Subject: Re: Dunbar Jones photos
Date: Friday, April 25, 2025 at 11:56:59 AM Central Daylight Time
From: McFate, Mark
To: Bonath, Gail, Gail Bonath
CC: Rodrigues, Elizabeth
Attachments: image001.png, image001.png, image002.png, image.png, image003.png, image004.png, image005.png, image006.png, image007.png, image008.png, image009.png, image010.png

Sending this just to summarize what Liz and I discussed and discovered yesterday…

We believe that the order reps are presented in via Primo is alphabetically by "label". The object in question here, 991011592218004641, is a good example. Alma shows the rep order to be one thing, presumably the order in which the reps were imported, but Primo lists them differently, and in this case Primo has it right. We believe that's entirely coincidence though.

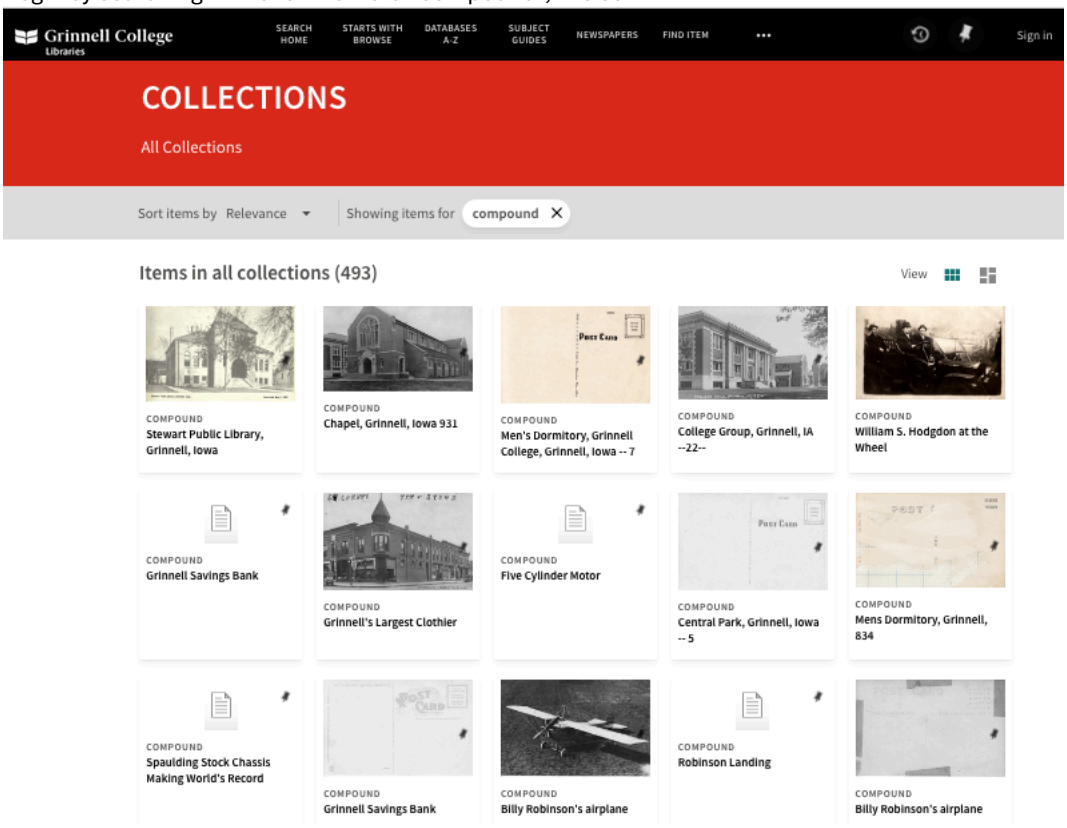
We saw some of the same with recto/verso pairs. In most cases the labels of these pairs are IDENTICAL, with the word "recto" or "verso" at the end. https://grinnell.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01GCL_INST/1prvshj/alma991011597395004641 is one example. Alma shows the order of reps to be "verso" then "recto", but Primo shows them ordered properly, presumably because the term "recto" appears alphabetically before "verso" and the labels are otherwise identical.

https://grinnell.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01GCL_INST/1prvshj/alma991011597379904641 presents another mystery…. We estimated that about 15-20% of some collection compounds have the WRONG thumbnail. At first, I thought this was because of alphabetical ordering by label, but the above item does not fit that assumption.

