



SNACSchool

SNAC History 101

Welcome to Social Networks and Archival Context!

SNAC demonstrates the separation of the description of corporate bodies (organizations) persons, and families, along with their socio-historical contexts, from the description of the historical resources that are the primary evidence of their lives and work.

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Archival Resources

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Role	Title	Holding Repository
creatorOf	Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784. Samuel Johnson manuscripts, 1725-1784.	Harvard University, Houghton Library
creatorOf	Samuel Johnson manuscripts, 1725-1784.	Houghton Library, , Harvard College Library, Harvard University



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Person

HARVARD LIBRARY

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COLLECTION Identifier: MS Hyde 50

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Samuel Johnson manuscripts

FOUND IN: [Houghton Library](#) / Samuel Johnson manuscripts

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From year To year

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Manuscripts and documents of the English lexicographer and poet Samuel Johnson, including diaries, poems, Dates
1725-1784
Language of Materials
Collection materials are in English and Latin.
Conditions Governing Access
There are no restrictions on physical access to this material.
Extent
2 linear feet (1 1/2 boxes, 13 volumes, and 1 framed item)

View Collection Locations

Archival Resources

Show 10 entries Search:

Role	Title	Holding Repository
creatorOf	Barnett, Carol, 1949-. Elegy : an epitaph on Claudy Phillips, a musician / [music by] Carol Barnett ; [words by] Samuel Johnson.	New York Public Library System, NYPL
creatorOf	Boswell, James, 1740-1795. Autograph letters of James Boswell and Samuel Johnson.	University of California, Los Angeles
creatorOf	Boswell, James, 1740-1795. James Boswell letters, 1762-1795.	Harvard University, Houghton Library
creatorOf	Buchanan, Isaac. Botany manual on the cultivation of flowers and fruits.	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library
creatorOf	Burney, Fanny, 1752-1840. Frances Burney d'Arbly collection of papers, 1653-1894 bulk (1775-1839).	New York Public Library System, NYPL
creatorOf	Cator, John, 1728-1806.. Henry Thrale estate deed of assignment : manuscript, 1782 Mar. 16.	Harvard University, Houghton Library



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Person

Exist Dates: Birth 1709-09-18
Death 1784-12-13

Nationality: Britons

Languages Used: Latin, English

Related Descriptions

[VIA Virtual International Authority File](#)

From Samuel Johnson's SNAC record, we can easily discover links to his archival collections, no matter the custodial institution.

A key objective of SNAC is to provide researchers with convenient, integrated access to historical collections held by multiple private and public archives and libraries around the world. This effort also sets the stage for a cooperative program for maintaining information about the people documented in the collections.

Description in SNAC helps resolve the challenge of **archival diaspora** by offering search and discovery through one central system of description.

SNAC History: Research and Development

The vision for SNAC began in its research and development phase in 2010. It depended on the creation of two other standards for use in the archival world that developed in the preceding twenty years: **Encoded Archival Description** (EAD), an encoding standard for machine-readable finding-aids developed in the 1990's, and **Encoded Archival Context-Corporate Bodies, Persons, and Families** (EAC-CPF), a standard for encoding and exchanging authoritative information about the context of archival materials. With the latter's release in March of 2010, the building of linked archival description systems allowing for the separation and independent maintenance of the corporate body, person, and family contextual data from the archival description of records became possible.



Rationale

It was evident that there is a usefulness in developing a resource discovery tool that could ...

- create archival authority records (entity descriptions in SNAC)
- do machine extraction of CPF entities from EAD finding aids
- serve as a linking device for all the collections that referenced such entities

EAD from the John Bigelow Papers finding aid:

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<persname source="naf">Bryant, William Cullen, 1794-1878</persname>

<persname source="naf">Bunau-Varilla, Philippe, 1859-1940</persname>

<persname source="naf">Fre´mont, John Charles, 1813-1890</persname>

<persname source="naf">Hay, John, 1838-1905</persname>

</controlaccess>

Bigelow, John, 1817-1911

This screenshot shows the SNAC record for John Bigelow. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Detailed View, Revision History, Source Summary, Edit, Reserve for Editing, and Export. Below these are tabs for Biography, Resources, Relationships, Places, Subjects, and Occupations. The main text area contains a biographical entry: "John Bigelow, diplomat, journalist, and author, was born on November 25, 1817, at Malden, New York. He was trained as a lawyer and admitted to the New York Bar in 1838. His law practice grew slowly, prompting Bigelow to begin writing for literary magazines and newspapers. This work introduced him to influential politicians and helped him receive an appointment as inspector of Sing Sing Prison, New York. Bigelow's life was punctuated with political appointments. He was Consul-General to Paris during the Civil War and was Minister to France in 1865. He is known for helping Josiah Gregg write his book on pioneer life, The Commerce of the Prairies. He died in New York City in 1911." To the right of the text is a portrait of John Bigelow, with a caption: "Image from Wikimedia Commons Creator: Matthew Brady - Public Domain". Below the portrait is a "Person" information box with the following details: Exist Dates: Birth 1817-11-25, Death 1911-12-19; Nationality: Americans; Languages Used: English.

