



Social Metadata

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Metadata...

- ... helps us find data.
- ... helps us understand the data we find.
- ... helps us evaluate what we should spend our time evaluating.

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Francis Joseph Glacier, 1906

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OBJECT

Ankle strap shoes for Prince Albert Victor made
by Joseph Box, 1842 - 1892

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+ embroidery x
+ shoes x

Related Subjects

+ Exhibition of Antique and Historical Shoes, 1889
+ Prince Albert Victor
+ Royalty

This object belongs to

+ Joseph Box Collection

Directly related objects

+ H4448-1 Tie shoe, girls, leather / wood, ...
+ H4448-10 Buckle shoe, mens, leather / si...
+ H4448-100 Elastic sided boots, pair, wom...
+ H4448-1001 Moccasins, pair, womens, bead...
+ H4448-1002 Moccasin ankle boots, pair, m...
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+ H4448-1004 Slip on shoes, pair, boys, si...
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Examples of “social metadata”

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death certifi

DEATH HOME VIEW ORDER

Nov

> SEARCH RESULTS

ADD TO ORDER

GODFREY, MICHAEL HOGAN
Date of Birth: NA
Place of Birth: NA
Mother Maiden Name: NA

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Death Certificate Index [State File #: 1928-MN-013904](#) Name: GODFREY, MICHAEL HOGAN

Number of comments: 1

[Daniel W Lynch](#) on 11, Nov 2008

Died of a heart attack on a Friday in Hibbing, MN. Age 56. Father: Robert Mother: Bridget Hogan. Mike was born on April 13, 1872 in Champion, Michigan. M. Cecelia Gandsey in 1897. Had 11 children, 8 lived. Worked for Oliver Iron Mining Co from 1893 until 1928. Was Western District Manager for Oliver from 1917 until his death. Was called a Prince of the Iron Range by Holbrook. Has an underground mine named after him outside of Hibbing. Was principal architect of move of north Hibbing 'forty' to Central Addition from 1918 until 1922.

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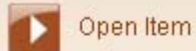
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Red Elk



Open Item



Portrait (Front) of Red Elk in Native Dress 1900

Tags: there are no tags

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**Kalyton & Wife**

Kalyton and Wife, Both in Native Dress and On Horseback, One with Headdress; Co ...

**Spokane & Kop-Lops**

Vera Spokane and Susi Kop-Lops, Both in Native Dress and Holding Bows and Arrow ...

Tribal Knowledge ▾

Description — Umatilla

The photographer has identified Red Elk as a Walla Walla tribe. Tamastslikt Cultural Institute checked with Umatilla tribal enrollment and they have him enrolled as a Cayuse.

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Class: Small Find

Number of Views: 26

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Context (click to view): [Turkey / Domuztepe / I / Lot 2646](#)

Description (8 properties)

Small Find / DT number	1793
Internal Find Number	106
Find Date	1999/08/29
Registration Date	1999/09/02
Artifact Name	Figurine
Material	Stone, unidentif
Mass (g)	5.4
Disposition	Marash Mus. inve

Contents (0 items)

Item Notes

Figurine/pendant fragment, head broken. Triangular body, horizontal rounded shoulders bit like a 40ties dress stye. Arms end in triangular points suggesting that they were folded in front of the chest or under the breasts. Incised 3 stand girdle. Pubic tr



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Migration from China to Huddersfield

2006

Contributed by: **Chris Sun and Ye J**

Chris and Jin have worked with Kirklees Museums and Galleries for a number of years providing advice as well as providing activities and demonstrations for the Chinese New Year festival held at Bagshaw Museum and Huddersfield Town Hall.



Chris Sun and Ye Jin- Migration from China



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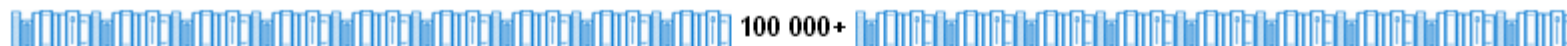
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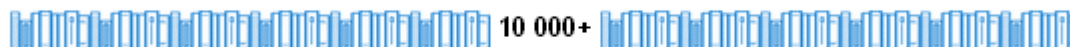
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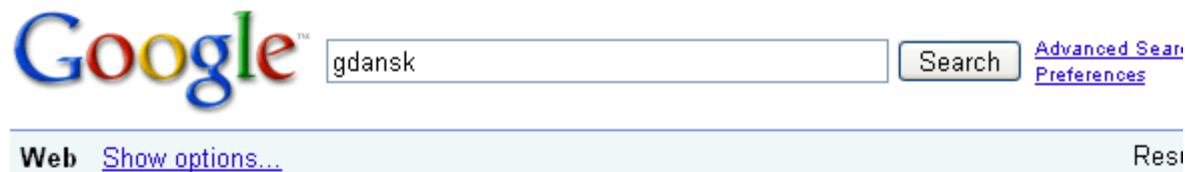