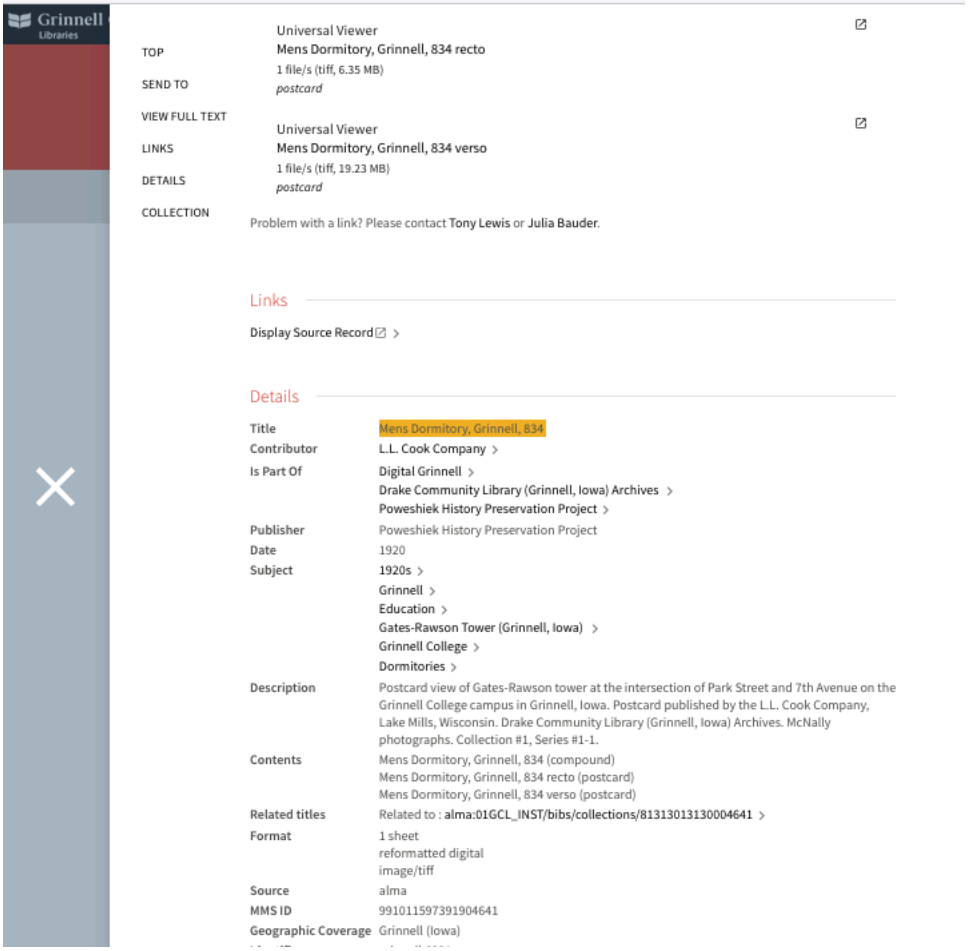
So, we seem to still have no way of knowing how thumbnails are generated. I'm adding all of this to the ticket I created the other day, maybe that will help expedite a solution from ExL.

Good news is that we did find a procedure that someone could use to assign the proper thumbnail for an object, at least in most cases. It goes something like this…

