

Introducing the U.S Congressional Serial Set Collection





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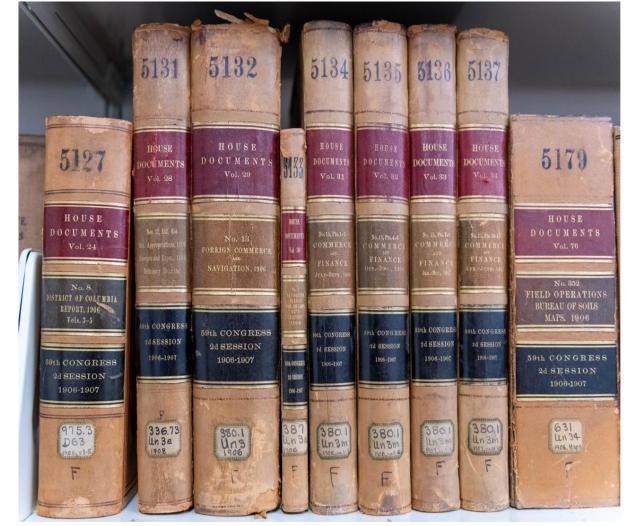
Collaboration

- Partnership between the Law Library of Congress and GPO
- Digitized Serial Set is available through both the Library of Congress website and **govinfo**
- Roles:
 - Law Library of Congress
 - Manage the preparation and digitization
 - Digital quality control
 - Provides accepted digitized volumes to GPO
 - GPO
 - Create metadata (MARC and other)
 - Design and maintain the **govinfo** collection
 - Acquire replacement volumes



Why the U.S. Congressional Serial Set?

- Started with the 1st Session of the 15th Congress
- Numbered House and Senate Documents and Reports bound by session
- Volumes from the 15th through the 103rd Congresses
- Estimated to be 15,850 volumes containing around 12 million pages
- Much more!





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Preprocessing

- Transfer of data to GPO network
- Data validation

Metadata

- Generate Volume MARC XML
- Generate compiled metadata XML
- Extract MARC metadata records from OCLC or create original records
- Transform subjects into LC subject headings
- Create document MARC XML





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Package Creation and Submission

- Generate individual **govinfo** packages with associated metadata
- Validate expected files and hash values

File Processing and Parsing

- Parse volume and document metadata from MARC and compiled XML
- Rename files based on accessid (e.g. SERIALSET-00722_00_00-002-0053-0000)
- Digitally-sign PDF files
- Update internal content management system and preservation repository

Publish to Public Site



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Public access to Serial Set Volumes and individual documents

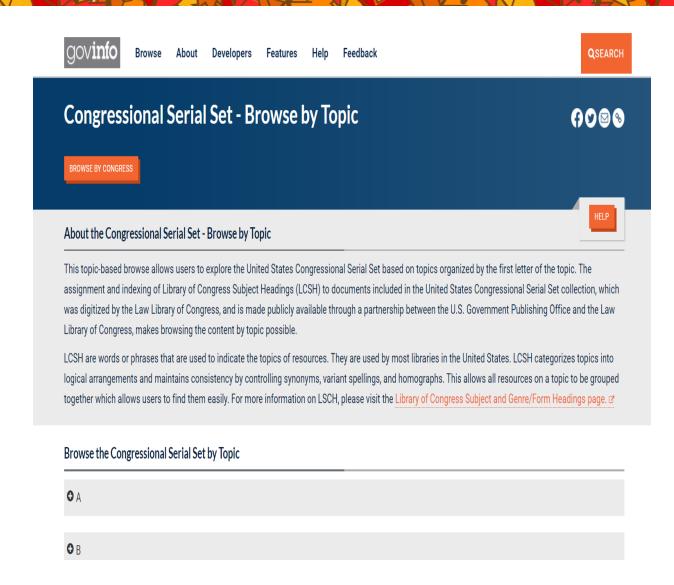
- Collection browse and search functionality
 - Collection Specific Search Operators and Filters
 - Citation Searching
 - Incorporated into the Congressional Documents and Reports collections where applicable
- API, RSS, Sitemaps, and Help





Congressional Serial Set – Browse by Topic

- Alphabetically listed topic-based browse
- Library of Congress Subject Headings associated with Serial Set documents



govinfo Serial Set Collection: What's Next?