Bryant, William Cullen, 1794-1878

This screenshot shows the SNAC record for William Cullen Bryant. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Detailed View, Similarity Assertions, Revision History, Source Summary, Edit, Reserve for Editing, and Export. Below these are tabs for Biography, Resources, Relationships, Places, Subjects, and Occupations. The main text area contains a biographical entry: "William Cullen Bryant (b. November 3, 1794, Cummington, Massachusetts-d. June 12, 1878, New York, New York), American romantic poet, journalist, and long-time editor of the New York Evening Post." To the right of the text is a portrait of William Cullen Bryant, with a caption: "Image from Wikimedia Commons J. E. Baker - Public Domain". Below the portrait is a "Person" information box with the following details: Exist Dates: Birth 1794-11-03, Death 1878-06-12.

SNAC Authority Records ...

- the nodal point for the description of a corporate body, an individual, or a family
- similar to a traditional authority record (preferred name, variant name(s), etc.)
- contains all the components of the entity's description

McCullers, Carson, 1917-1967 Alternative names

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Functions

Carson McCullers was born in Columbus, Georgia, as Lula Carson Smith on February 19, 1917, the first born of Lamar and Marguerite Waters Smith. Though she moved from the South in 1934 and only returned for visits, most of her writing was inspired by her southern heritage. Her mother felt she had given birth to a genius from the time Carson was very young and always remained her staunchest supporter and strongest ally. When nine years of age, Lula began studying piano and practiced six to eight hours daily, planning a career as a concert pianist. In 1930 she began using the name Carson and studying piano with Mary Tucker. Carson graduated from Columbus High School in 1933, and after her piano teacher moved away in the spring of 1934, Carson moved to New York City to study at the Juilliard School of Music. Shortly after her arrival she lost most of the money her parents had given her, and to support herself worked at various jobs and attended night classes in creative writing at Columbia and New York University. She focused on short stories at first, portraying adolescent anguish and unrequited love. Carson returned to Columbus in mid 1935 where she met Reeves McCullers, a soldier, whom she married in 1937. They were divorced in 1941 but remarried in 1945. Shortly after she left him in 1953 he committed suicide. Carson experienced success early with the publication of *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* in 1940 when she was only twenty-three. Its themes foreshadowed nearly everything




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Person

Exist Dates: Birth 1917-02-19
Death 1967-09-29

SNAC authority record features ...

- enables sharing, discovery and display of standardized information in an electronic environment
- facilitates discovery of contextual relationships amongst record-creating entities
- facilitates linking descriptions of creators to descriptions of records and other entities in context

McCullers, Carson, 1917-1967 Alternative name:

Detailed View Similarity Assertions (2) Revision History Source Summary

Biography Resources Relationships Places Subjects Occupations

Functions

* Connection Graph Radial Graph

Direct Relationships

Show 10 entries Search:

Relation Name

spouseOf	McCullers, Reeves, 1913-1953
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McCullers, Reeves, 1913-1953 Alternative name:

Detailed View Revision History Source Summary Edit Reserve

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Functions

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Direct Relationships

Show 10 entries Search:

Relation Name

associatedWith	Boyle, Kay, 1902-1992
spouseOf	McCullers, Carson, 1917-1967
associatedWith	Peacock, Edwin Davis, 1910-1989
associatedWith	Rukeyser, Muriel, 1913-1980

SNAC authority record features:

Each identity constellation prominently displays the entity's preferred form of name, and in some cases, life dates, alternative forms of names, and a biographical note or administrative history.

Curie, Marie, 1867-1934 [Alternative names](#)

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Functions

Marie Curie (b. November 7, 1867, Warsaw, Poland-d. July 4, 1934, Passy, Haute-Savoie, France), nuclear physics and chemist and research of radioactivity. She won the Nobel Prize for physics (with Pierre Curie) in 1903, and polonium and radium.

