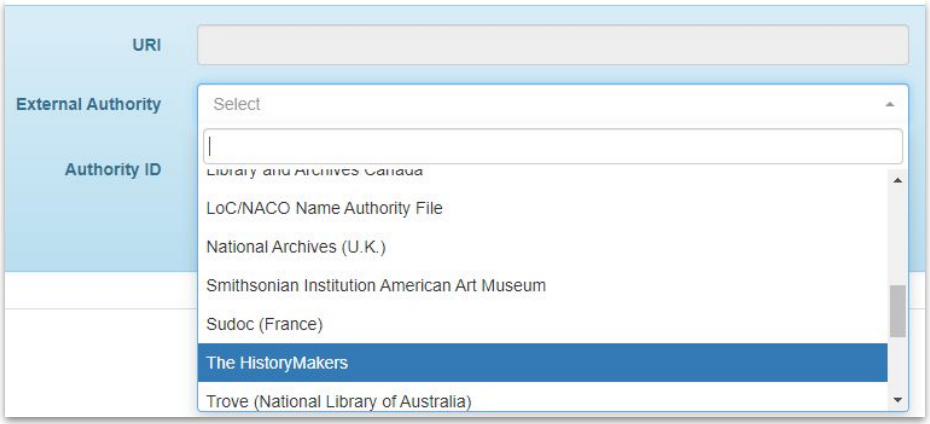
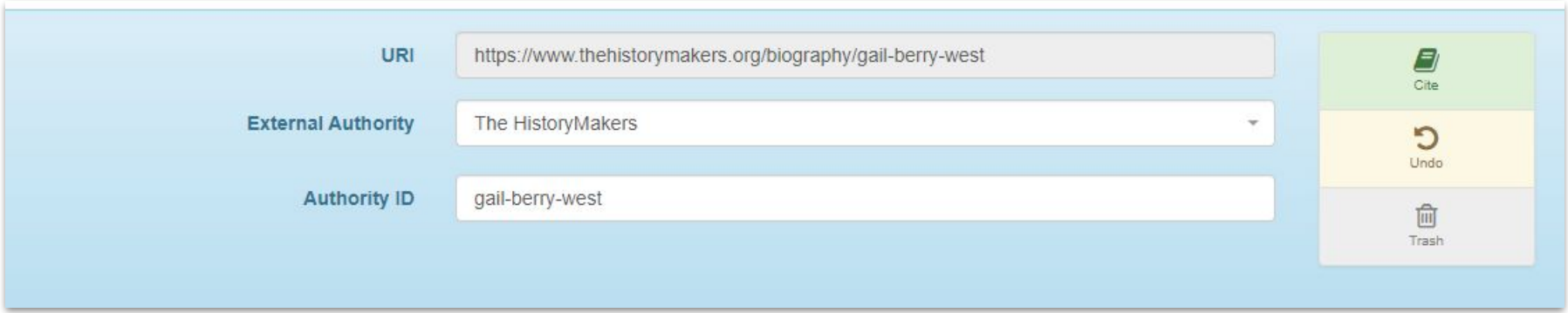
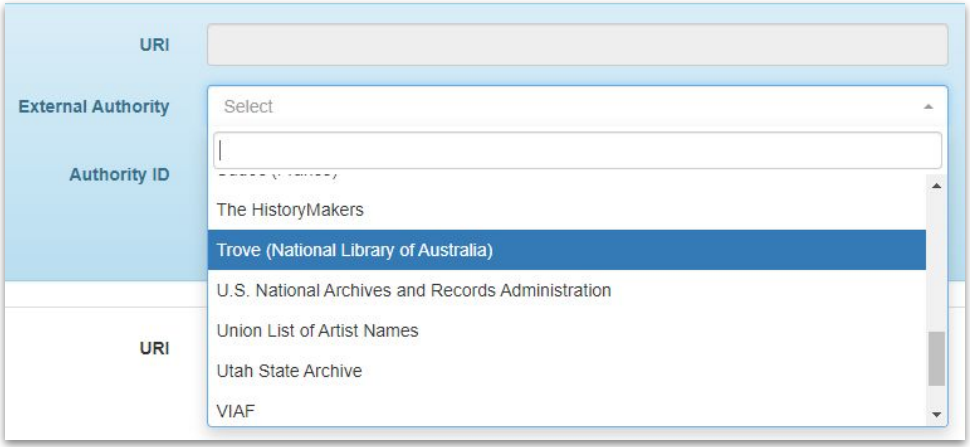