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Gdańsk (pronounced /ɡəˈdɑːnsk/, Polish [ɡdɔɲsk] listen; German: *Danzig* [ˈdɑntsɪç] listen; Kashubian: *Gduńsk*; Latin: *Gedania*, *Dantiscum*) is the city at the centre of the fourth-largest metropolitan area in Poland.^[1] It is Poland's principal **seaport** as well as the capital of the **Pomeranian Voivodeship**. It is also historically the largest city of the **Kashubian region**. The city is close to the former boundary between **West Slavic** and **Germanic** lands and it has a complex political history with long spells of Polish rule interspersed with periods of Germanic control and two spells as a **free city**. For much of its history the majority of its inhabitants were German-speakers who referred to their city as Danzig, but after World War II it became firmly Polish.

The city lies on the southern edge of **Gdańsk Bay** (of the **Baltic Sea**), in a **conurbation** with the spa town of **Sopot**, the city of **Gdynia** and suburban communities, which together form a metropolitan area called the **Tricity** (*Trójmiasto*), with a population of over 800,000.^[1] Gdańsk itself has a population of 458,053 (2006), making it the largest city in the **Pomerania** region of Northern Poland.

Gdańsk is situated at the mouth of the **Motława River**, connected to the **Leniwka**, a branch in the delta of the nearby **Vistula River**, whose waterway system waters 60% of the area of Poland and connects Gdańsk to the national capital in **Warsaw**. This gives the city a unique advantage as the center of Poland's sea trade. Together with the nearby port of **Gdynia**, Gdańsk is also an important industrial center. Historically an important seaport and shipbuilding center, Gdańsk was a member of the **Hanseatic League**.

The city was the birthplace of the **Solidarity** movement which, under the leadership of Gdańsk political activist **Lech Wałęsa**, played a major role in bringing an end to communist rule across **Central Europe**. It is also the home and birthplace of Polish **Prime Minister Donald Tusk**, who is of **Kashubian** origin.

Gdańsk



Long Market



Flag



Coat of arms

Motto: *Nec Temere, Nec Timide*
(Neither rashness nor timidity)



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According to Arthur Golden's absorbing first novel, the word "geisha" does not mean "prostitute," as Westerners ignorantly assume--it means "artisan" or "artist." To capture the geisha experience in the art of fiction, Golden trained as long and hard as any geisha who must master the arts of music, dance, clever conversation, crafty battle with rival beauties, and cunning seduction of wealthy patrons. After earning degrees in Japanese art and history from Harvard and Columbia--and an M.A. in English--he met a man in Tokyo who was the illegitimate offspring of a renowned businessman and a geisha. This meeting inspired Golden to spend 10 years researching every detail of geisha culture, chiefly relying on the geisha Mineko Iwasaki, who spent years charming the very rich and famous.

The result is a novel with the broad social canvas (and love of coincidence) of Charles Dickens and Jane Austen's intense attention to the nuances of erotic maneuvering. Readers experience the entire life of a geisha, from her origins as an orphaned fishing-village girl in 1929 to her triumphant auction of her *mizuage* (virginity) for a record price as a teenager to her reminiscent old age as the distinguished mistress of the powerful patron of her dreams. We discover that a geisha is more analogous to a Western "trophy wife" than to a prostitute--and, as in Austen, flat-out prostitution and early death is a woman's alternative to the repressive, arcane system of courtship. In simple, elegant prose, Golden puts us right in the tearoom with the geisha; we are there as she gracefully fights for her life in a social situation where careers are made or destroyed by a witticism, a too-revealing (or not revealing enough) glimpse of flesh under the kimono, or a vicious rumor spread by a rival "as cruel as a spider."