Alternative Names

- Kiūri, Mariā Sklodovskaia-, 1867-1934
- Skłodovskaia-Kiūri, Mariā, 1867-1934
- Chū-li fu jen, 1867-1934
- Curie, Marie Skłodowska, 1867-1934
- Curie, Marya, 1867-1934
- Curie, Pierre, Mme., 1867-1934
- Kiyūri, Mēri, 1867-1934
- Kyūri, Mēri, 1867-1934
- Kyūri, Mētam, 1867-1934
- Skłodovskaia-Kiūri, Mariā, 1867-1934
- Skłodowska-Curie, Maria, 1867-1934
- Skłodowska, Maria Salomea, 1867-1934
- Skłodowska, Marya, 1867-1934



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Person

Exist Dates: Birth 1867-11-07
Death 1934-07-04

SNAC authority record features:

Curie, Marie, 1867-1934 [Alternative names](#)

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Archival Resources

Show 10 entries Search:

Role	Title	Holding Repository
creatorOf	Letter from Marie Curie to President Herbert Hoover	Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum
creatorOf	[Marie Curie, biographical materials]	University of Wisconsin - Madison, General Library System
creatorOf	Bacheller, Irving, 1859-1950. Papers of Irving Bacheller [manuscript] 1900-1947.	University of Virginia. Library
creatorOf	Curie, Marie, 1867-1934. "Madame Curie and the Story of Radium" [microform] 1939?.	University of Virginia. Library
creatorOf	Curie, Marie, 1867-1934. [A collection of original offprints of papers and lectures] 1910-1931.	University of Chicago Library
creatorOf	Curie, Marie, 1867-1934. ALS, 1903 September 20 : Saint Troian. to [Robert	Copley Press, J S Copley Library




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Person

Exist Dates: Birth 1867-11-07
Death 1934-07-04

Nationality: Poles

Languages Used: English, Polish, French

Related Descriptions

[LC Name Authority File](#)

Each identity constellation also organizes an entity's links to related resources, both archival and bibliographical, and links to related entities found in SNAC.

SNAC authority record components:

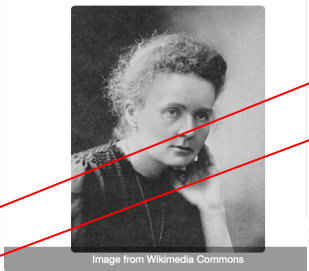
Each identity constellation also organizes an entity's links to related corporate bodies, persons and families also described in SNAC.

Curie, Marie, 1867-1934 Alternative names

Navigation bar for Marie Curie: Detailed View, Similarity Assertions (1), Revision History, Source Summary, Edit, Reserve for Editing, Export, Hide Profile.

Category tabs: Biography, Resources, Relationships, Places, Subjects, Occupations. Functions: Connection Graph, Radial Graph.

Relation	Name
spouseOf	Curie, Pierre, 1859-1906
correspondedWith	Bliss, Robert Woods, 1875-1962
correspondedWith	Century Company
correspondedWith	Dellenbaugh, Frederick Samuel, 1853-1935
correspondedWith	Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964



Person

Exist Dates: Birth 1867-11-07
Death 1934-07-04

Nationality: Poles

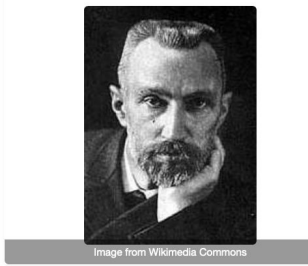
Languages Used: English, Polish, French

Curie, Pierre, 1859-1906 Alternative names

Navigation bar for Pierre Curie: Detailed View, Revision History, Source Summary, Edit, Reserve for Editing, Export, Hide Profile.

Category tabs: Biography, Resources, Relationships, Places, Subjects, Occupations. Functions: Connection Graph, Radial Graph.

Relation	Name
spouseOf	Curie, Marie, 1867-1934
associatedWith	Abbe, Robert, 1851-1928,
associatedWith	Brillouin, Léon, 1889-1969.
associatedWith	Claude, Georges, 1870-1960.

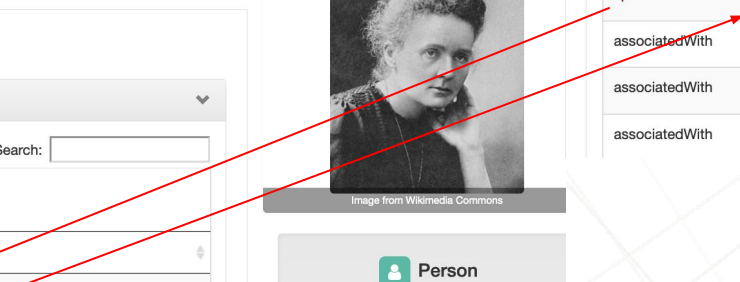


Person

Exist Dates: Birth 1859-05-15
Death 1906-04-19

Nationality: French

Languages Used: French



Other features ...

