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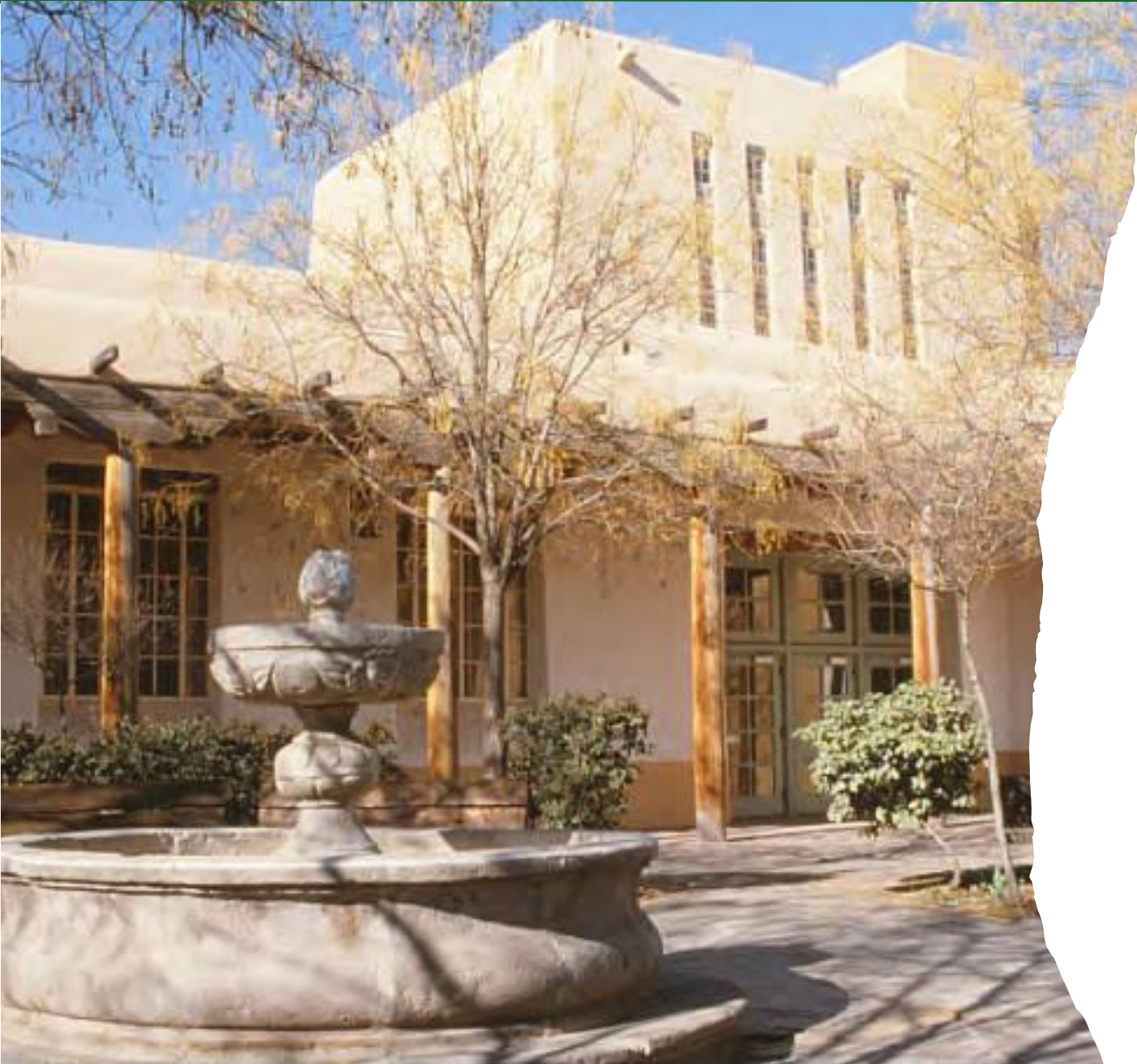
From the Shadows: Building Archival Entity Workflows Toward BIBFRAME

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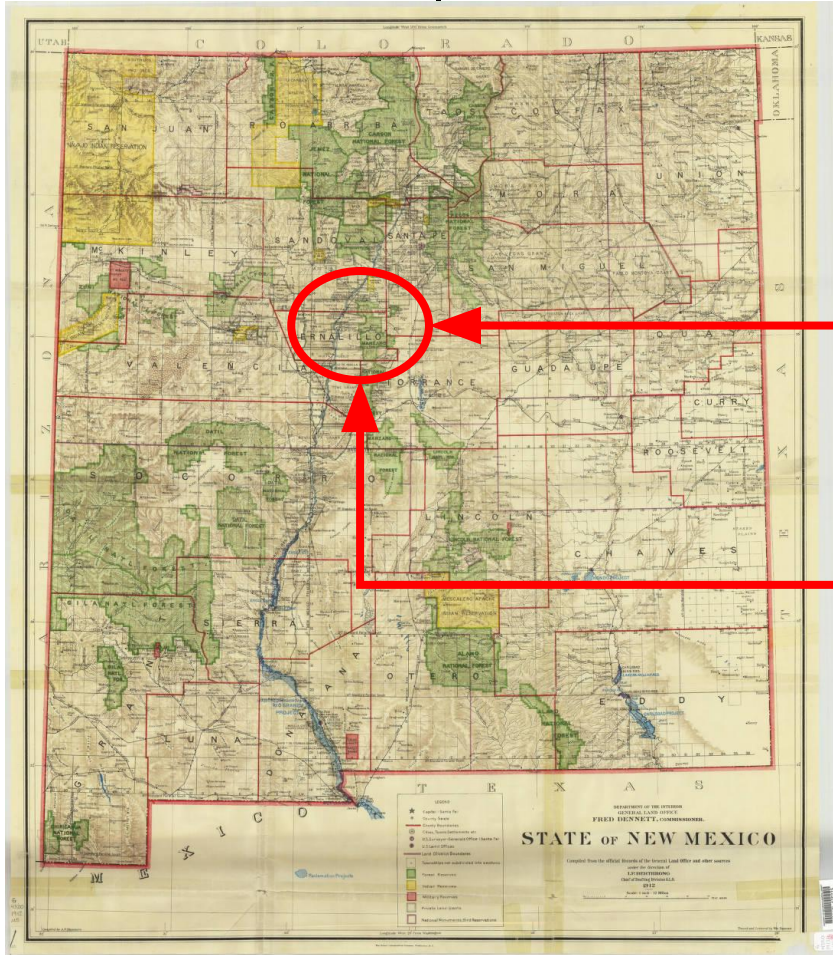


Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC)
Entity Management Cooperative (EMCO)

UNM Collection Context

Collection Connections

New Mexico | U.S. Southwest | Latin America | Iberia



State of New Mexico, 1912, UNM CSWR, CSEL MAGIC, G4320 1912 G5 995-0041, via New Mexico Digital Collections

★ Santa Fe, NM



De Vargas Street House, UNM CSWR, PICT 995-0041, via New Mexico Digital Collections

Albuquerque, NM



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UNM Collection Context

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 **New Mexico Archives Online**

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Spanish Civil War Collection

 **Collection** Identifier: MSS-320-BC



UNM Collection Context

Scope and Content

The Spanish Civil War Collection consists of materials relating to the Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939, particularly to the participation of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and other international brigades. The material was gathered by David Gordon, who resided in New York City at the time of his death. Gordon was a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade (originally the Abraham Lincoln Battalion), which was composed of American volunteers fighting for Republican Spain against the fascist forces of Francisco Franco. Gordon collected photographs, postcards, periodicals, pamphlets, speeches, leaflets, posters, broadsides, handbills, musical scores, and memorabilia both during the war and later. Although much of the post-war material derives from anniversary commemorations of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and relates to Spain in general through 1973, the bulk of the collection dates from the Civil War period itself. The materials are in English, Spanish, French, Catalan, Italian, and German. English. Spanish materials comprise the majority of the collection

[See less](#) ^

Dates

- Creation: 1927-1973
- Creation: Majority of material found in 1936-1939

Creator

- Gordon, David, 1909-1979 (Person)

Language of Materials

English Spanish French Catalan Italian and German.

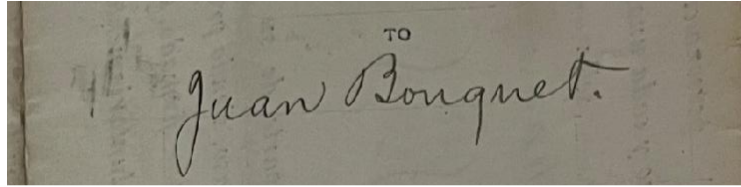
The Project Question



What does it take to turn entity management from an idea into something we can actually produce?

- Workflow
- Experiments
- Implications

Why Archives are Different



Bouquet Ranch (Pojoaque, NM) Records, UNMA
CSWR, MSS-1044-BC

Background Information

Juan Bouquet (John) Jean Bouquet (1823?-1898) and Petra Larragoite de Bouquet (1848-1925) were prominent Santa Fe County citizens. They married in 1867. Petra was born in Santa Fe to Spanish immigrants in 1848 and raised in Velarde. Juan Bouquet emigrated the United States from France and was known to reside in New Mexico by 1860. He was an intimate of Archbishop Jean-Baptiste Lamy. He became a well-known merchant, rancher, and orchardist. He was postmaster of Pojoaque from 1870-1896.

The Bouquet Ranch in Pojoaque was a substantial and expanding property from the 1860s through the 1890s. By 1897, the Bouquets had made two land transfers and purchased twenty-two pieces of property that contained four houses and a mill. The Ranch was a popular stage station on the road from Santa Fe to Taos and Tierra Amarilla. Archbishop Lamy was a frequent guest.

What evidence do we have, where is it, is it enough to assert an identity?

Workflow v.1

July 14, 2026

9-11:30AM

Waters room

Prepared by Isabella Brouse

Part 1: Introduction and live demo

Outcome: By end of the session, everyone will have a basic understanding of the Meridian and have a basic understanding of the documentation/guidance.

1. Intro (5mins)

- Why we're doing entity work
- Overview of Meridian; how this complements participate with EMCO

The goal of this session is to introduce Meridian and start building our entity management together.

As you know, UNM recently joined the PCC Entity Management Cooperative fifth program of the PCC alongside NACO, SACO, BIBCO, CONSER. U established programs, however, EMCO is still very much evolving. The established workflow, formal training program, or extensive document catalogers should approach this work. That's actually one of the most project, because we have an opportunity to develop a workflow that meets collections, our cataloging practices, and our local priorities, while also

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Part 2

- ii. Locate candidate in Meridian
- iii. Verify identity
- iv. Adding fields
- v. Adding relationships
- vi. Adding linked data identifiers
- vii. Quick example of "weird"

- 1. Everyone creates a card
 - a. Circulate with
 - b. Go over any

Today isn't about becoming experts in linked data and Meridian. It's a comfortable with the process, looking at the pipeline between our NACO editing, and identifying the questions we'll need to answer as we refine together. I want to emphasize that this is an iterative workflow and I fully change as we gain more experience. Before we open up Meridian I just second to talk about what an entity actually is.

Part 2: Weird cases and Cataloger's Judgment

- Go over tricky cases and decisions (5-7min)
 - Frieda Lawrence
 - No diacritics option
 - "Ghost" profiles: Phyllis Thompson
 - Hector P. Garcia (Wesley P. Garcia) disambiguation

|Draft Workflow for Archival Entity Work in Meridian (v.1)

University of New Mexico—PCC Entity Management Cooperative (EMCO)

Purpose: To outline an initial approach to identifying, normalizing, and enriching archival entities in Meridian using archival and IBERO collection materials. Intended as an evolving structure to support consistency as work increases and expands.

Workflow steps:

1. Identify entities from archival materials
 - in OCLC Metadata module, look for uncontrolled entities or entities without URI.
2. Review across source materials for variations

4. Disambiguate entities, especially within OCLC Entities
5. Normalize form
 - Identify preferred name and structure.
6. Create or edit entity in Meridian or keep note and update once LoC authorities publishes

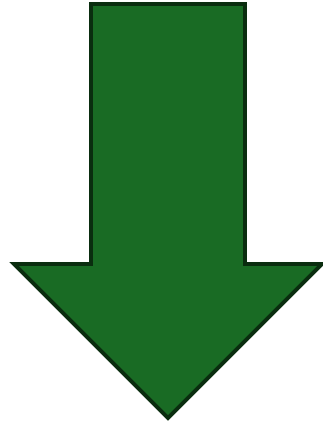
Aim for fullest form of completion where possible drawing from NACO training:

- Entity label, language of content, aliases
- Birth and death dates
- Characteristics: language, awards, field and genre of activity (can use FAST)
- Name (given and surname)
- Linked data identifiers (e.g. VIAF)

Making the work executable

Step 1: Open your toolbox

Log into WMS, Log into Meridian as institutional user (IQU), and open the NMAO homepage.