- More content
- Collection tutorial videos
- Records in the CGP
- Collection modifications
- Share your feedback

Browse Congressional Serial Set Documents

3 82nd Congress (1951-1952)

Serial Nos. 11484 to 11658

69th Congress (1925-1927)

Serial Nos. 8522-8826

O Serial No. 8522 - Senate Journal

Senate Journal, 69th Congress, 1st session

O Serial No. 8524 - Senate Report, Vol. 1

Miscellaneous Senate Reports 2, 4-21, 23-26, 29, 32-34, 41-44, 51-52, 56, 65-67, 70, 74, 76-90, 92-94, 98-100, 106-107, 109-112, 114, 116-117, 120, 123, 125, 128, 137, 140, 147-156, 158-159, 165, 171-176, 178-179, 181-182, 184-187, 190-193, 197, 199-204, 214-215, 220, 222, 224-239, 244, 248-251, 255, 259-261, 263, 272-273, 275, 278-318, 320-322, 324-325, 327-328, 333-336, 351-357, 359-361, 363-370, 372-373, 376-386, 390-391, 395, 399, 402-407, 410-413, 415-424, 426, 428-429, 431, 434, 437, 439, 441-443, 445, 449, 451, 459-460, 463, 467, 469, 473-475, 478-484

Serial No. 8525 - Senate Report, Vol. 2

Miscellaneous Senate Reports 486, 488-497, 499-506, 508-519, 524-525, 527, 531-544, 546-548, 550-553, 555-556, 558-559, 561-563, 565-573, 578-592, 597, 599-604, 606-607, 609, 612, 614-616, 618-620, 622, 626-640, 644-648, 650-675, 681, 685-686, 690-694, 711-715

Law Library Serial Set Team

- Introduction and Performance Goals James Sweany
- Evaluation and Workflows Chris Ehrman
- Presentation on loc.gov/law.gov James Sweany
- Documentation and Promotional Activities Bailey DeSimone



Law Library Digitization Targets

Performance Target: Expand the digitization of law collections to better meet the demand for online access to collections by continuing the digitization initiative, and digitizing 3,000 volumes of the U.S. Serial Set by September 30, 2021.

Milestone	Accomplishment
Prepare 3,000 Serial Set volumes for digitization	During FY21, the Law team has prepared 3,521 volumes (117.4% of the goal of 3000); 3,449 volumes were shipped to the vendor.
Display a subset of the Serial Set as a Library digital collection	The Law Library is working in close cooperation with GPO to jointly release volumes of the 69 th Congress on September 28, 2021.



Digitization of the U.S. Serial Set – Status

Since the Serial Set Project began in FY19:

- 6,093 volumes prepared for digitization (38.68% of total volumes)
- 5,733 volumes sent to the vendor
- 4,327 digital bags (volumes) received from vendor
- 3,839 digital bags accepted
- 1,701 volumes sent to GPO

FY21 Goals

- 3,000 volumes selected for digitization
- Display a subset of the Serial Set in loc.gov (69th Congress)

FY22 Goals

• 3,000 volumes selected for digitization

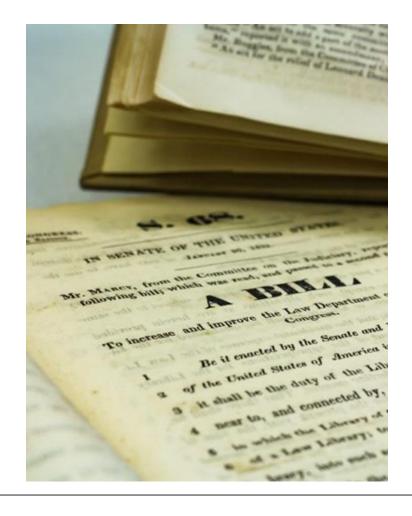


US Serial Set volumes prepared for digitization.