In many cases, SNAC records contain metadata used to describe the entity, like subject and occupation headings describing persons, and function headings describing corporate bodies.



Tubman, Harriet, 1822-1913 Alternative names

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Subject

[Abolition](#)[American Civil War \(1861-1865\)](#)[Antislavery movements](#)[Civil rights](#)[Fugitive slaves](#)[Nursing](#)[Suffrage](#)[Underground railroad](#)

Options for exporting and sharing SNAC data.



Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962 [Alternative names](#)

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- Reserve for Editing

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- EAC-CPF XML



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- Places
- Subjects
- Occupations
- Functions

Eleanor Roosevelt (October 11, 1884 - November 7, 1962), wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was an especially active and visible First Lady who, it was claimed, did more to popularize the Roosevelt administration than any other person or factor. Her innumerable trips across the country and visits to workers and their families did much to promote her as one of the people, a democrat with a small "d." She was the first president's wife to hold White House press conferences, and millions of people read her syndicated column, "My Day," and listened to her fifteen-minute radio broadcasts. She was deeply committed to social service projects, particularly those ushered in by her husband's New Deal program, including the National Youth Administration, slum clearance, nursery schools, and playgrounds. During World War II, she traveled to Great Britain, Australia, the South Pacific, and army camps in the United States, boosting the morale and good will of the Allies and American servicemen. Her almost constant public exposure, however, left her vulnerable to criticism, and she was often the butt of "Eleanor" jokes in cartoons, the press, and on radio. She was especially criticized for her sponsorship of the American Youth Congress and her membership in the American Newspaper Guild: both, her critics charged, were dominated by Communists, but she steadfastly refused to end her association with those groups. After her husband's death in 1945, Eleanor Roosevelt was appointed by President Truman to the U.S. delegation to the United Nations. She was also elected chairman of the Commission on Human Rights. By 1949, she was being called the "First Lady of the World" and "Number One World Citizen." A Woman's Home Companion poll showed that she was the most popular living American of either sex, and in 1948, the American Institute of Public Opinion revealed that she was the "most admired woman living today in any part of the world." She was the recipient of numerous awards, including the first annual Franklin Delano Roosevelt Brotherhood Award in 1946, the Four Freedoms award, and the highest honor award of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. In addition to her syndicated column, she was a contributor of numerous articles to magazines and the author of several books, including It's Up to Women, The Moral Basis of Democracy, and On My Own.

Person

Exist Dates:	Birth 1884-10-11
	Death 1962-11-07
Nationality:	Americans
Languages Used:	English

Other features ... Visualizations / Export options / Constellation actions

Carver, George Washington, 1864?-1943 Alternative names

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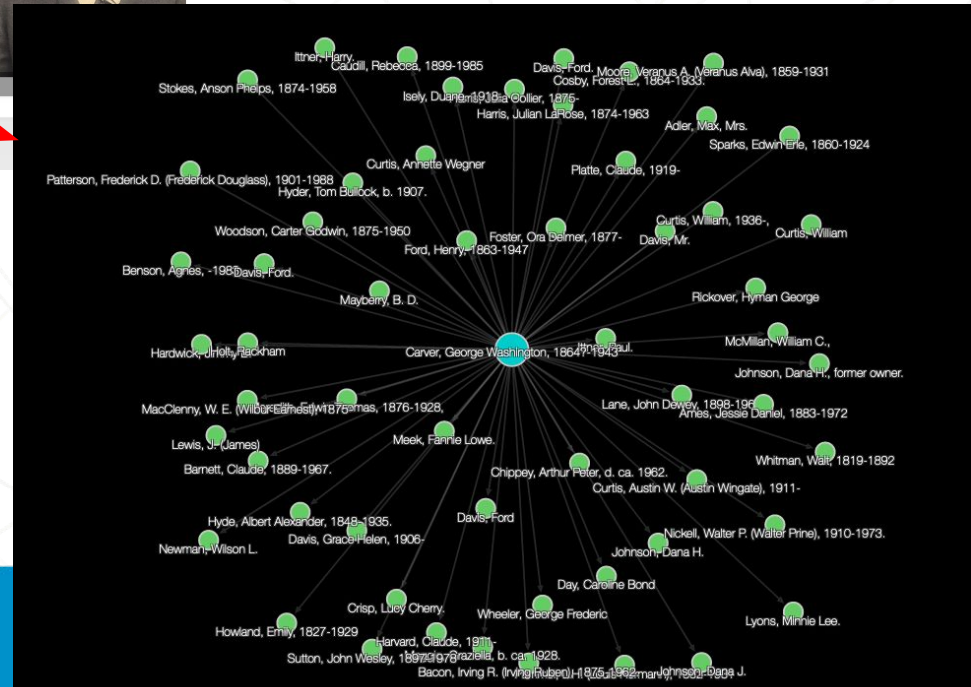
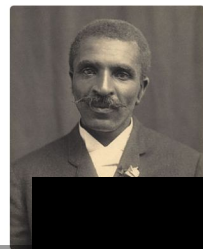
Connection Graph Radial Graph