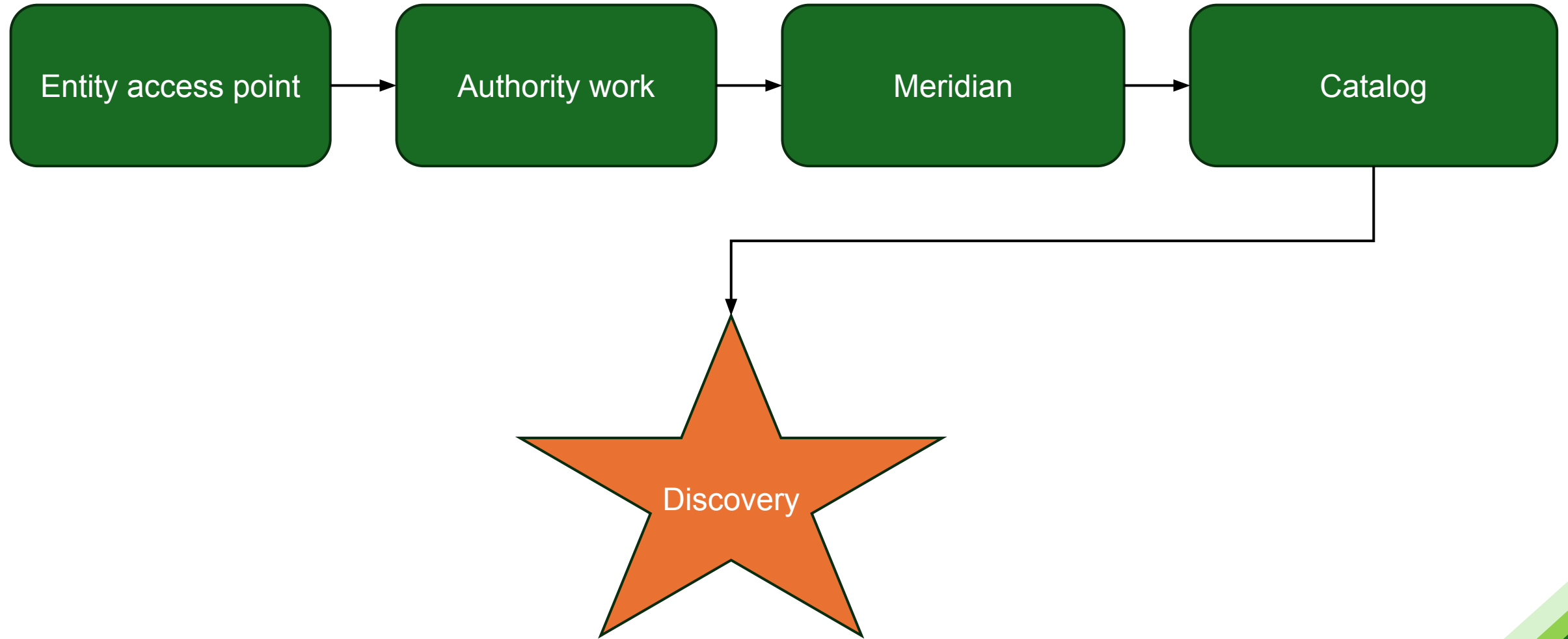


Step 10: Link the entity in WMS

Return to the collection record in WMS once more. Right-click next to the entity heading and select “Insert WorldCat Entity.” Carefully select the correct entity.

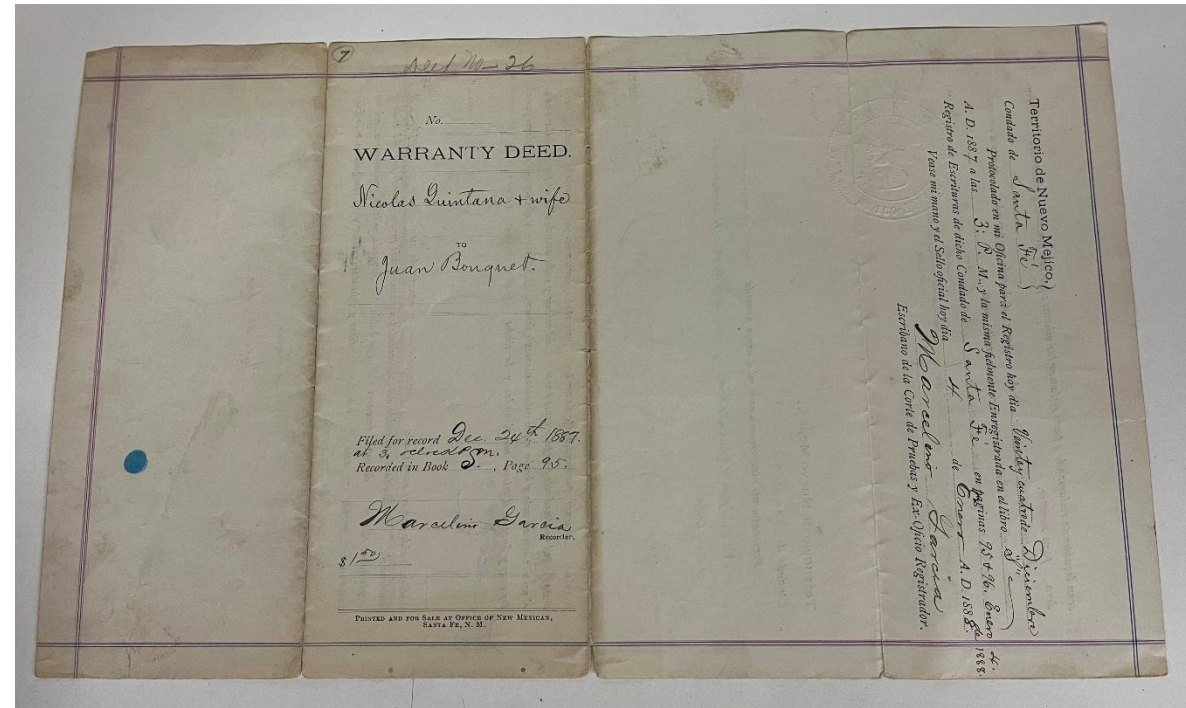
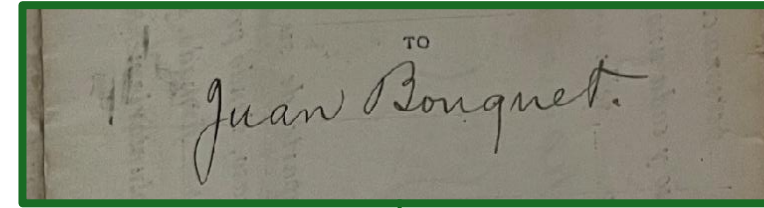
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What the Workflow Actually Does



