



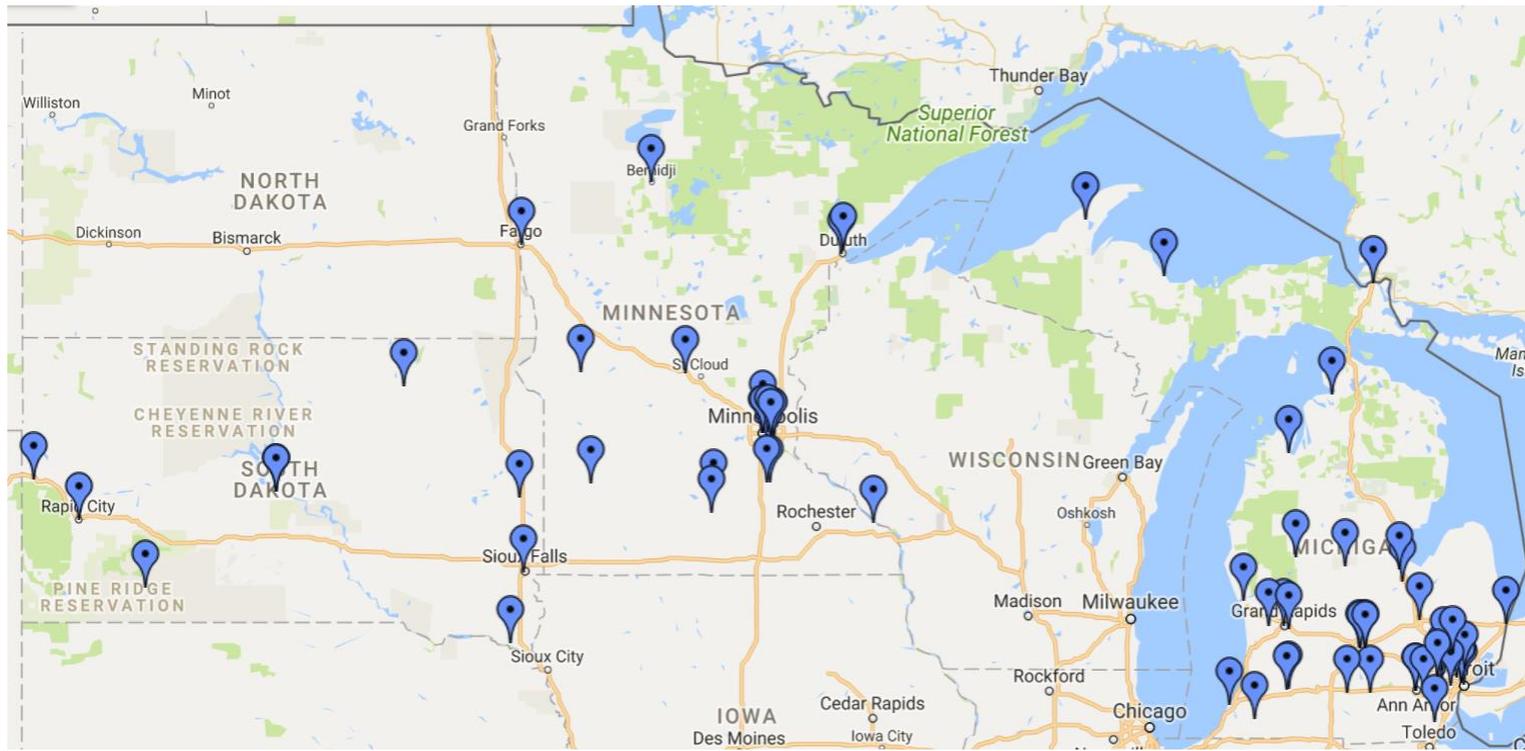
# Site Visits: Regional Impressions

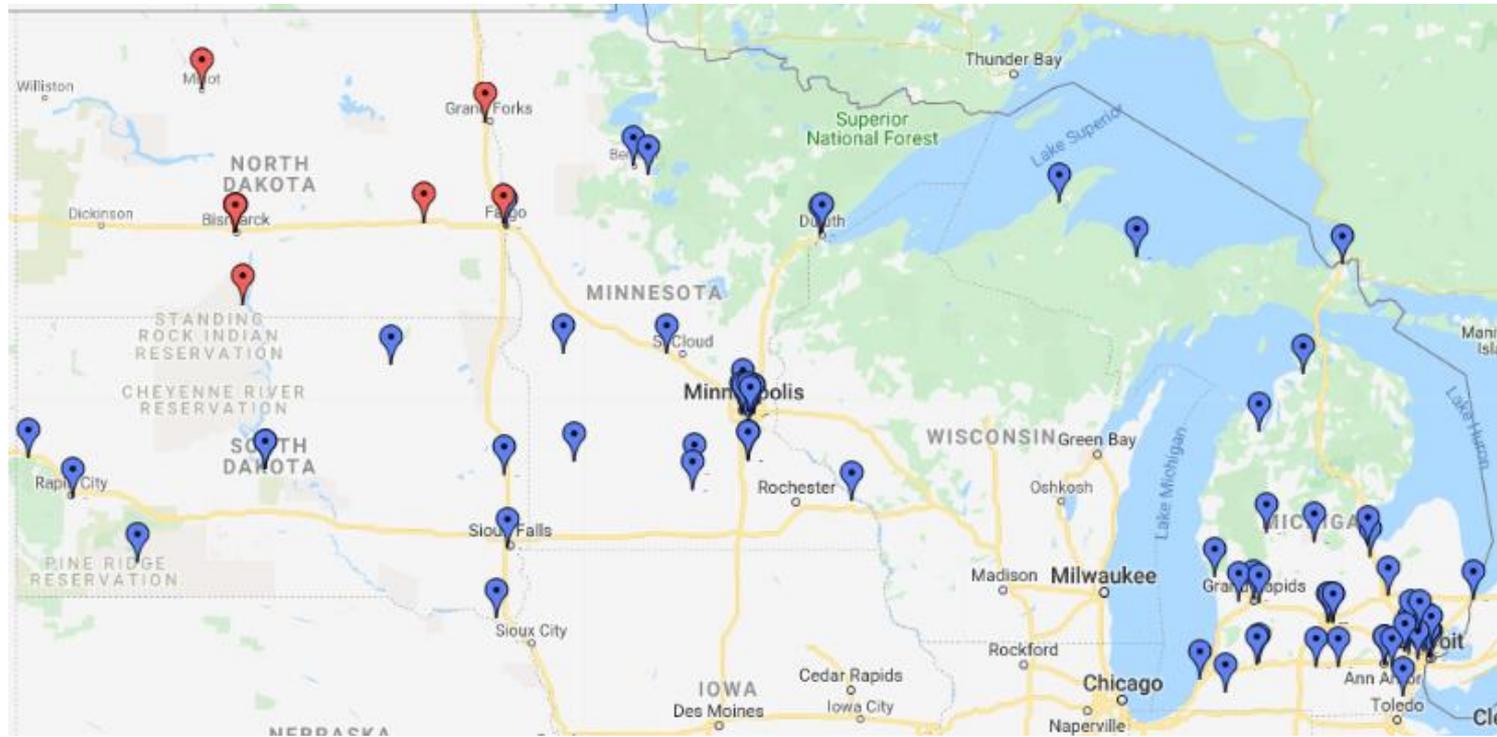




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## Depository region map





*I also did visits in the North Dakota depository region when I was one of the regionals there.*

A historical map of Antarctica with a grid of latitude and longitude lines. The map shows various islands and landmasses, including Alexander I. L., Gerlache 1898, Bellingshausen 1821, King Edward VII Land, and Victoria. The text is overlaid in the center of the map.

# 37 site visits with GPO

15 in Michigan

12 in Minnesota

7 in South Dakota

3 in North Dakota

# 50+ site visits in all

## Why visits are important to the Regional

- Make connections and forge relationships with your selective coordinators and their staff
- Learn about the needs of your selectives
- See collections so that you can provide advice on weeding and collection development
- You have insight into how your region is collecting specifically.
- Often helps your selectives feel more comfortable around GPO
- Forge stronger relationship with GPO



0571 South Dakota State University  
0296 Carleton College (MN)



## How the Selective benefits from their Regional visiting



- Weeding guidance, but also conduct in-person review or “eye-balling” of collection
- Regional can advocate and talk to library administrators
- Identify unique collections
  - preservation stewardship opportunities

0457A North Dakota State Library



0454 North Dakota Supreme Court Law Lib

## In advance of the visits



- Determine if any libraries should be given priority for a visit
- Send out email so that they aren't taken by surprise by GPO and don't get nervous
- Depending on the GPO librarian, regional coordinator might do more or less planning
  - ➔ For the 2017 MI visits I chose to organize meetings and travel plans



0285 Hackley Public Library (MI)



## What I've learned



- Selectives are simultaneously nervous and excited to show off their collections and depository work
- Often selectives just want to talk to someone else who knows about the depository as much as they do
- I know so much more about the rules and regulations: what to look for, and how to help depositories that are having a rough time with something



0295 University of Minnesota Gov Pubs Library

0285B Madison Heights Public Library (MI)



Thank you for your time!

Any questions?

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