1. Begin by searching Primo for the word "compound", like so…

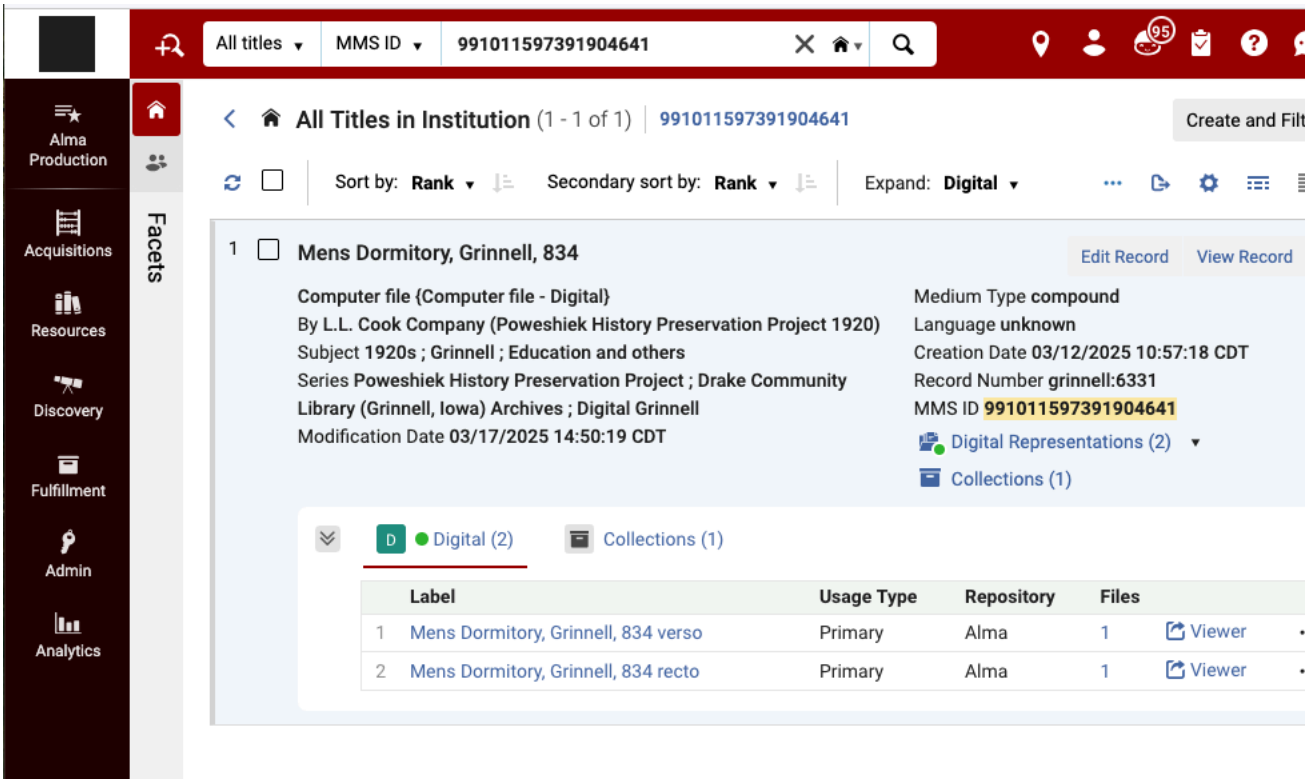


2. Choose one that is incorrectly showing the "verso" side as its thumbnail. I chose "Mens Dormitory, Grinnell, 834"