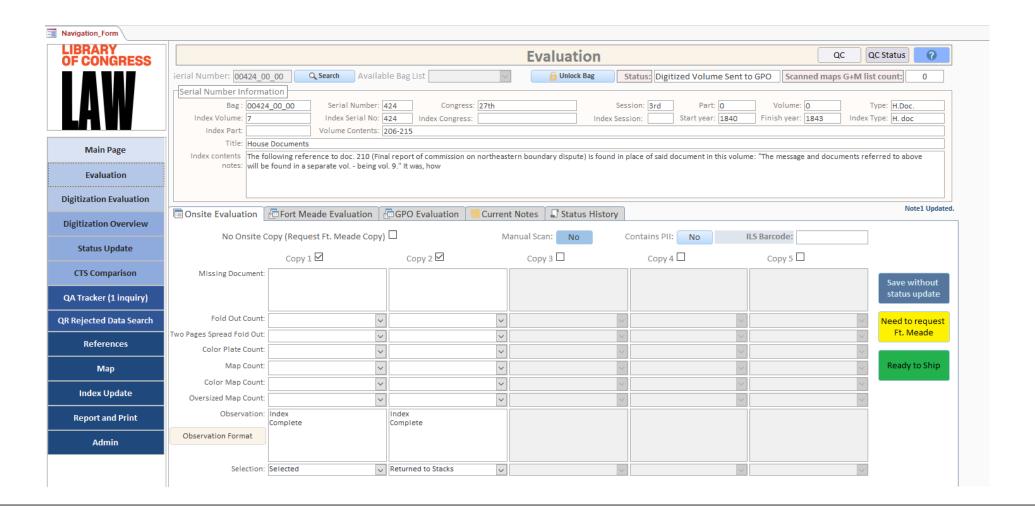
Volume Evaluation for Digitization

- Multiple copies of each Serial Set volume in the Library of Congress collections
- Inspect physical volumes for completeness
- Expected documents from 1909 Index and Schedule of Documents
- Record physical characteristics:
 - Foldouts
 - Maps
 - Color plates
 - Oversize foldouts
- Request volumes stored offsite
- Request volumes from GPO
- Create complete Serial Set number from multiple volumes





Project Tracking Database (SDP): Volumes





Digitization Specifications

- Federal Agencies Digital Guidelines Initiative (FADGI)
 3-Star performance level
- Digital objects:
 - Master file: JPEG2000 (JP2)
 - OCR: XML
 - Thumbnail: GIF
 - Document: PDF/A 2b
 - Volume: PDF/A 2b
- Unique bag id
 - Serial Set Number_Part_Volume
 - 08858_6f_00
 - Volume PDF name
- Document directories
 - Sequence-document number-part
 - 08739_01_00-005-0557-0000/
 - Document PDF name
- Delivered by the digitization vendor in BagIt structure via SFTP

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ANNUAL REPORT

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THE LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS,

EXHIBITING

The progress of the Library during the year ending December 1, 1870.

JANUARY 23, 1871.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

JANUARY 24, 1871.—Ordered that five hundred additional copies be printed for the use of the Library.

The growth of the Library of Congress during the past year has been steady, and the aggregate additions are somewhat larger than those of the year preceding. At the date of my last annual report the Library numbered 185,227 volumes. At the corresponding date of the present year, December 1, 1870, the enumeration shows a total of 197,668 bound volumes, besides about 30,000 pamphlets. Of this aggregate, 27,170 volumes belong to the Law Department of the Library.

The number of volumes added during the year was 12,441, besides about 8,000 pamphlets, derived from the following sources:

By copyright	7,663	Pamphlets. 3,140 2,167 918 1,450
Total	12, 441	8,061

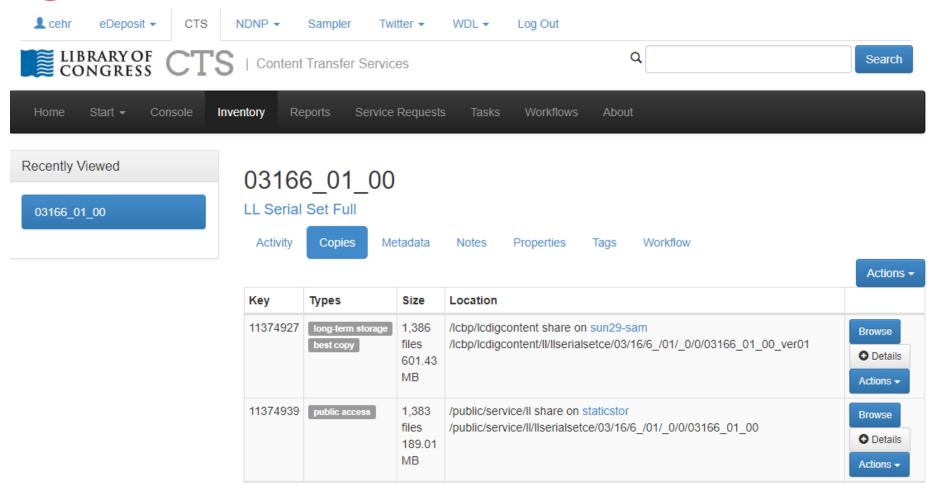
The operation of the copyright law has increased the Library during the year to an unusually large extent, the number and designation of articles received from that source being as follows:

Total number of articles	11,512
Maps and charts	146
Prints Mans and charts	1,426
Engravings, photographs, and chromos	1,175
Musical compositions	
Pamphlets and periodisals	
Books	

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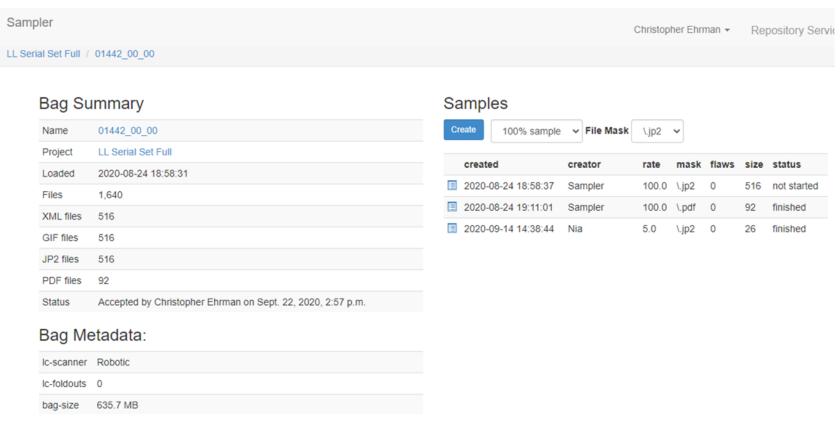


Bag Workflows





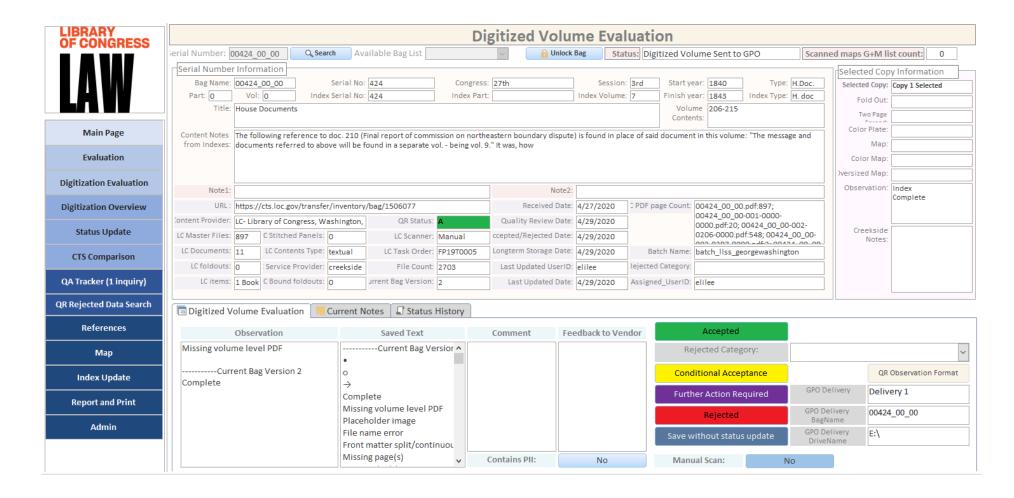
Digitized Volume Evaluation



- Quality review in Sampler
 - Images (Thumbnails and 1% of images), directory structure, completeness