Scale

- 3,000 records + access points
- Staff time on complex entity cases

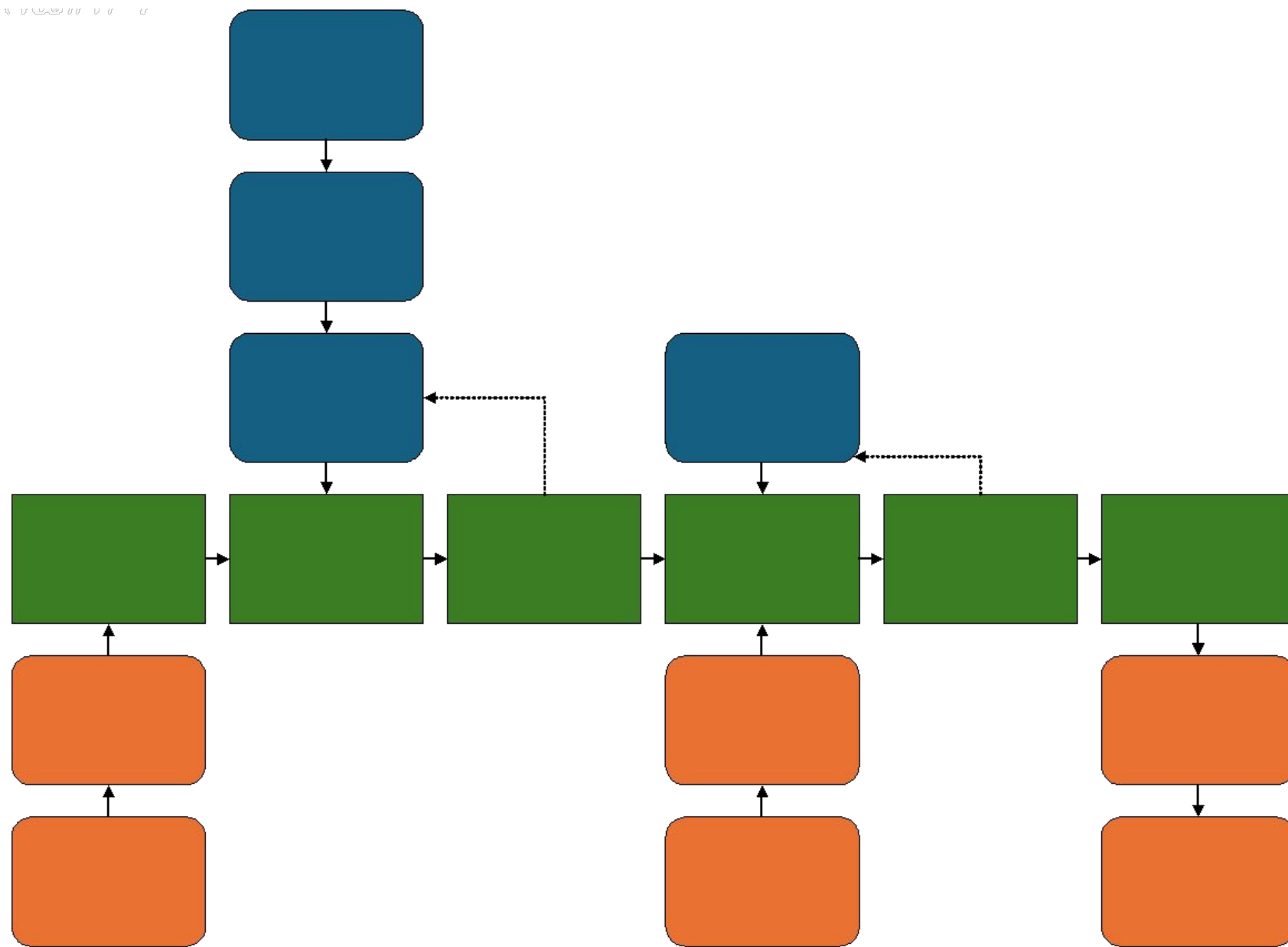


Bouquet Ranch (Pojoaque, NM) Records, UNMA CSWR, MSS-1044-BC, photo by author



WHAT IF WE
SEARCHED THE
NAF...
BUT HARDER?

Experiment 1: PyMARC + NAF



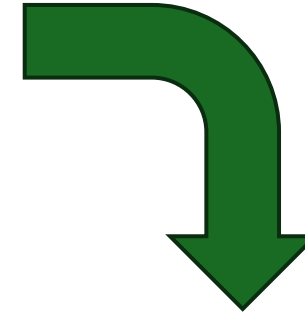
Entity Based
Search

Experiment 1: PyMARC + NAF



HERNÁN CORTÉS

Name Authority File (NAF)