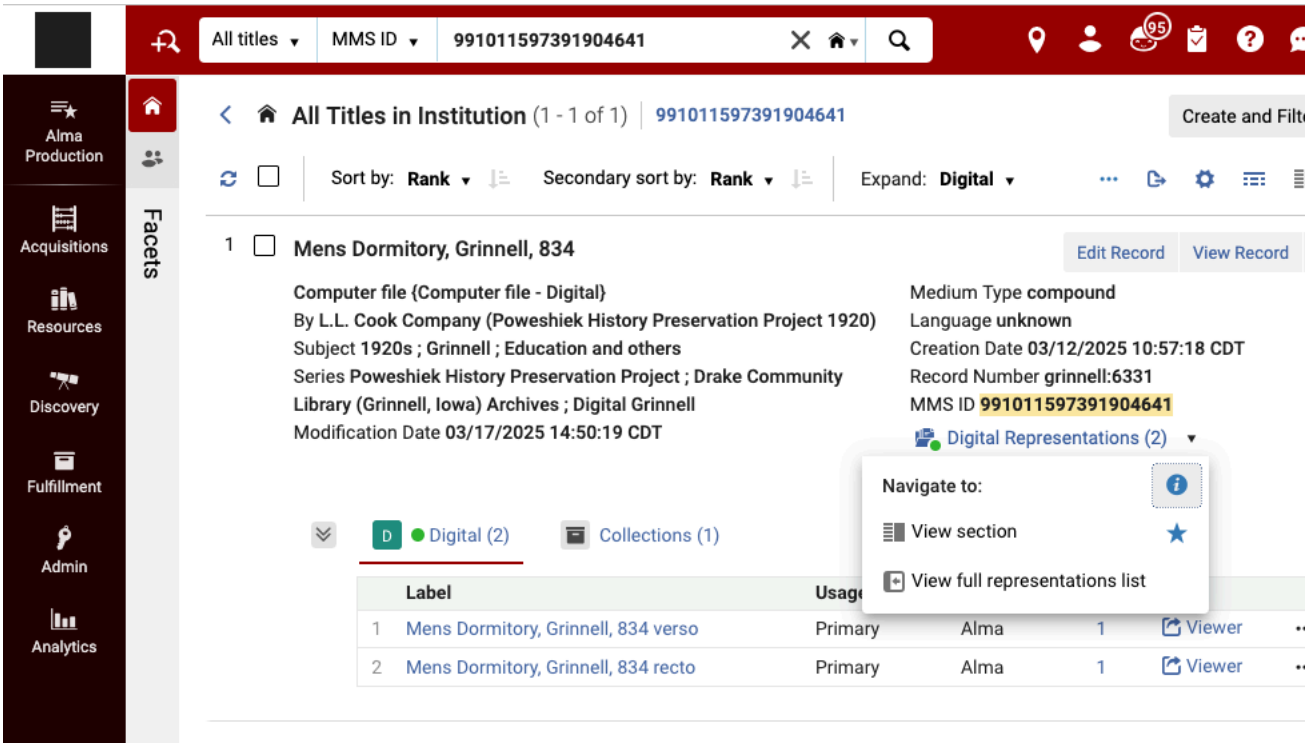


3. Copy the MMS_ID from Primo for use in Alma.

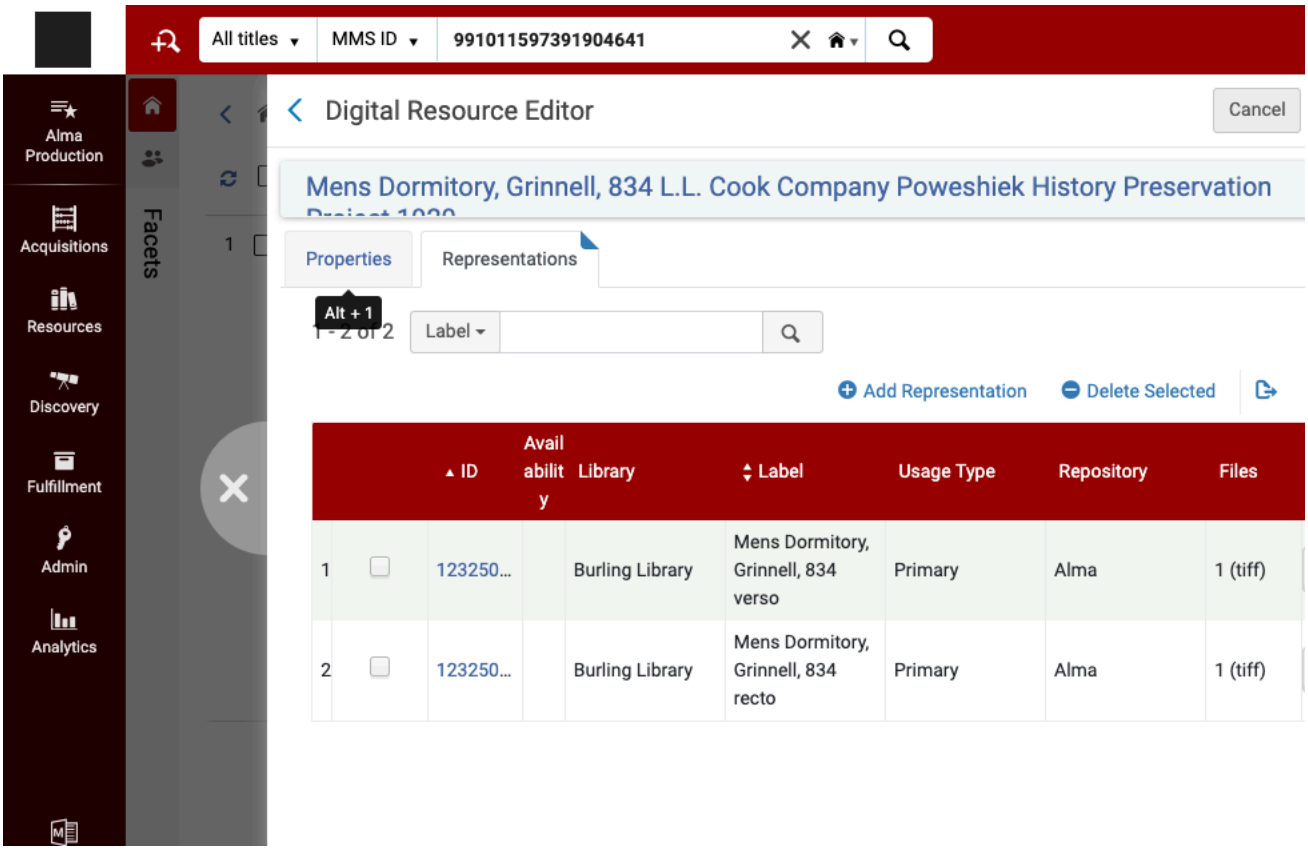
4. Open Alma and “All Titles” to do a search for the MMS_ID captured above.