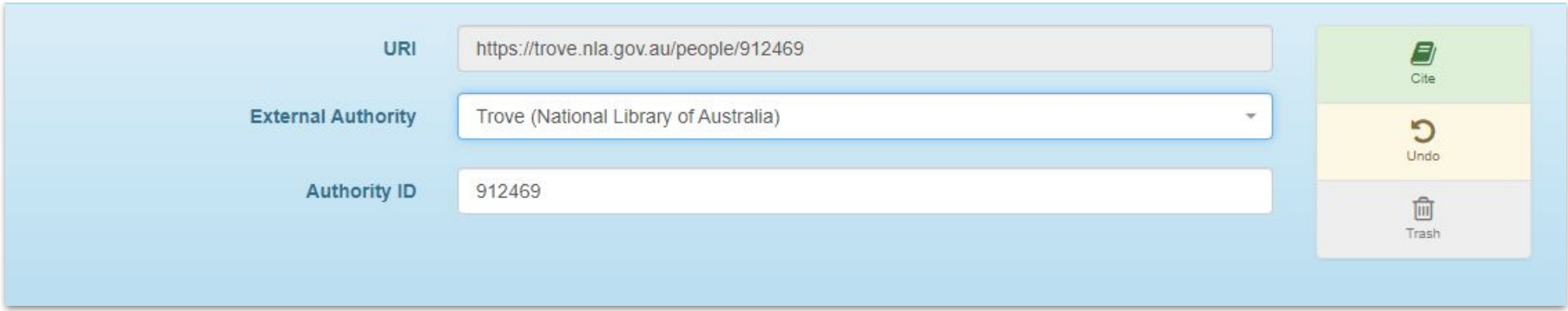


Trove (National Library of Australia)
Example: Thomas Mann

1. Navigate to https://trove.nla.gov.au/
2. Search for name
   a. You can select “People & Organisations” from the drop down
   b. You can select the “People & Organisations” tab in the search results
3. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the permalink URI

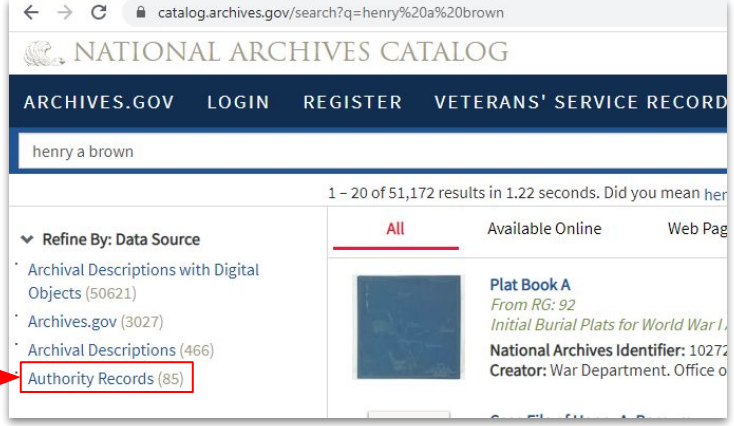
1. Select Trove (National Library of Australia) from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue



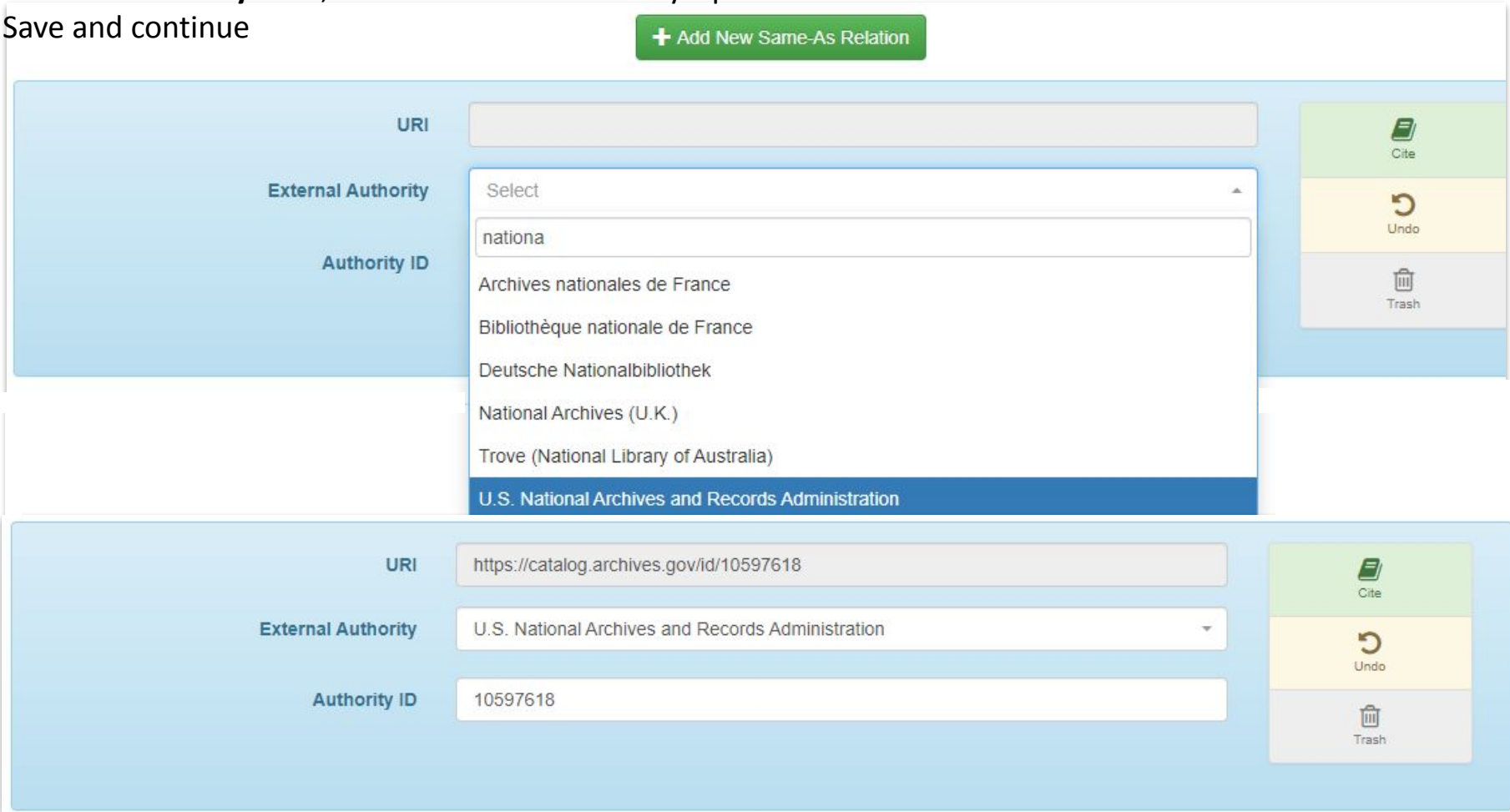


U.S. National Archives and Records Administration
Example: Henry A. Brown

1. Navigate to catalog.archives.gov
2. Search for name
3. Select Authority Records under Data Source
4. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the URI which you can find on the address bar



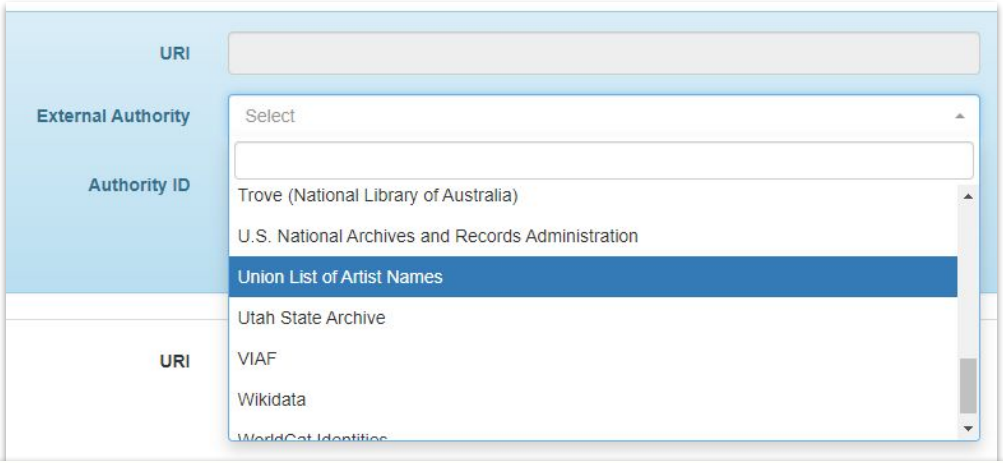
1. Select U.S. National Archives and Records Administration from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue

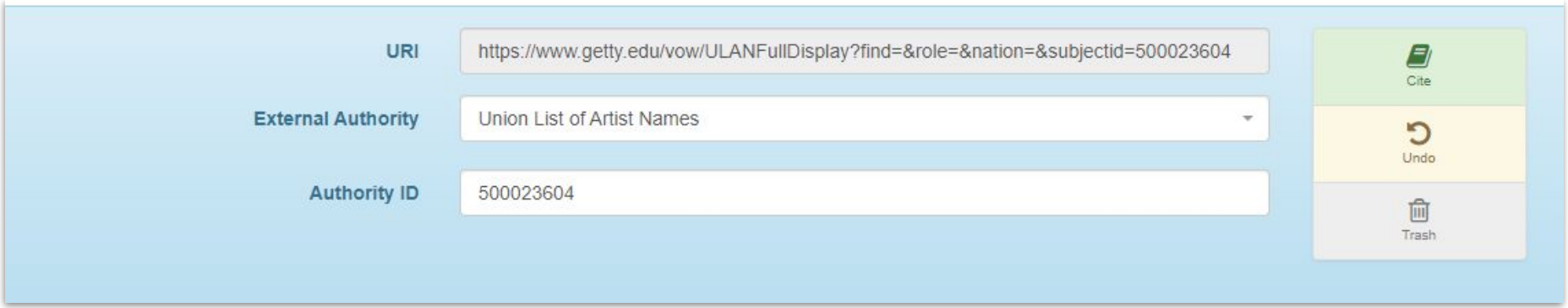


Union List of Artist Names [Getty Research Institute]
Example: Alexander Von Humboldt

1. Navigate to https://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/ulan/
   a. Under the Getty Research Institute Tools
2. Search for name
3. The **Authority ID** is listed as the ID and at the ~~end of the~~ Page Link URI