Authorized heading

Cortés, Hernán, 1485-1547

Use for: Altamirano, Hernán Cortés de Monroy Pizarro, 1485-1547; Cortez, Fernand, 1485-1547; Cortés de Monroy y Pizarro Altamirano, Hernán, 1485-1547; Cortés, Fernando, 1485-1547; Cortés, Hernando, 1485-1547; Cortéz, Hernando, 1485-1547; Cortéz, Hernán, 1485-1547; De Monroy y Pizarro Altamirano, Hernán Cortés, 1485-1547; De Oaxaca, Hernando Cortés, marqués del Valle, 1485-1547; Monroy y Pizarro Altamirano, Hernán Cortés de, 1485-1547; Oaxaca, Hernando Cortés, marqués del Valle de, 1485-1547; Pizarro Altamirano, Hernán Cortés de Monroy, 1485-1547; Valle de Oaxaca, Hernando Cortés, marqués del, 1485-1547; Valle, Hernando Cortés, marqués del, 1485-1547

Occupation: Conquerors, Soldiers, Explorers

Experiment 1: PyMARC + NAF

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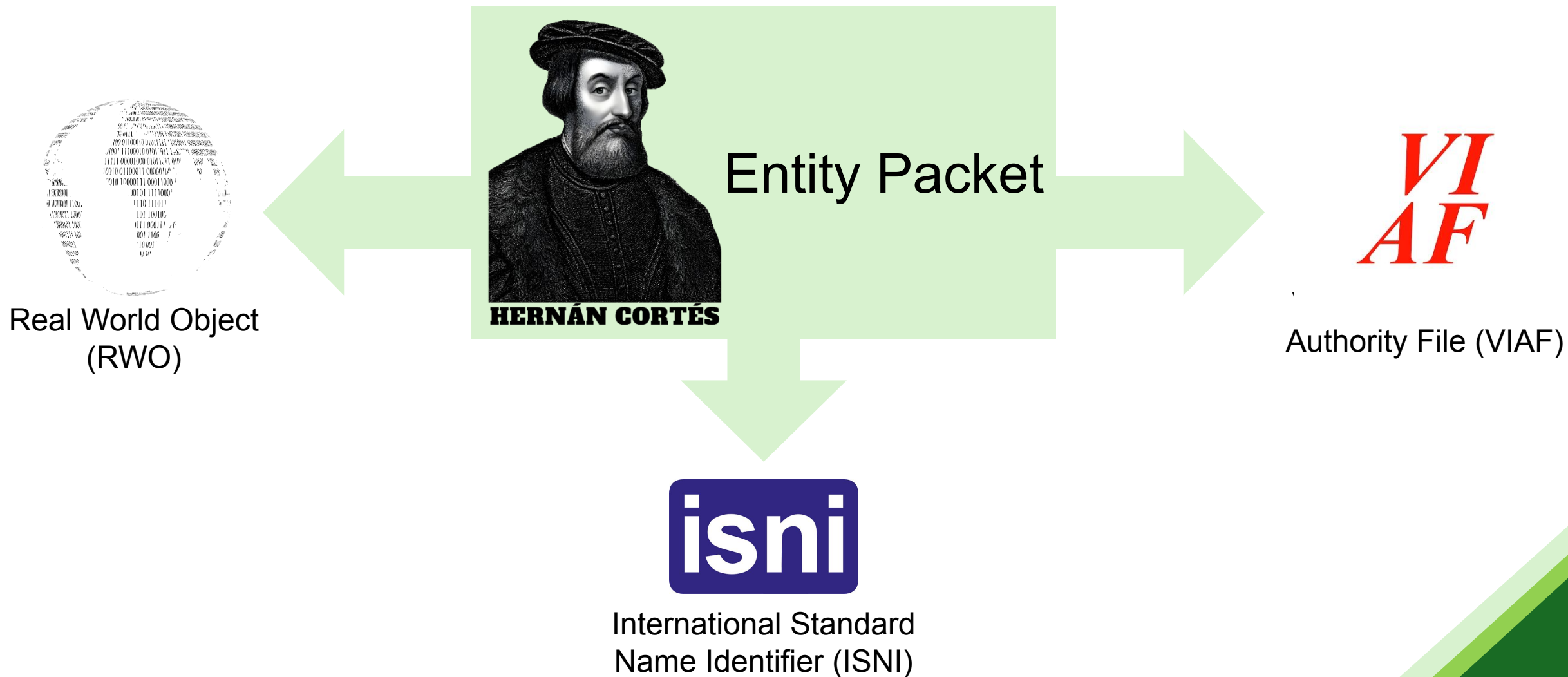
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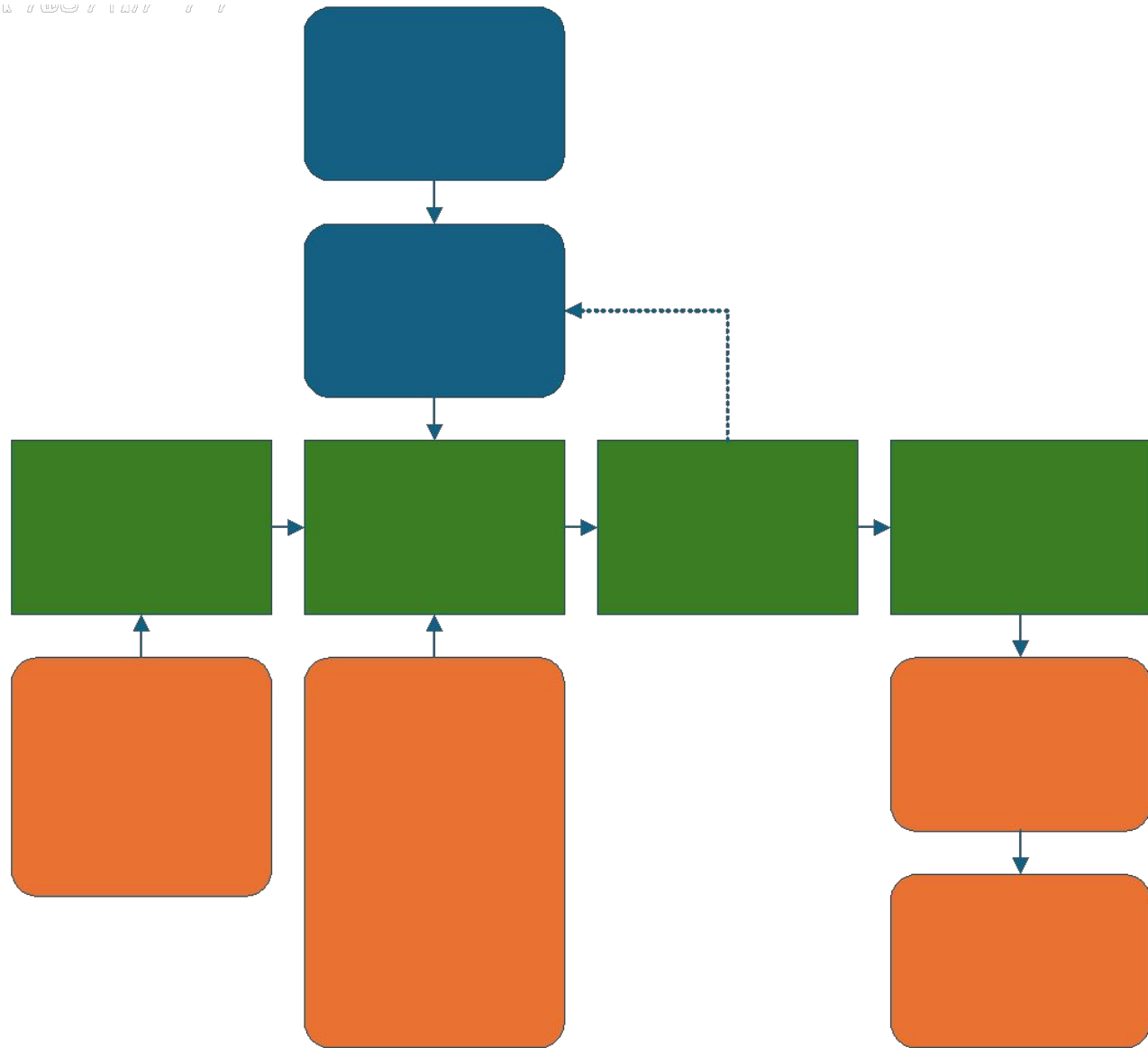
Entity Packet

