

# SAHARA Cataloging Guidelines

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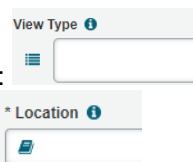
These guidelines describe how to populate each of the fields in the cataloguing screen. First-time cataloguers may find it helpful to have these at hand while preparing records for publication. In JSTOR Forum (formerly Shared Shelf), pop-up notes with similar information can be viewed by hovering your mouse pointer over a field label. **Required fields are noted below and marked with an \* on the cataloging screen.**

Note that many major buildings are already in SAHARA. Before you begin, search the collection to see whether you can save some time by copying cataloguing information from an existing record. Check, too, whether your submission duplicates a high quality image already in the collection. We appreciate contributions of unique images and views, but multiple views of the same view are not necessary.

There are three types of fields, or information: free text, lists, or linked data:

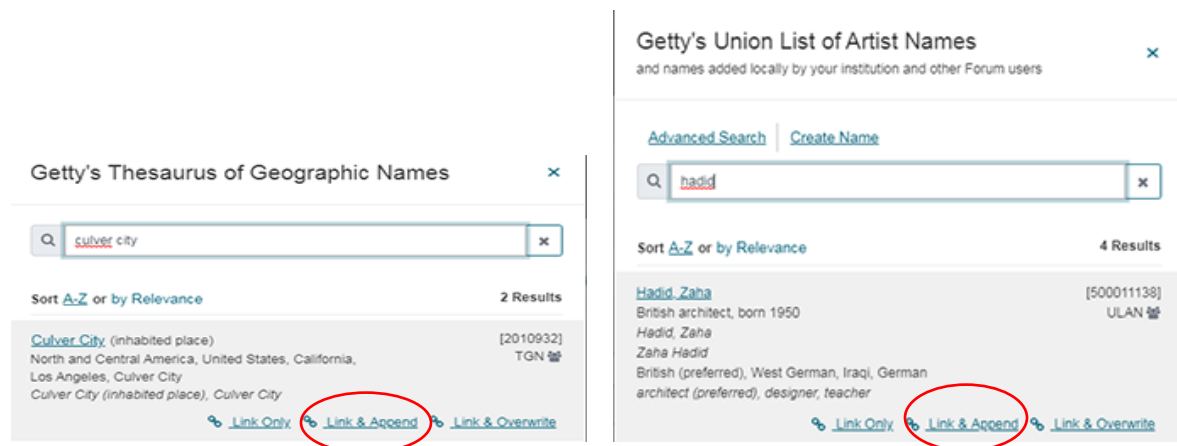
- Free text: You can type information into the field such as title, date, description, latitude, etc.
- Lists: You choose from a limited list of options, such as view type, country, etc.
- Linked data: You type, search on, and select a term from an authority such as TGN (for location), ULAN (for creator), or AAT (for work type or culture)

**Lists:** Click the icon and select the desired term(s) – you can select more than one:



**Authorities:** For Linked Data fields click on the book icon to access the authority:

The authority will guide you to the preferred term for a Location, Creator, Work Type or Culture, and will make your records searchable to a wider audience. **It is important when you make a selection to choose “Link and Append” – this will make the text display in SAHARA:**



When you've selected Link and Append, your field should look like this:



The TGN authority will often return dozens of results, e.g. “Cairo” will return 3 pages. But “Cairo, Egypt” will bring up specific results. Remember to separate the search terms with a comma.

## Field by Field Help:

- **Title/Name of Work (required):** A formal or descriptive name. Use the English version of a name as the preferred title, with other languages added as alternate titles. separated by a semicolon (e.g., St. Peter's Basilica; Basilica di San Pietro). In the absence of a title, the name can refer to the owner, a dedication (for a church), or a street address.
- **Title/Name of Complex:** A descriptive name or title for the larger group of buildings or structures to which this single work belongs, when applicable (e.g. The Acropolis). Use the English version of a name as the preferred title and append alternate titles in other languages after a semicolon.
- **View Type:** Describes what view is depicted in the image (e.g., exterior, interior, detail)
- **Image View:** Prose description of the view (e.g. detail of principal stair, showing carved brackets)
- **Broad Classification (required):** This is Artstor's name for the broad discipline to which the work shown in the image belongs. In most cases this will be "Architecture and City Planning" or "Garden and Landscape"
- **Work Type (required):** This describes the type of building or site, based on function/purpose. In most cases, selecting the book icon in the field to use the Getty Art and Architecture Thesaurus (AAT) will give the best results. Search for the term in the pop-up window (e.g. dwelling, bank, exhibition building, etc.) and choose the best fit from the results. If a term does not appear in the AAT, you may simply type it in the field.
  
