Cistercian Reference and Resources: Digitization and Mapping

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Cistercian Studies Resources Libguide

Digitized Collections: Liturgy and Manuscripts

Forthcoming catalog
Long Term Digital Projects

• **Phase One:** Digitizing journals, rare books
  – begun

• **Phase Two:** Cistercian Gazetteer
  • begun, seeking funding

• **Phase Three:** (in future)
  • *specific Cistercian bibliography by house*

• **Phase Four:**
  • other monastic traditions
New “Digital Cistercian Studies”
Part 1

Digitization of additional materials may include:

- Rare journals
- Out of print reference
- Medieval texts
- Select modern papers
  - M. Basil Pennington
  - Chrysogonus Waddell

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New “Digital Cistercian Studies”
Part 2

Cistercian Gazetteer: An online map which translates documentary evidence (gleaned from secondary sources), existing maps, archaeological information into a modern, online map which users can animate or use analytically.

Models include: Atlas of Early Printing and 50 Largest ports and Titanic
Big Picture

• Information on foundations, dates of activity, relationships between them
• Ability to ask questions of the data both in its text form and visually through the map interface
• Links to relevant bibliography
• Links to library collections and digitized materials
• Opportunity for scholarly participation, in a moderated way
History of the Gazetteer

On paper to On-line
Or
The Devil is in the details
Original data compilation

SAMPLE (Jan Volek) 2009

Osek / Ossegg
Ossecum
Waldsassen (Morimond), by way of Mašťov
Prague, later Litoměřice / Leitmeriz (Bohemia)
1196 / 97
Slávek count of Bílina, ancestor to the lords of Osek (Riesenburk)
1580
1650
1945
1991

References:
Cottineau 2:2971
Janauschek I:DVII (197)
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Name and data authorities: provide standardized language to optimize appearance in search results

International Authority Files
Cistopedia
Virtual International Authority File:

implemented and hosted by OCLC, is a joint project of several national libraries plus selected regional and trans-national library agencies. The project’s goal is to lower the cost and increase the utility of library authority files by matching and linking widely-used authority files and making that information available on the Web.

- National Library of Australia
- Library and Archives Canada
- National Library of the Czech Republic
- Bibliotheca Alexandrina (Egypt)
- Flemish Public Libraries
- Denmark (DBC)-test
- Bibliothèque nationale de France
- SUDOC (France)
- Deutsche Nationalbibliothek
- Getty Research Institute
- National Széchényi Library (Hungary)
- National Library of Israel
- Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico (Italy)
- National Diet Library (Japan)
- National Library of the Netherlands-test
- National Library of Norway
- NUKAT Center (Poland)
- Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal
- Biblioteca Nacional de España
- National Library of Sweden

- Swiss National Library
- RERO (Switzerland)
- Library of Congress/NACO
- Biblioteca Nacional de México
- British Library
- National Agricultural Library (U.S.)
- National Library of Medicine (U.S.)
- National Library of New Zealand
- National Library of Scotland
- National Library of South Africa
- National Library of Wales
- Vatican Library

Test files in VIAF:

- Russian State Library-test
- Wikipedia (en)-test
- National Library Board (Singapore)
VIAF results will dovetail with Cistopedia, but offer an international standard which will mean we may be able to set up “automatic” link searching in the future.

The aim is to link the national authority files (such as the German Name Authority File) to a single virtual authority file. In this file, identical records from the different data sets are linked together. A VIAF record receives a standard data number, contains the primary "see" and "see also" records from the original records, and refers to the original authority records. The data are made available online and are available for research and data exchange and sharing. Reciprocal updating uses the Open Archives Initiative protocol.

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* Bosnia-Herzegovina
* Chad
Cistopedia Name Authority (2)  Example: Poland

Koronowo / Polnisch Krone
Koszalin / Kösslin
Krzeszów / Grüssau
Ląd / Lond
Lubiaz / Leubus
Ludźmierz
Łekno
Marianowo / Marienfließ
Mironice / Himmelstädt
## The data difference: Welsh example

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**References:**

- Bell N/A
- Coppack N/A
- Cottineau I: 1632
- Cowan-Easson N/A
- Dugdale V:735-36
- Gallia Chr. N/A
- Janauschek N/A
- Knowles-Haddock 272, 274
- Knowles-Brooke-London N/A
- Le Neve-Greenaway N/A
- Robinson N/A
- Smith-London II:537 (no list)
- Smith III:665
- Tanner 716

**Welsh Spreadsheet**
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Ala Al-Fuqaha (Comp Science)  Mary Caroline/Marca Hoyle (MI)
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Marianne Swieringa (Library)
Paul Howell (Digitization)
Cecelia Moore (Digitization)
How will we do this?

• Support from WMU so far
  – Medieval Institute and History research assistants
  – Library infrastructure
  – WMU mini-development grant
  – Time and effort of various interested faculty and staff
• Applying for an NEH grant expand the effort
  – Digitization and rounding up missing copies
  – Software development
  – Student workers
  – Other costs
• May apply for other grants in the future, such as Mellen
How can you help? We need ....

• Suggestions (features you could use, reference works we should consult, projects we should link to, etc.)
• Your expertise (languages, research specialties, etc.)
  – Offer to get involved with data checking
  – Bibliographies for individual monasteries
  – Identify projects or people we should collaborate with
• Encouragement and letters of support by June 15 addressed to Rozanne or Sue (we may email to remind you)
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