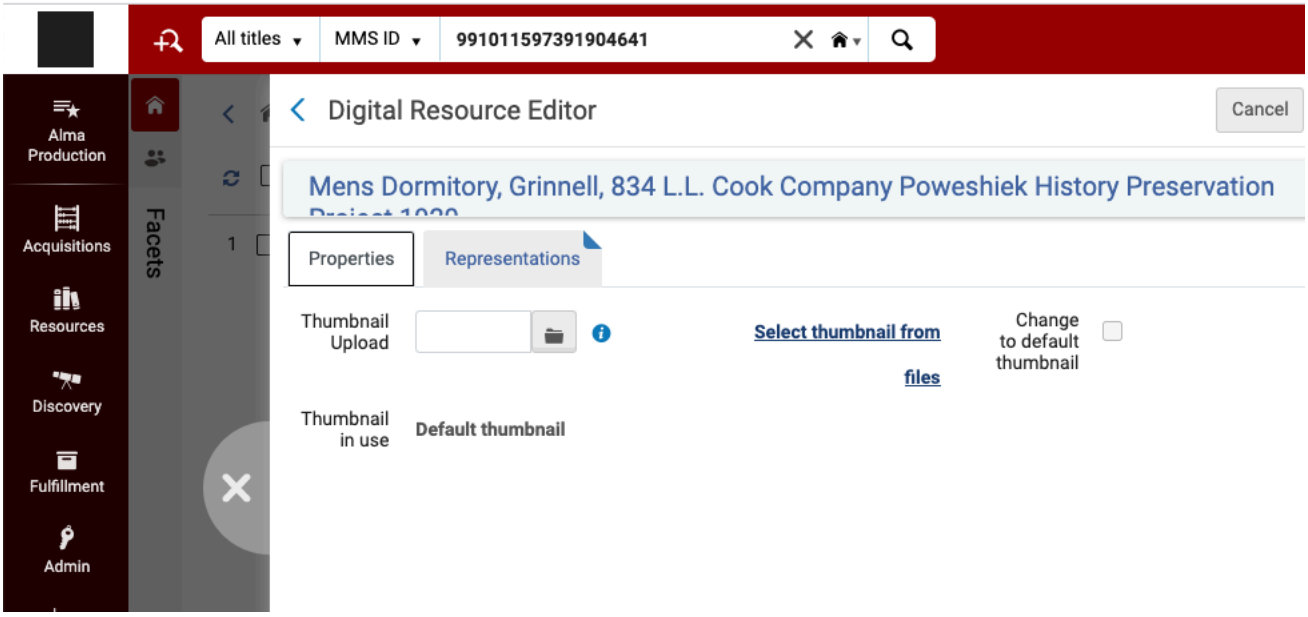
5. Click on the controls as shown below and select “View full representations list”.