1. Select Union List of Artist Names from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue

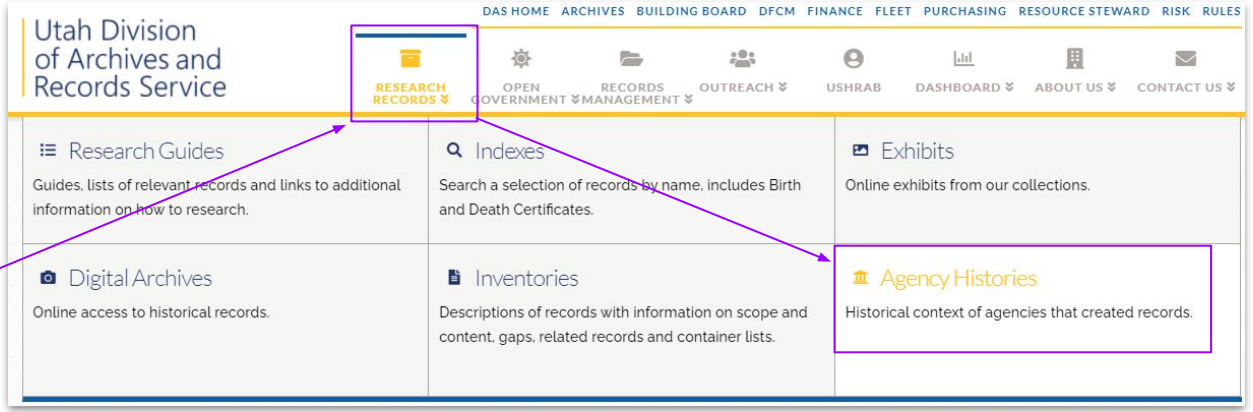


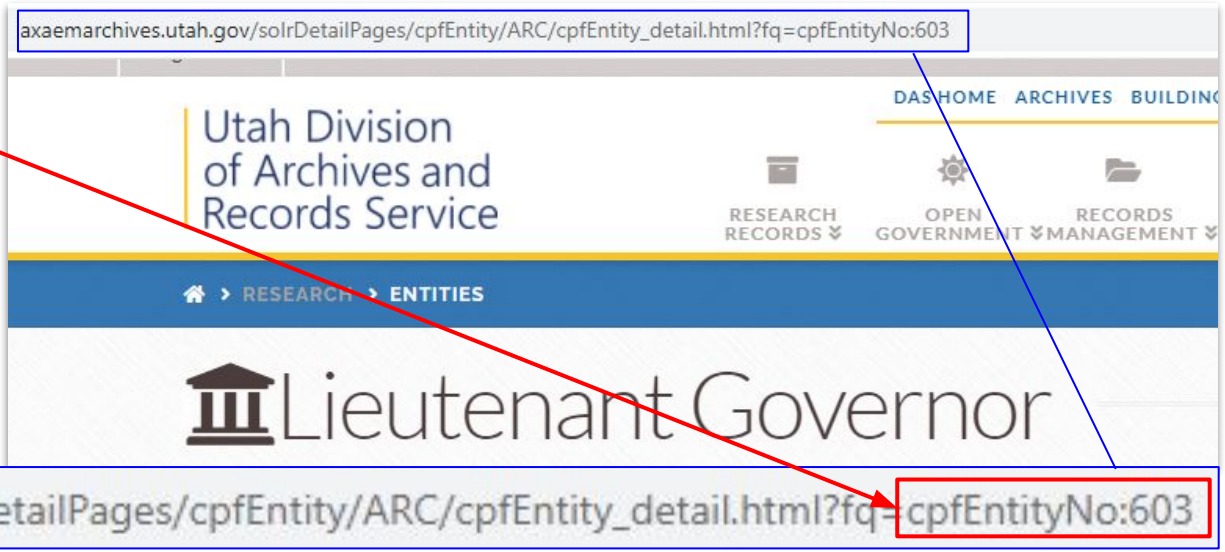


Utah State Archive
Example: Lieutenant Governor

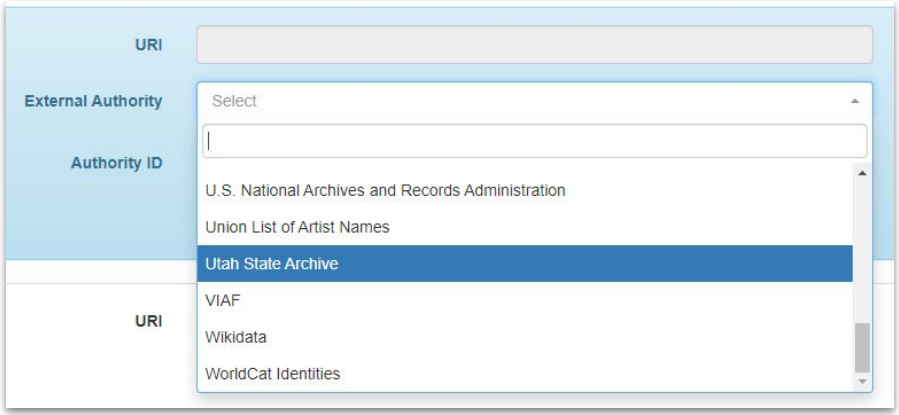
1. Navigate to https://archives.utah.gov/
2. From the dropdown on the top, select Research Records and then Agency Histories
3. Search for name
4. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the URI which you can find on the address bar

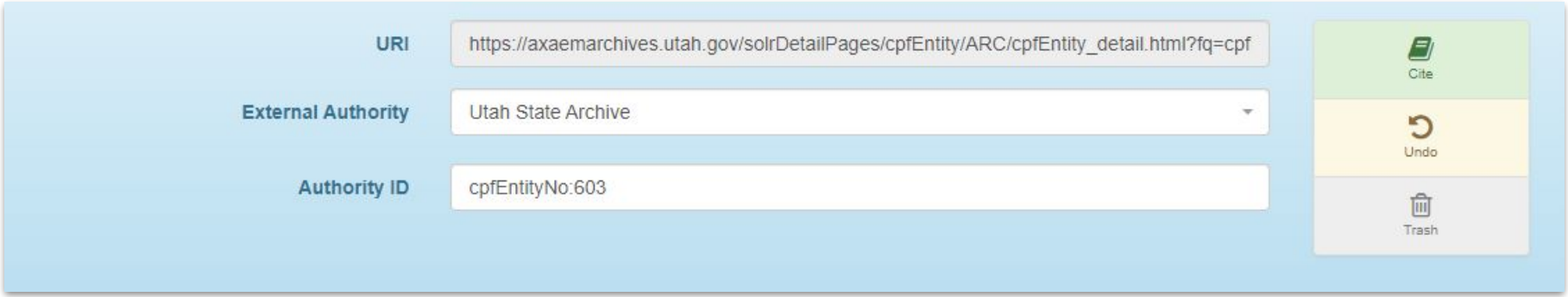
NOTE: This is the same way to search for person names