Project Tracking Database (SDP): Bags

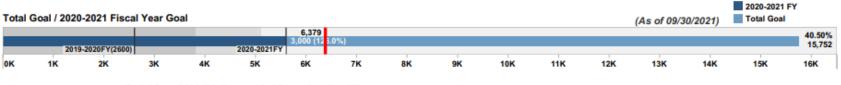




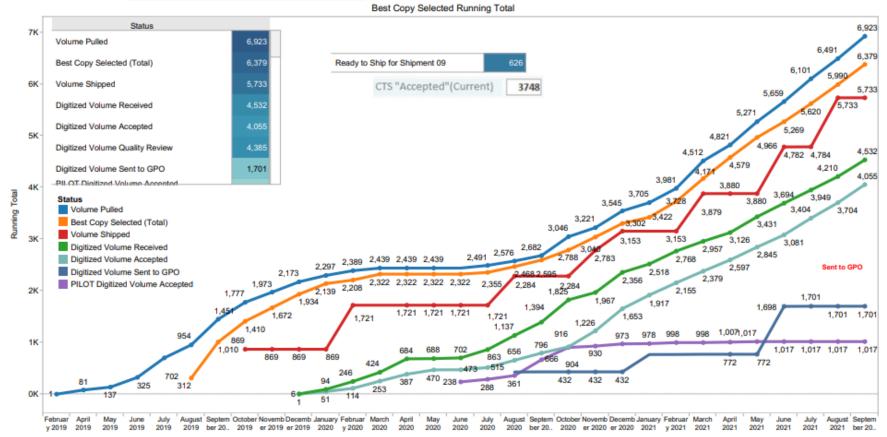


U.S. Congressional Serial Set Digitization Project

Digital Resources Division, Global Legal Collections Directorate



Serial Set v.6862 (63rd cong., 3rd Sess., (1913-1915))





Next Steps

- Export accepted bags for delivery to GPO using the CTS API
- GPO
 - Creates/modifies document and volume level MARC records
 - Authenticate PDF Files
 - Publish to govinfo
- Next Steps:
 - Establish method of using govinfo API to acquire authenticated PDFs into the Library's systems
 - Additional functionality in loc.gov (page turner, full-text searchable)



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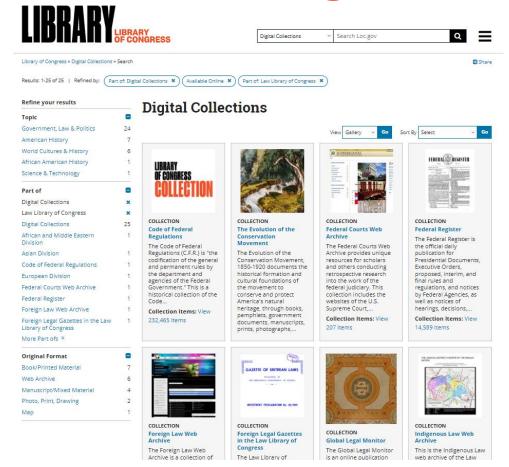
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The U.S. Congressional Serial Set, commonly known as the Serial Set, is a compilation of journals, reports, and documents from House and Senate proceedings as well as documents from executive departments and independent agencies. Documents cover a wide variety of topics and may include reports of executive departments and independent organizations, reports of special investigations made for Congress, and annual reports of non-governmental organizations....

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Serial Set in loc.gov











COLLECTION U.S. Code The United States Code-is a compilation of federal statutory law arranged by subject by the House Office of Law Revision Council. Each title in the United States Code

corresponds to a... Collection Items: View



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The United States Congressional Web Archive includes member websites from the House of Representatives and Senate, as well as House and Senate Committee websites. The Library began actively collecting during the 107th...