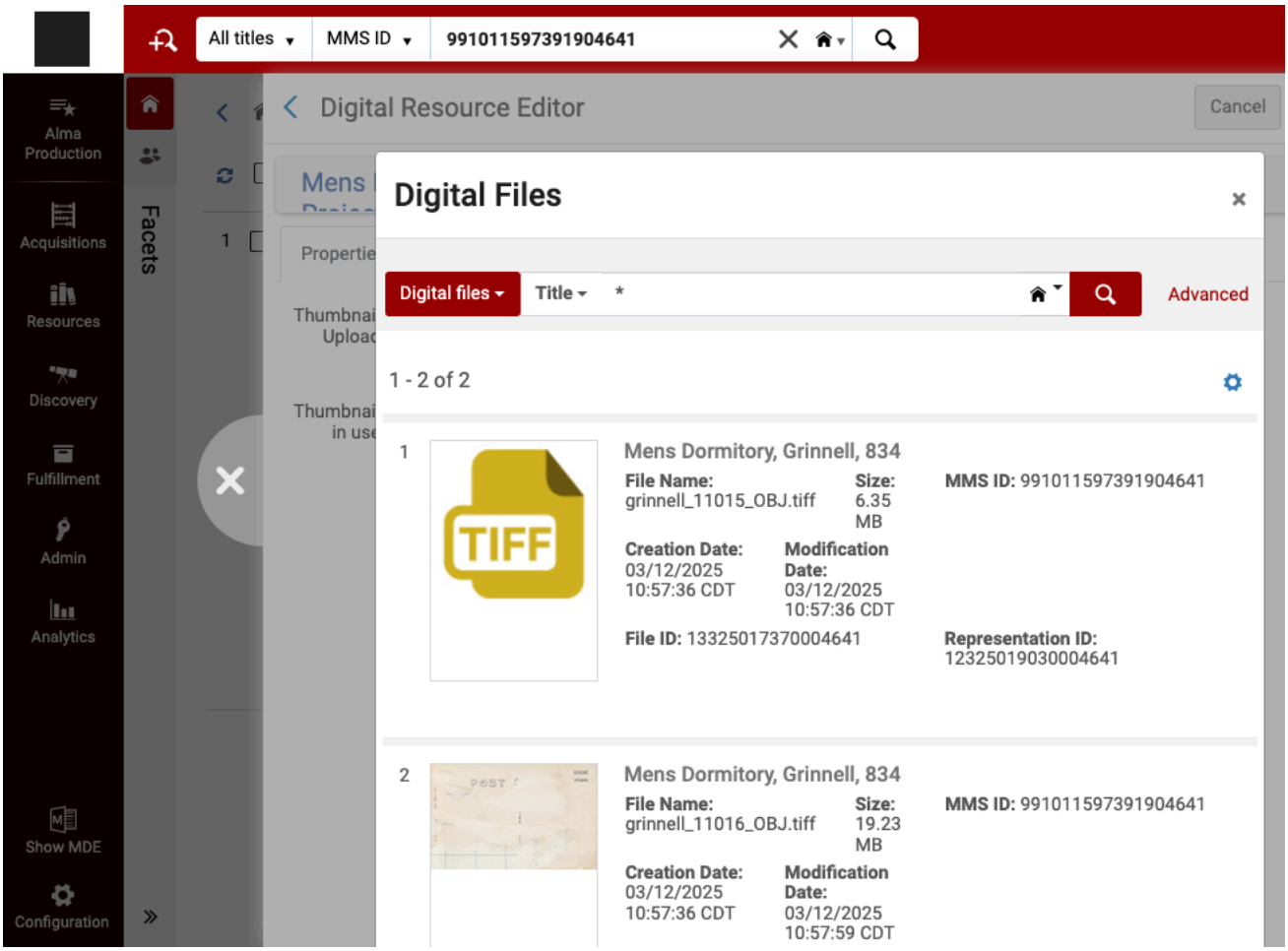
6. Next, click on the “Properties” tab as shown in the image below.