Experiment 1: PyMARC + NAF



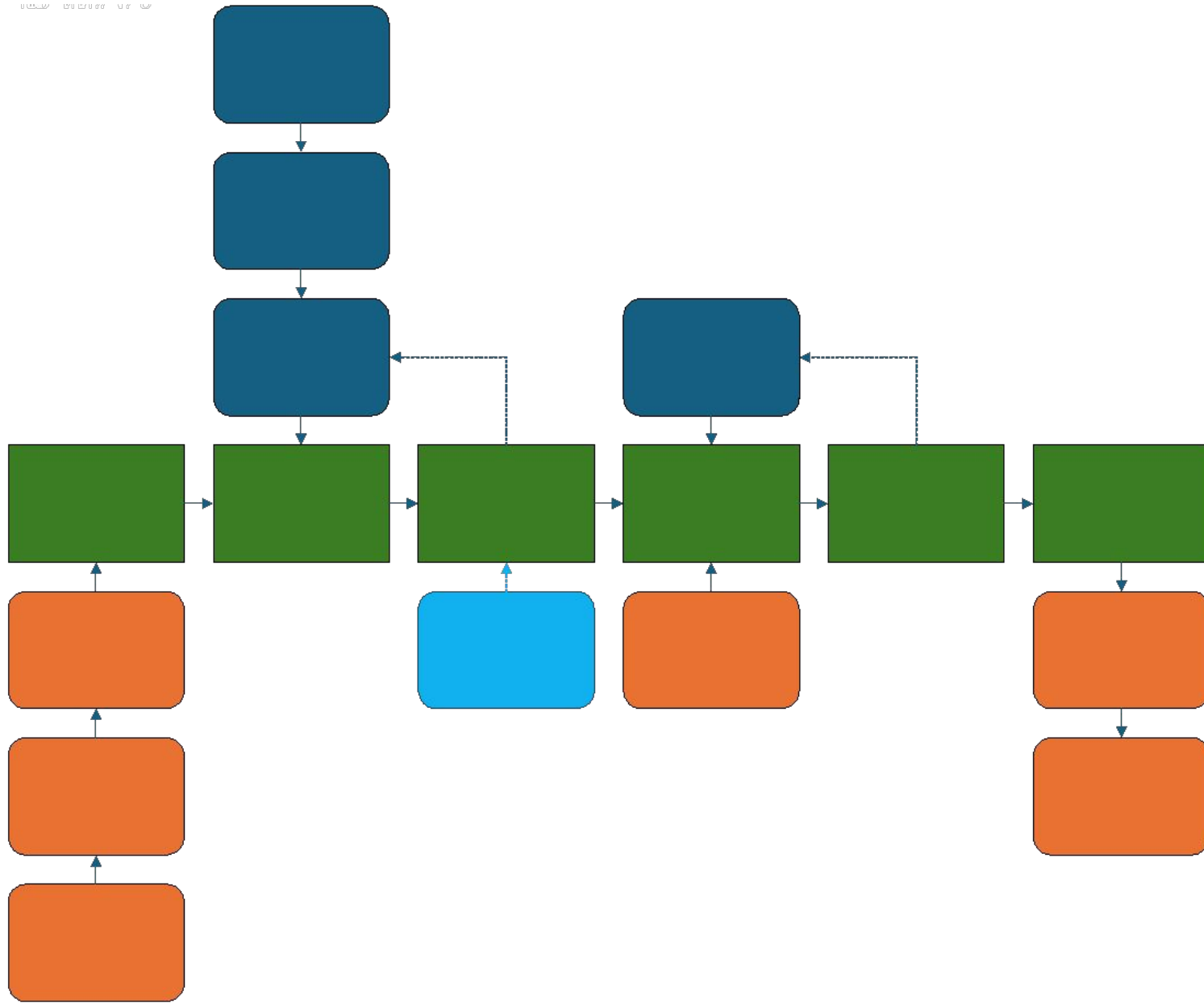
Experiment 2: Names in WorldCat Entities