Collection Items: View 1,151 Items



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United States Reports is a series of bound case reporters that are the official reports of decisions for the United States Supreme Court, A citation to a United States Supreme Court

Collection Items: View 36,622 Items



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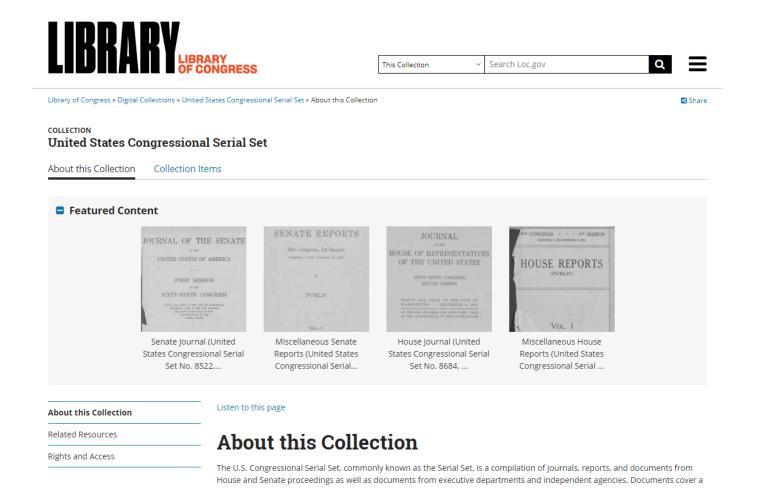
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For more information on the contents and use of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set, please see:

Checklist of United States Public Documents, 1789-1909, Third Edition Revised and Enlarged, Volume 1, Lists of Congressional and Departmental Publications 2. (University of North Texas)

Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications. United States Congressional Serial Set Supplement ☑. (U.S. GPO); LC Catalog

Numerical lists and schedule of volumes of the reports and documents of the ... Congress ... session / Compiled under the direction of the Superintendent of Documents ☑. 1934-1982 (U.S. GPO); LC Catalog

"Overview of the contents and organization of the Serial Set" 🗷 (PDF) and Schedule of Volumes of the U.S. Serial Set: 1970 to Current 🗗 (Law Librarians' Society of Washington, DC)

Tables of and Annotated Index to the Congressional Series of United States Public Document 2. (U.S. GPO)

United States Congressional Serial Set Catalog (U.S. GPO); LC Catalog

U.S. Congressional Serial Set Finding List (The College of Wooster)

U.S. Congressional Serial Set Inventory (University of North Texas)

Press Releases

Library of Congress and U.S. Government Publishing Office Digitizing U.S. Congressional Serial Set - October 22, 2019

Blog Posts

The Law Library's blog, In Custodio Legis, carries a series From the Serial Set highlighting the selective documents found in the U.S. Congressional Serial Set.

Story Maps

The City of Washington: From the Serial Set.

This Story Map provides a short introduction of U.S. Congressional Serial Set and original resources of Washington D.C. plans. It also covers unique pictures of Washington D.C. history including maps, bills, illustrations, etc. A CSV file of mapped data associated with this Story Map can be found here ...

City Sketches and the Census.

This Story Map provides an interactive look at several of the city profiles documented in the United States 1880 Census, as published in the United States Congressional Serial Set. This downloadable CSV file (2) provides the mapped data in this Story Map.

If you have a question regarding the U.S. Congressional Serial Set, please contact the Law Library of Congress through our Ask A Librarian service.