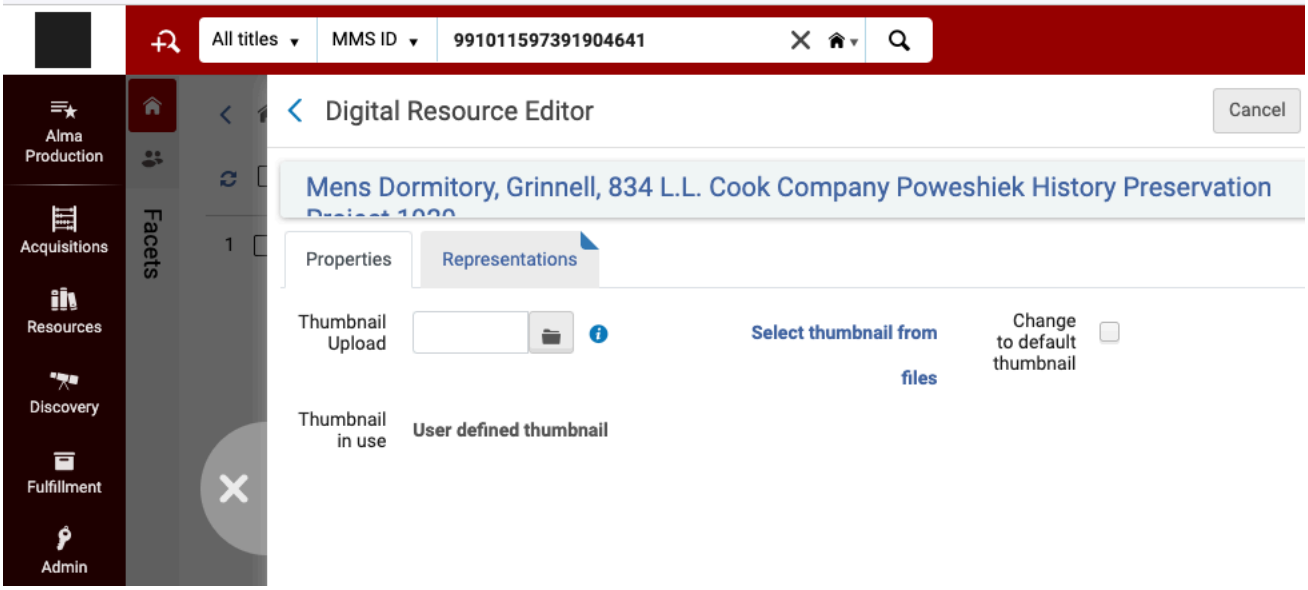
7. When the “Properties” tab opens, click on “Select thumbnail from files” as shown below, and wait (could be a minute!) while the reps open up.



8. Now click on the rep that you wish to use for the thumbnail. In this case the TIFF displays as an icon, so something is not right here, but I’m going to choose it anyway. I wonder if this is because the rep labels are IDENTICAL, no recto/verso specified in the labels?



9. If, as in this example, the “Selected file has no thumbnail” then we’ve hit a snag and will not be able to fix the compound’s thumbnail. When the selection does work all one has to do is click the Save button in the upper right corner, as shown below.



Isn’t this fun! I’m also going to capture all of the above and add it to my “All Things Alma” git repository for safe-keeping.

-Mark M.

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From: McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 8:47 AM
To: Bonath, Gail <BONATH@Grinnell.EDU>, Gail Bonath <gailbonath@gmail.com>
Cc: Rodrigues, Elizabeth <rodrigue8@grinnell.edu>
Subject: Re: Dunbar Jones photos

Yes, feel free to edit the description, and thank you for the additional research!

I agree, the bigger problem is many recto/verso records that have things out-of-order. ExL likes to work with specifics in their tickets, but I made sure to emphasize in my chat yesterday that this is not a "one-off" problem, but a systemic problem. There are many more bibs that probably need similar attention.

Thanks.