Navigation icons



Entity Based
Search

Experiment 3: ArchivesSpace / LCSH / OpenRefine

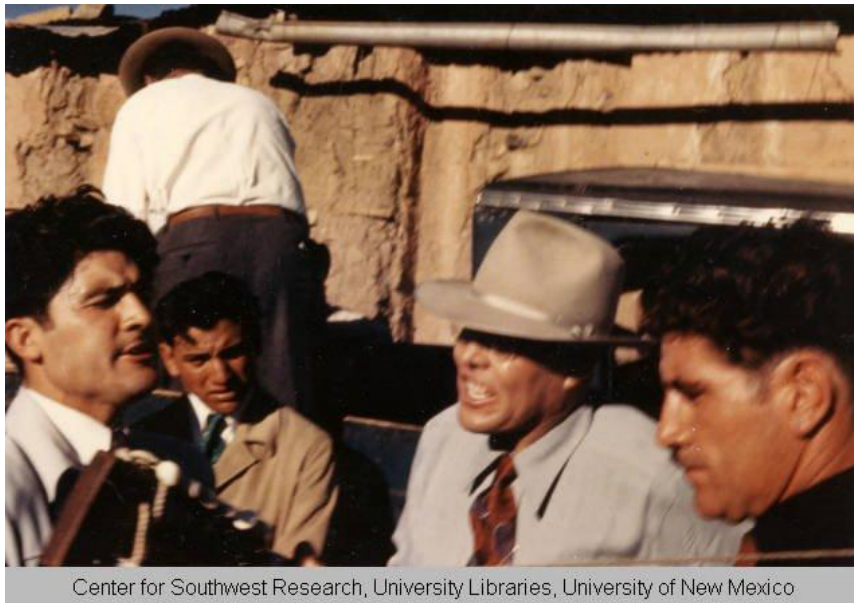


Subject
Heading
Based
Search

Experiment 3: ArchivesSpace / LCSH / OpenRefine

Cowboys – Songs and music

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Candidate: Alabados
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Candidate: Corridos
LCSH: <http://id.loc.gov/authorities/subjects/sh85033043>
Search: Cowboys -- Songs and music
Candidate: Cowboys--Songs and music
LCSH: <http://id.loc.gov/authorities/subjects/sh85033641>



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Girl playing a guitar at Rancho de las Golondrinas, UNM CSWR, PICT 2011-001, via New Mexico Digital Collections

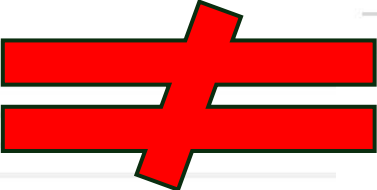
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The Phyllis Thompsons

The works of *the* Phyllis Thompson were being attributed to *other* Phyllis Thompsons!



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670		Find a grave,	viewed April 18, 2019: #b Phyllis M Thompson Couch (born December 6, 1906; died February 9, 1995; gravestone says "A Burkart at Birth") #u https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/33190127

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Author

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Phyllis Thompson

Phyllis Diane Thompson (born October 1, 1952) is a Senior associate judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