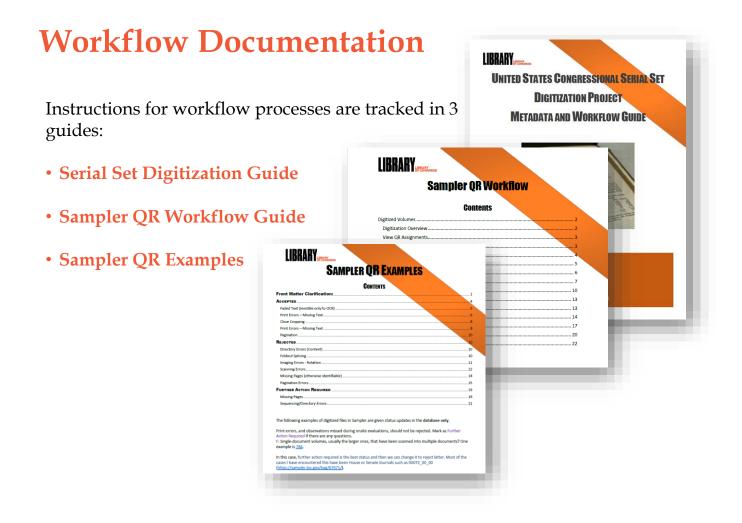
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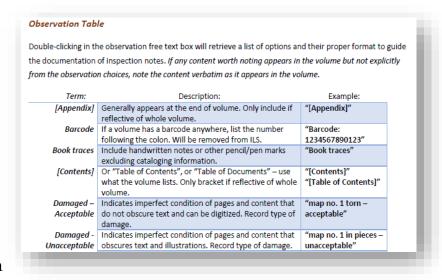


Metadata Guide: Identifying

Instructions for documenting and formatting metadata are included in the guides.

These tables are updated regularly as new information that should be recorded is discovered in the Serial Set.

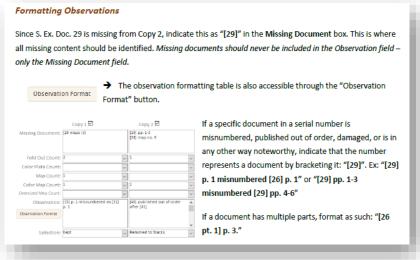
The goal of metadata tracking is to create unique terms for Serial Set content so that it can easily be retrieved through a query search.





Metadata Guide: Formatting

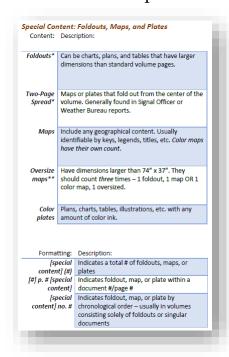
Formatting metadata observations is especially important to communicate any print or digitization errors among staff and to our vendors.





Metadata Guide: Documenting

Metadata is both qualitative



and quantitative.

COUNTING:

- * = Quantitative data. Any and all foldout maps (standard and oversized), color maps, and color plates should be counted twice once as the type of foldout/spread (map, color, or color plate) and once as a foldout OR spread. However, maps, color maps, and color plates are not exclusively foldouts total the count of standard page maps, color maps, and color plates in addition to that of foldout maps, color maps, and color plates in these fields.
- ** = Oversize maps count as one oversize, one map, or color map depending on the content. Indicate oversize content when using the database evaluation form.



Adapting to New Challenges

The Serial Set project continues to prioritize evaluation of physical and digital volumes in online and socially distant environments.

- Combining onsite and GPO volumes when access to Ft. Meade volumes is limited, marking as "RETURN"
- Prioritizing Sampler QR (PILOT, and then Full)
- Shifting focus to publicity efforts (Story Maps and Blogs)
- Focus on longer-term collaborative digital projects
- Coordinating with contractors to pack Ready to Ship volumes and evaluate volumes pulled for blog research



Story Maps and Remote Instruction

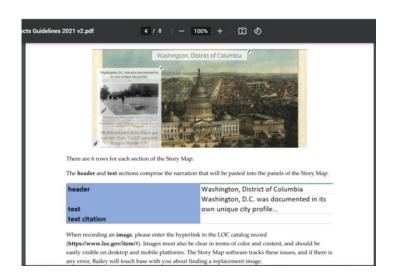
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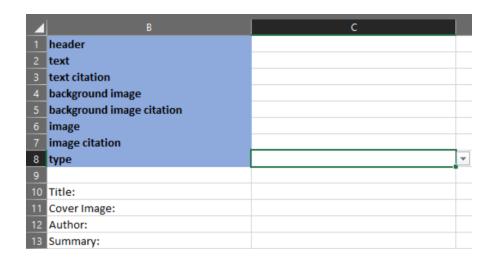




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- ArcGIS mapping data
- Virtual Q&A/drop-in sessions
- Digital instruction resources provided
 - Video tutorial
 - Written guidelines with images
 - Dataset template to guide research collection and organization









Questions?