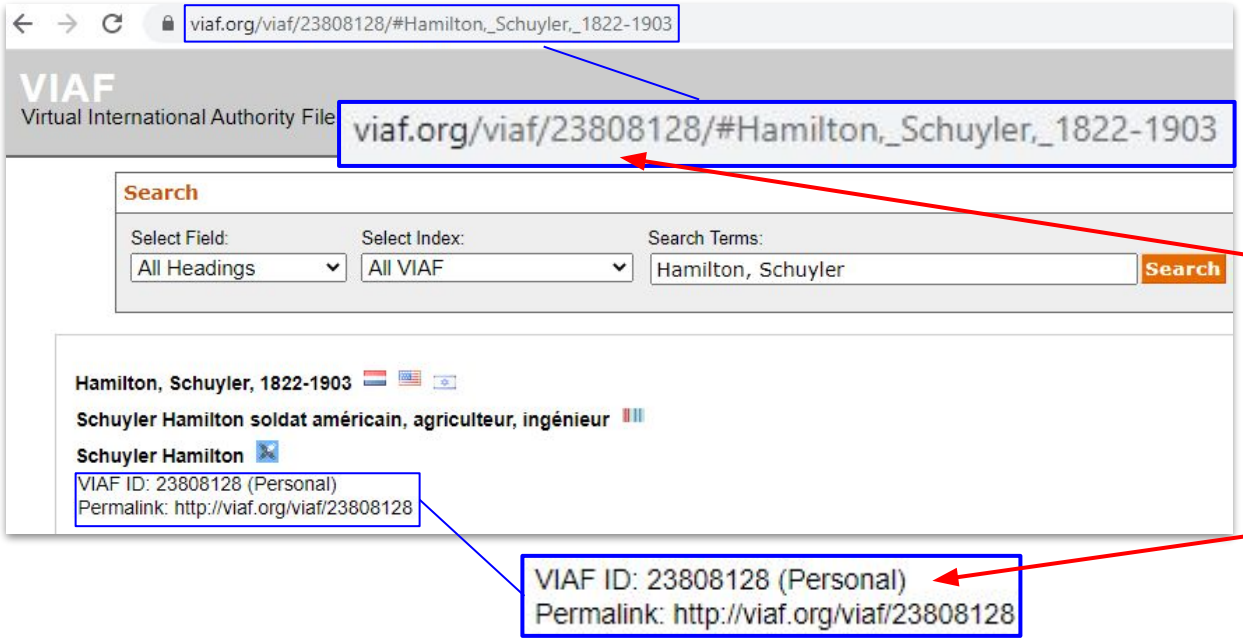


1. Select Utah State Archive from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue



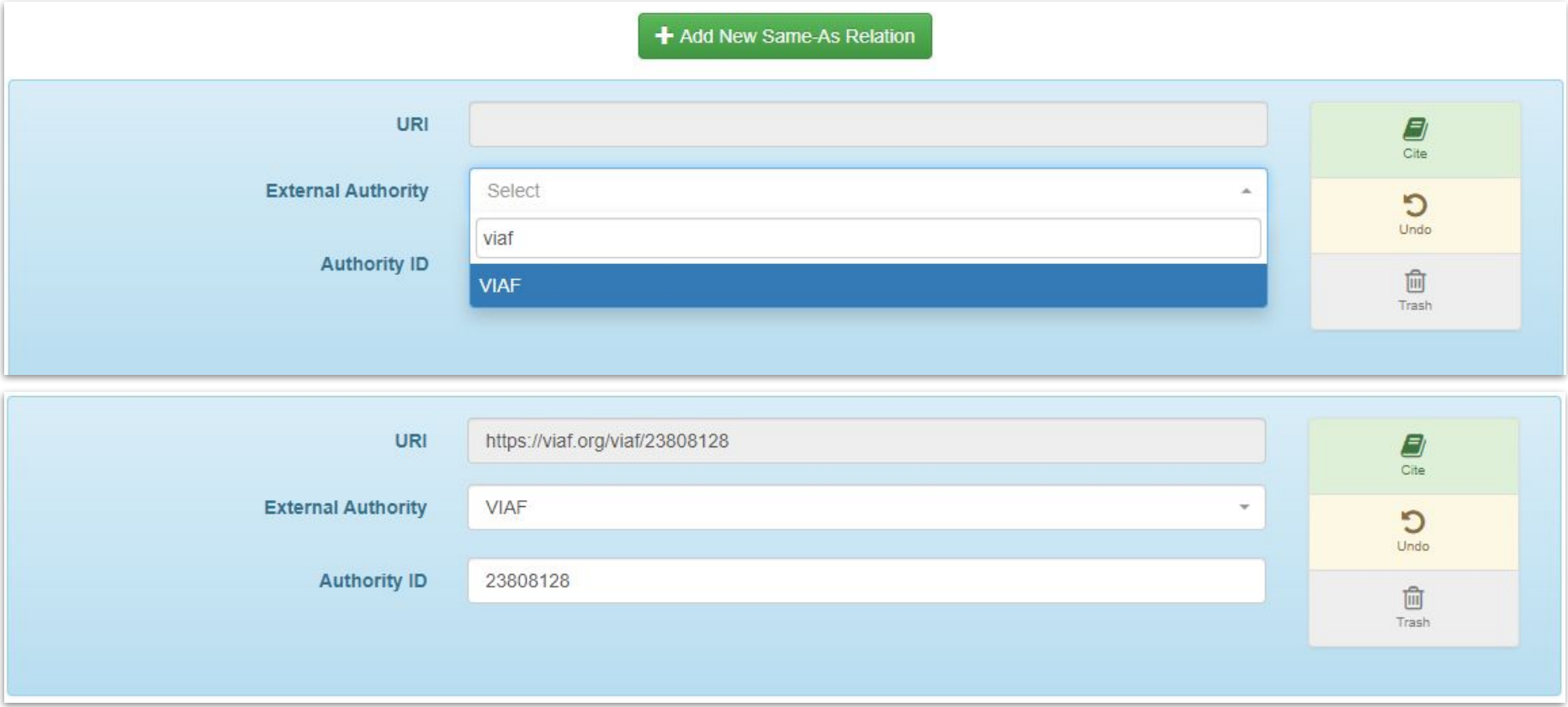


VIAF (Virtual International Authority File)
Example: Schuyler Hamilton



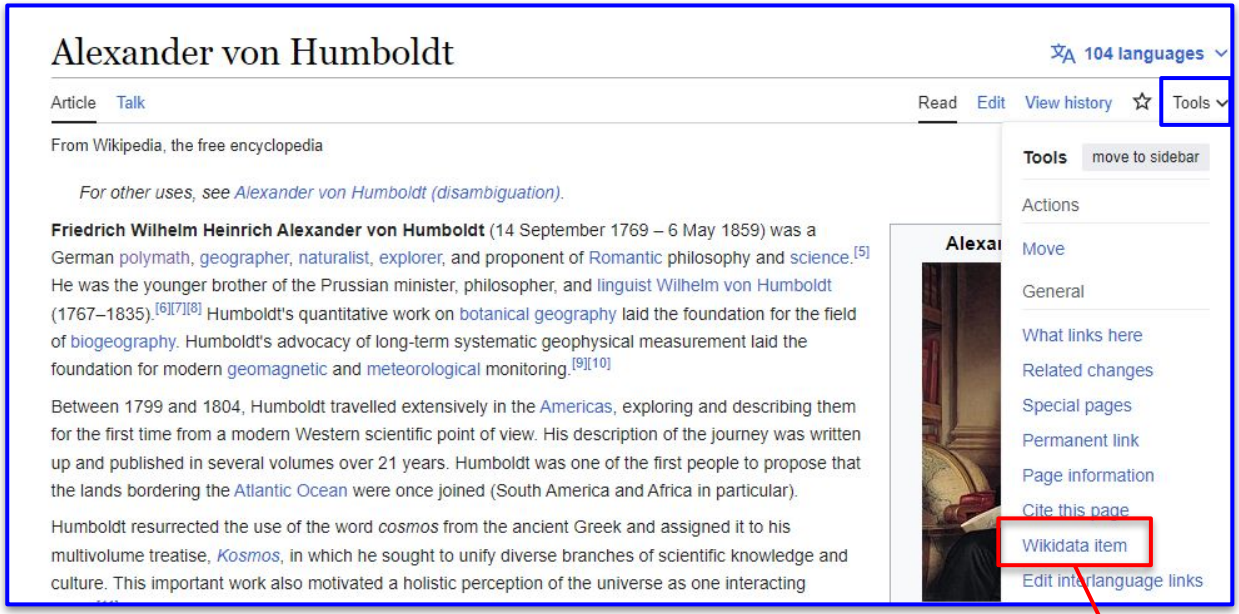
1. Navigate to viaf.org
2. Search for name
3. The **Authority ID** is in one of two places:
   a. In the URL - just make sure to select the **Authority ID** rather than all of the name
      The permalink will have the **Authority ID** at the end of the page
   b. The VIAF ID