Golden's web is finely woven, but his book has a serious flaw: the geisha's true romance rings hollow--the love of her life is a symbol, not a character. Her villainous geisha nemesis is sharply drawn, but she would be more so if we got a deeper peek into the cause of her motiveless malignity--the plight all geisha share. Still, Golden has won the triple crown of fiction: he has created a plausible female protagonist in a vivid, now-vanished world, and he gloriously captures Japanese culture by expressing his

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This was such

First words Suppose that you and I were sitting in a quiet room overlooking a garden, chatting and sipping at our cup of green tea while we talked about something that had happened a long while ago, and I said to you, "That afternoon when I met so-and-so...was the very best afternoon of my life, and also the very worst afternoon of my life."

Quotations Adversity is like a strong wind. I don't mean just the kind that holds us back from places we might otherwise go. It tears away from us all but the things that cannot be torn away. That is why, that afterward we see ourselves as we really are, as we are, merely as we might like to be. (Nitta Sayuri)

We none of us find as much kindness in this world as we should. (Chairman Iwamura)

A balance of good and bad can open the door to desire.

early 1900's.

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- User contributions that can enrich the descriptive metadata created by libraries, archives, and museums.
- Issues that need to be resolved to communicate and share user contributions on the network level.

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 - What are exemplars of good social media sites?
- Policy:
 - To what extent is moderation necessary?
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4. What attributes would help potential beneficiaries of these contributions to decide whether they want to link to, contribute to, or extract from these contributions to enrich their own resources? (Source, authorship, affiliation, type of contribution, language, context...) (Incorporated in Q 12)	Content										Vol.							Vol.						2
9. What are examples of good applications for integrating yet separating existing metadata with user contributions? What are examples of good applications that integrate existing metadata with user contributions? (Make a environmental scan) (Which ones can serve as our exemplars?)	Content Technical			Vol.	Vol.		Vol.	Vol.						Vol.					Vol.		Vol.			7
5. To what extent is moderation necessary or desirable? What needs and responsibilities are there for editorial review or liability? What is an acceptable level of control for who can contribute? What is an acceptable level of control of how our sources are used or repurposed?	Policy		Vol.							Vol.	Added.	Vol.	Vol.	Vol.	Vol.			Vol.		Vol.		Vol.		10
12. How do we encourage social metadata contributions or link to them? How could that linking become part of outreach programs?	Policy						Vol.	Vol.	Vol.		Added.						Vol.	Added.	Vol.		Vol.		Vol.	9
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6. What are the implications for expertise if contributions are dispersed? How do we assess the credibility of the source? Do we provide some sort of ranking, and if so, how?	Policy										Vol.		Vol.				Vol.							3
11. What best practices currently exist, or need to be developed, that can guide institutions in managing user contributions and various related issues?	Policy				Vol.															Vol.	Vol.	Vol.		4
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8. What are the policies, administrative, and technical prerequisites for contributions to be searchable and retrieved in an open, networked environment?	Policy Technical Policy Technical																Vol.			Vol.				2
14. How can we enable users to create or extend their own communities of similar interests?	Technical	Vol.															Vol.					Vol.		4
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Some observations



- Great variety of sites – many new
- Success tied to objective and audience, not necessarily traffic
- Value in leveraging “sense of community”
- Some sites heavily moderated, others not at all
- Strict credentialing limits effectiveness
- Lots of features of little value if not used and require more documentation, overhead

Some observations - cont.



- Few sites use ranking, filtering mechanisms, use patterns to guide visitors
- Institution-specific sites have fewer contributions than aggregate sites
- Tags contributed on network-level of more value
- Tagging is most useful when there is no existing metadata (eg photos, videos, audio)
- Need “critical mass” and “sense of community” (existing or created)

Why contribute? (Prelim)

- Tie-in to community of fellow enthusiasts
- Ongoing conversation from own lives
- Pragmatic
- Feeling of contributing to the “brand” of the institution or community
- Enhance own reputation



Some promising areas



- Sites like Flickr to identify “mystery photos” and provide context
- CommentPress (from Future of the Book) for translating, transcribing digitized documents in different languages and scripts
- Integration of user corrections (Flickr commons, WOTR, YourArchive)

Discussion



- Do *you* host a social media site?
- What social media sites do you often use — or your researchers use?
- What motivates your creating (or not creating) your own social media site?
- Do your experiences agree with or conflict with our preliminary observations?
- What else would you like the working group to address?