- **Creator Name:** The architect, firm, artist, cultural group, or corporate body responsible for the creation, design, production, manufacture, or alteration of the work (e.g., Meier, Richard; Kallmann, McKinnell & Knowles). If there is no known creator or architect, please type Unknown Creator. In most cases, select the book icon in the field to search the Getty Union List of Art Names (ULAN). You may select multiple names/firms. If the creator name that you wish to use is not in the list, type the name in the field. Separate terms/values by semicolons. Link and Append.
  
- **Street Address:** Provide as much information as is known and useful for locating the building, where relevant. It is not necessary to provide a street address for the Pyramids at Giza; however, there should be one given for the Seymour Powell House, in Philadelphia, for example.
- **Location (required):** This field records the city, county, province, or state, as well as the country in which the building or site sits. If the work is not extant, its original location should be noted here. If the work has been moved, use its current location. The best results will come from selecting the book icon in the field to search in the Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names (TGN) (try *Cairo, Egypt* rather than *Cairo* to simplify the search), then link and append.
- **Country (required):** Choose the country in which the building or site is situated from the list. For countries not in the list, please report this to the editors.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** enter the geographic coordinates of the building or site location using decimal values, if available. There are various websites that help you find GPS coordinates, such as: <https://gps-coordinates.org/>
- **Date (required):** Descriptive date of the building or site as it will display in SAHARA (eg., 18th century; built 1565, restored 1787; or constructed ca. 1750)
- **Earliest and Latest Date (required):** The Earliest Date and Latest Date fields are used to enable searching within SAHARA and to ensure that entries are routed to the correct editors. The Earliest Date should be filled with the year in which design or other work began. The Latest Date field should be filled with the year in which the principal work was completed. For complex structures that evolved over multiple building campaigns over a long time, include the entire span of major building activity.  
When the date is known precisely, enter the year; for estimated dates, provide an appropriate cushion. For example, if the date in the first field is c. 450 BCE, you might use -500 for the Earliest Date and -400 for the Latest Date. If the given date, on the other hand, is c. 1765, it might be more useful to give a range of 1750 to 1780, to assist with search variations. In general, use scholarly judgment and good sense.
  
- **Materials/Techniques:** The substances or materials used to create the work, as well as production or manufacturing techniques or processes. Use the singular form, and separate values by commas (e.g. stone, concrete, timber, stained glass, wood veneer)

- **Measurements:** Information about the dimensions of the work or part of it (height of dome, overall footprint, e.g. 28 feet), including units
- **Description:** A descriptive note on the salient characteristics and historical significance or function of the building or site.
- **Commentary:** Should not repeat information covered in other fields, but should add details or information not mentioned elsewhere, e.g. a thoughtful description or additional information about the importance of the specific view, historical context, the architect, etc. Keep comments factual and simple. If you would like to share links, resources and bibliography, this is a good place for it. (Limit: 500 words)
- **Style/Period/Dynasty:** (e.g., Ming, Persian, Etruscan). Terms can be found in the Getty Art and Architecture Thesaurus (AAT).
- **Culture:** Name of the culture, people, or nationality from which the work originated (e.g., Navajo), when applicable. Click the book icon in the field to draw terms from the AAT.
- **Historic Designation:** use for sites that are listed in a historic register, selecting the highest level of designation from the drop-down list
- **Historic Designation (Other):** use for sites whose designation is not encompassed by the drop-down list
- **Keywords:** Use this field for subject, thematic, and other descriptive terminology. Separate terms using semicolons (e.g., curtain wall; cathedral; guilds)
- **Photographer (required):** Name of person who took the image.
- **Image date:** Date the image was taken, e.g. 20009, or March 1998. If scanned, use original photography date, not scanning date.
- **Information Source:** Citations to textual or other sources of information about the work (e.g., Summerson, Georgian London, 1945; or National Register Nomination)
- **Contributor:** Name of person who is cataloging and uploading the image, if different from the photographer.
- **Institutional Contributor:** Name of institution providing image, if relevant.
- **Copyright of photograph/image (required):** Copyright statement, including the year image was taken and name of the rights holder, e.g. *(c) Roger McMaster, 2002. Educational use permitted (study, teaching, research). Contact RMCM@gmail.com for other uses.*
- **How else may this image be used?:** Select one of the three options: 1. Research, teaching, study and use in scholarly publications 2. Research, teaching, and study (no public websites), or 3. Any use, with attribution.
- **SAH Archipedia Building ID:** If available, enter the number corresponding to the building entry in SAH Archipedia (<http://sah-archipedia.org/>), e.g. MA-01-FL21

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