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by Phyllis Thompson
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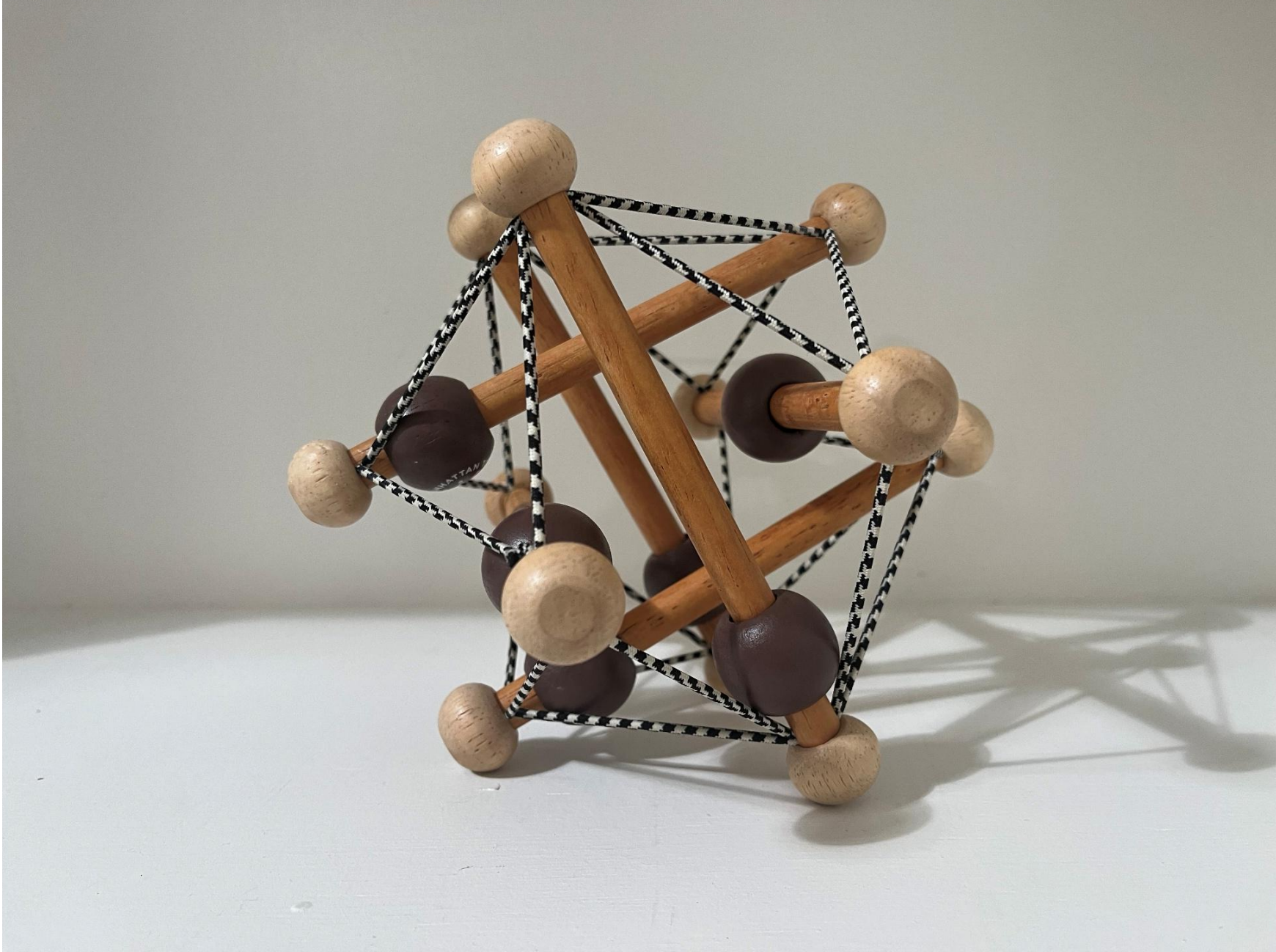
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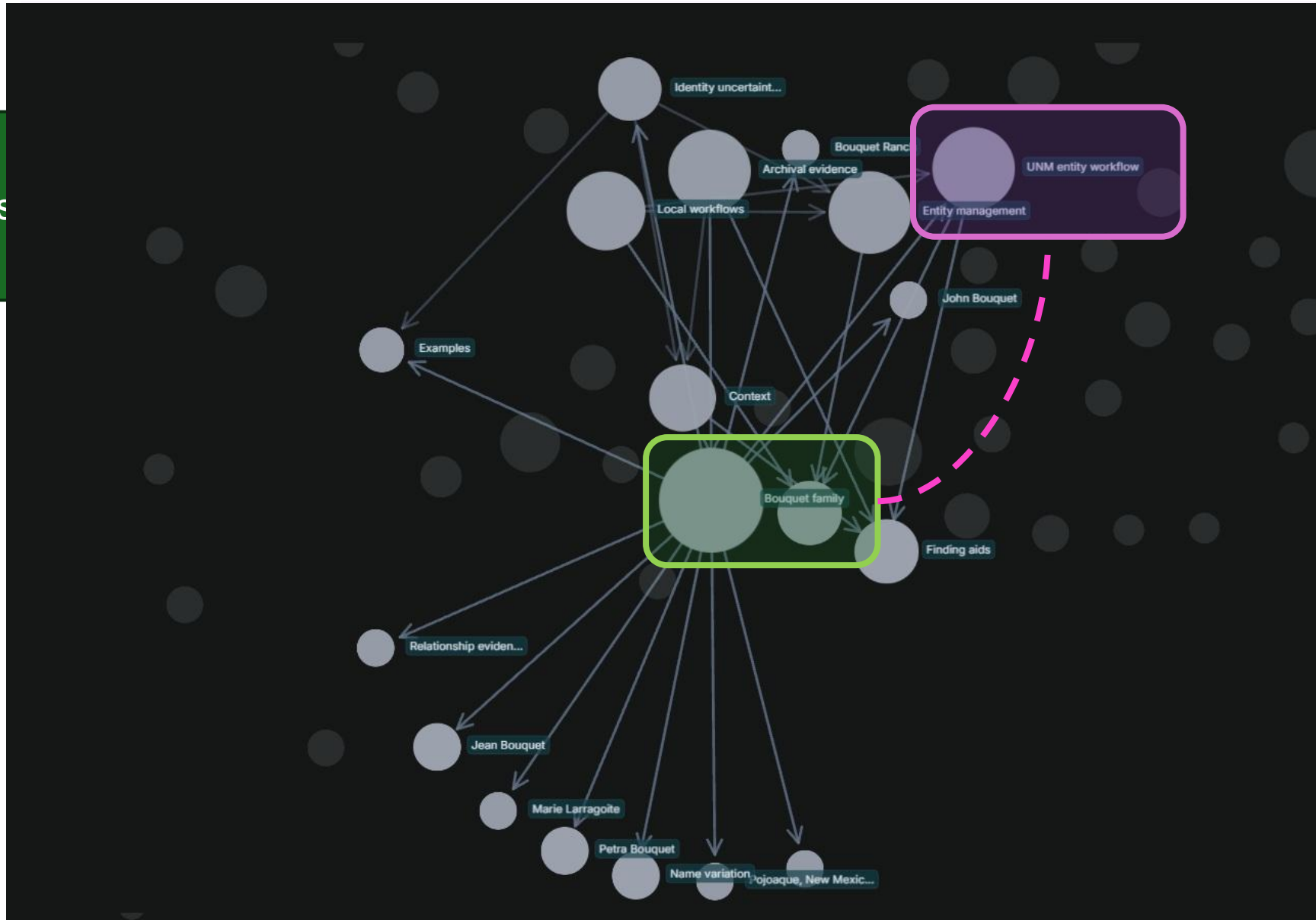
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Modeling the Knowledge



Entity access

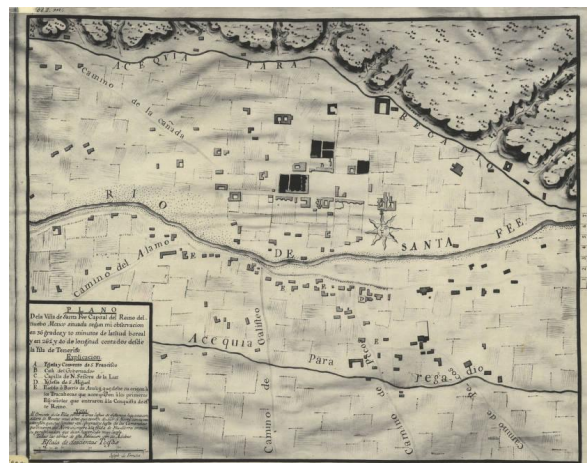


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One More Example



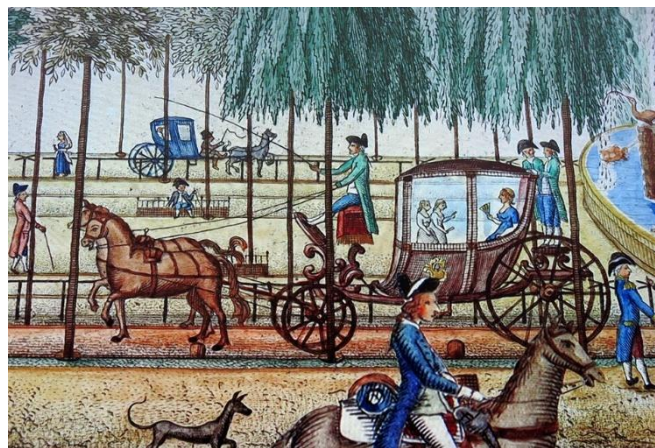
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Map of Santa Fe from Urrutia Expedition, 1766?, UNM CSWR, G.4324.S3.S1.1765.U7, via New Mexico Digital Collections



Map of Spain, via Wikimages



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