1. Select VIAF from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue



Wikidata
Example: Alexander von Humboldt

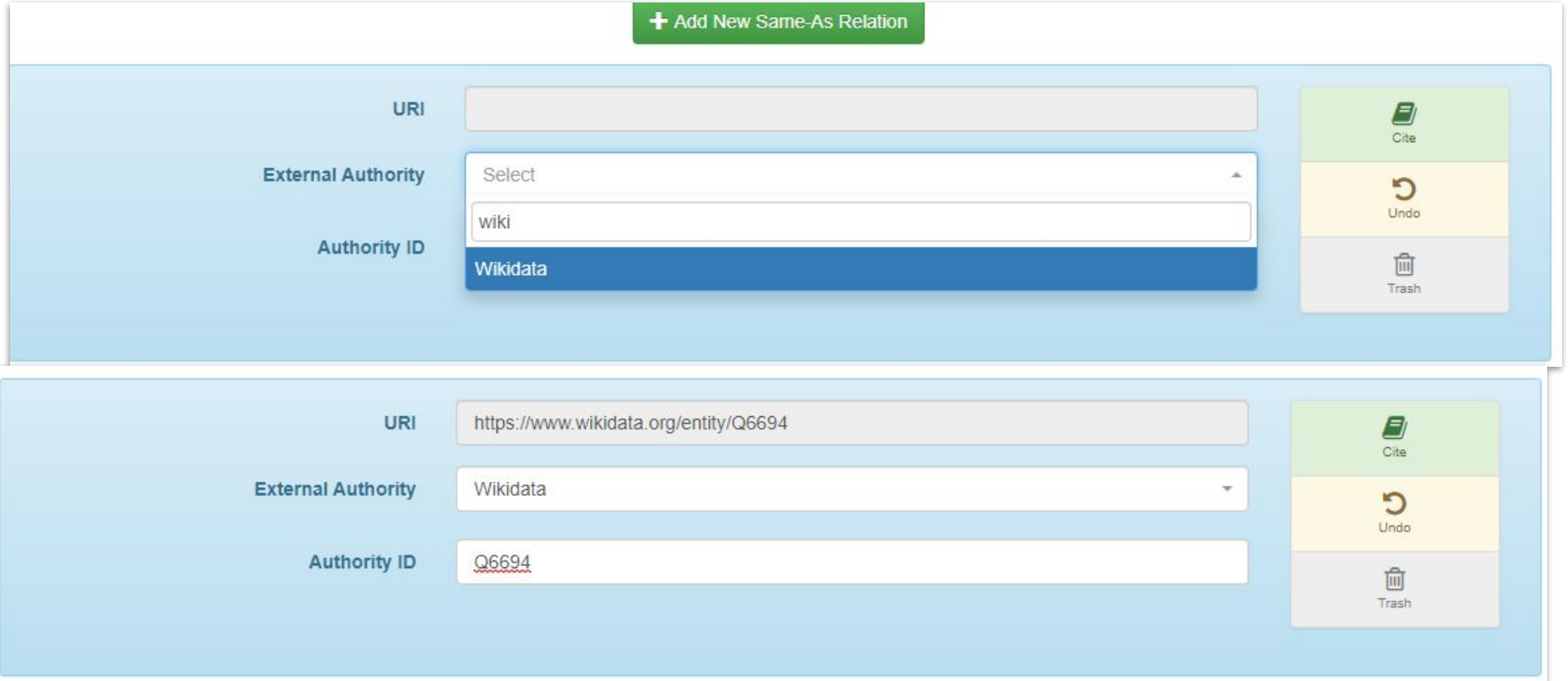
1. Navigate to wikidata.org
2. Search for name
3. The **Authority ID** is in one of two places:
   a. In the URL
   b. The "Q Number" in parenthesis at the end of the name



Finding Wikidata item from a Wikipedia entry:

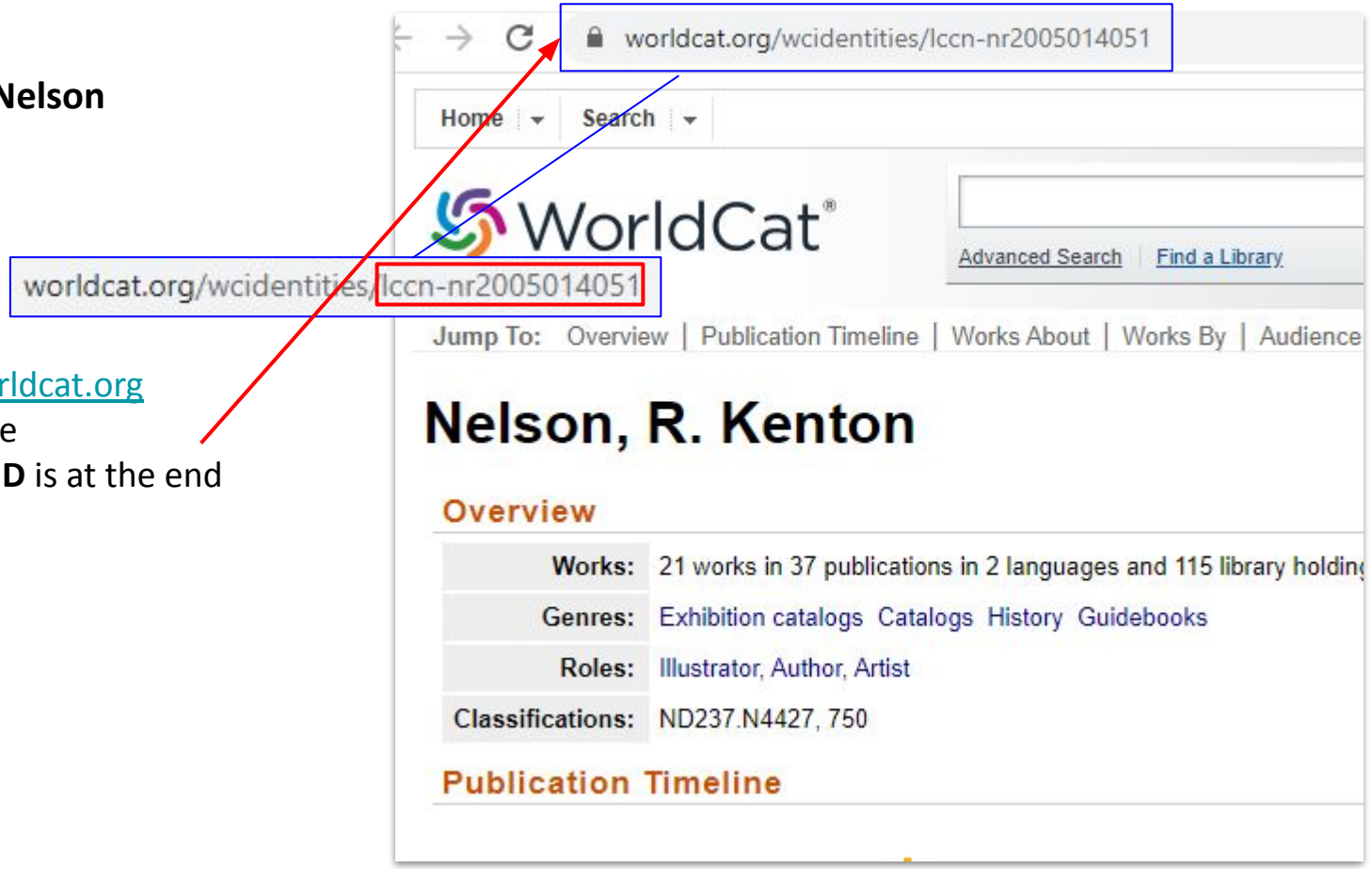
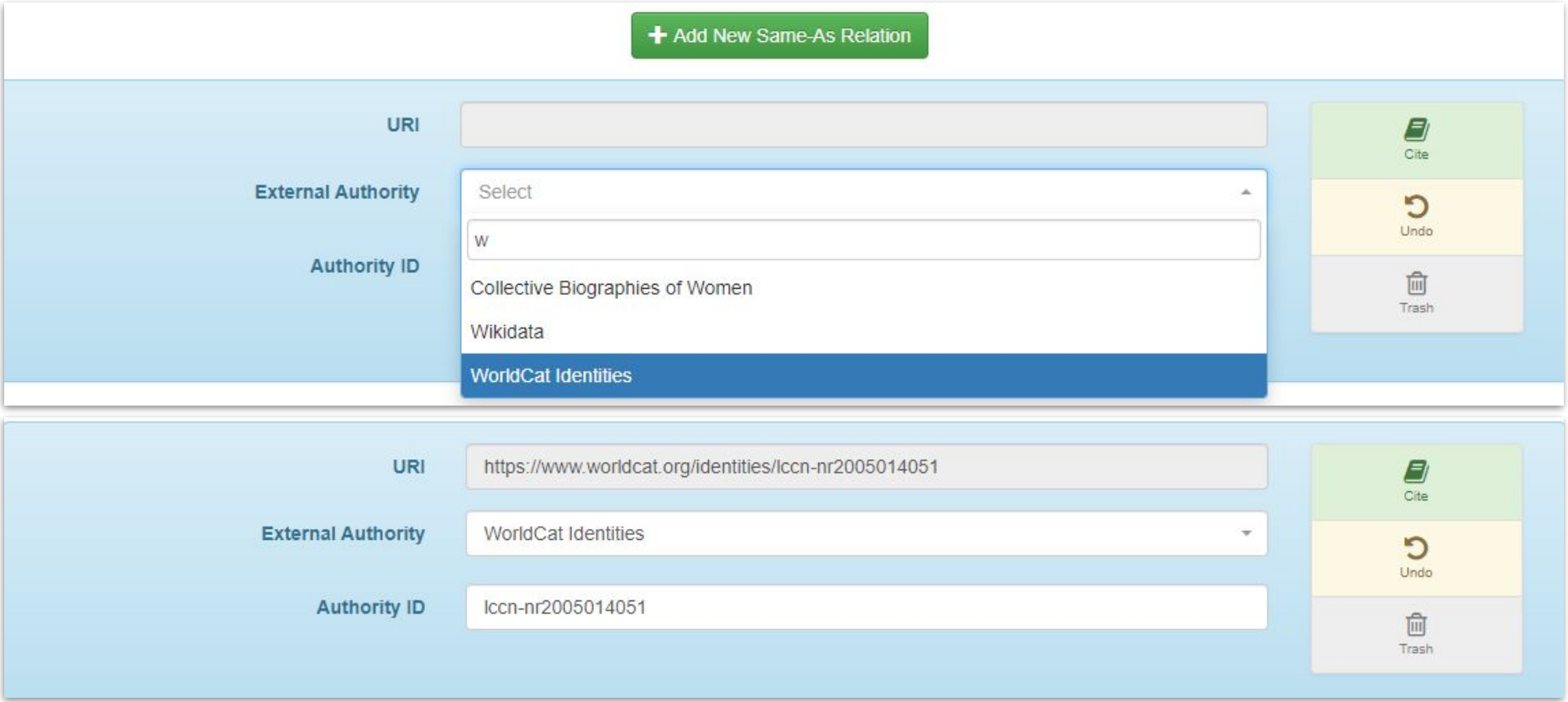
If you are on a Wikipedia page you can select **Wikidata item** under **Tools** on the right hand side of the page. It will take you directly to the Wikidata page.

1. Select Wikidata from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue



WorldCat
Example: R. Kenton Nelson

1. Navigate to worldcat.org
2. Search for name
3. The **Authority ID** is at the end of the URL



1. Select WorldCat Identities from the drop down in External Authority
2. Add the **Authority ID** in; the URI will automatically Update
3. Save and continue