Direct Relationships

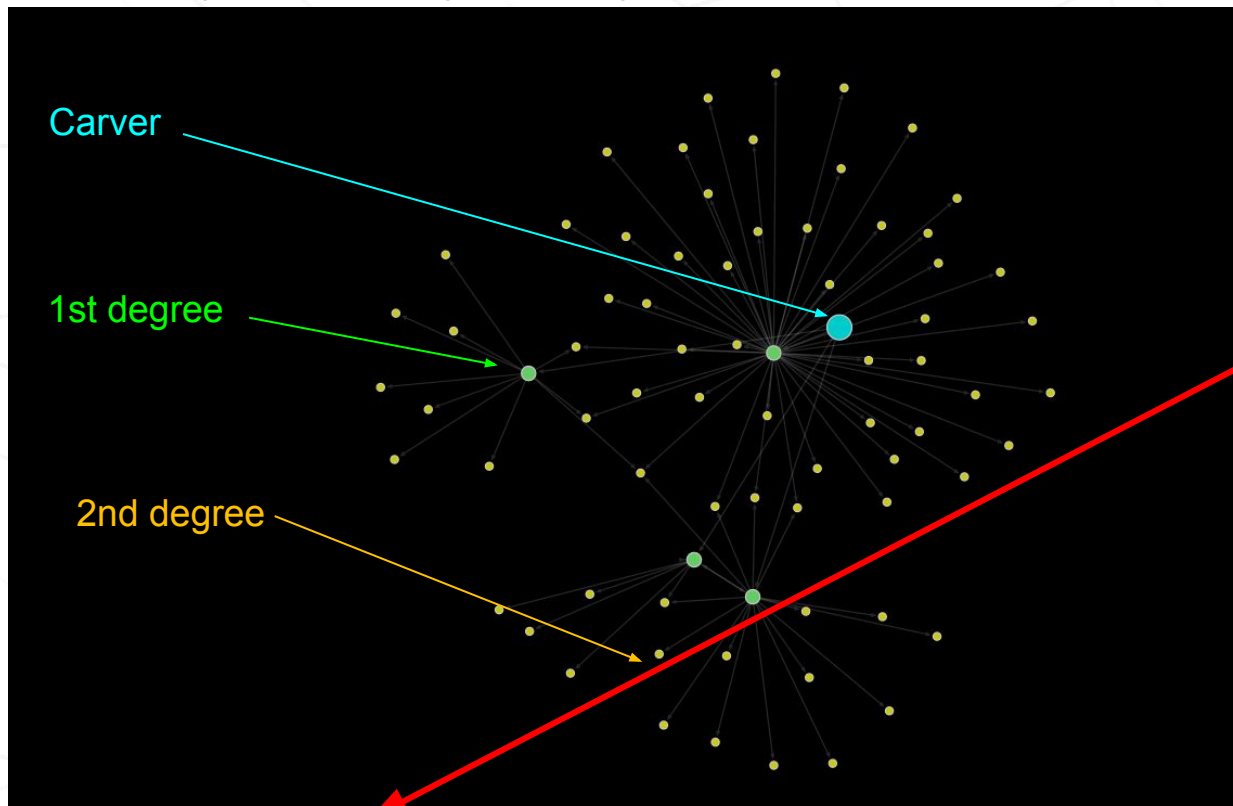
Show 10 entries Search:



Relation	Name
correspondedWith	Chippey, Arthur Peter, d. ca. 1962.



Connection graph for George Washington Carver (detail)



Change the defaults to ...

Add captions

Change degrees to show more or fewer “dots” (just 1st degree, 2nd degree, etc.)

Make graph bigger or smaller in size of connections

Click the “dots” to navigate to related SNAC records.

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