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From: Bonath, Gail <BONATH@Grinnell.EDU>
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 8:38 AM
To: McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>, Gail Bonath <gailbonath@gmail.com>
Cc: Rodrigues, Elizabeth <rodrigue8@grinnell.edu>
Subject: Re: Dunbar Jones photos

Mark,

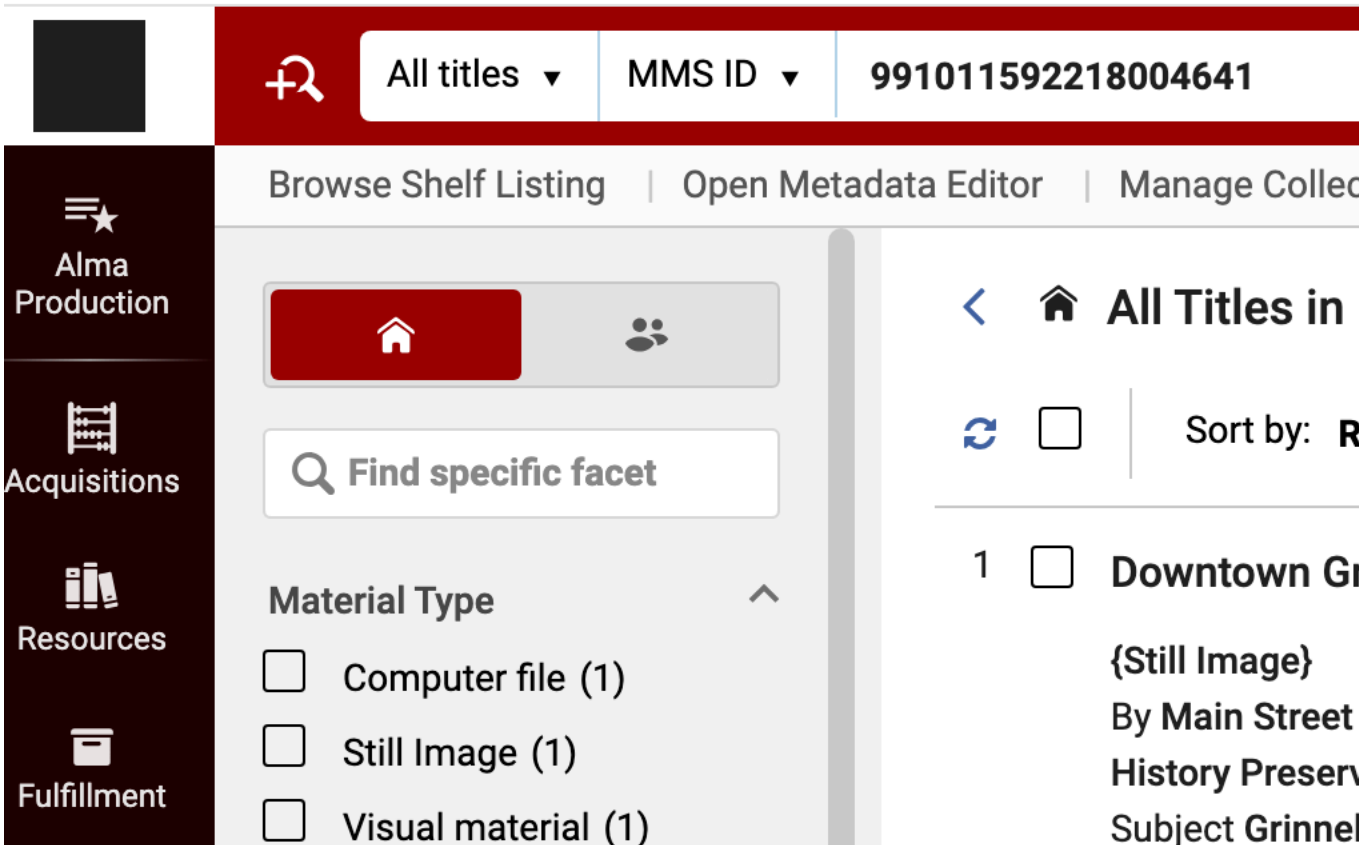
I don't think the screen you are looking at in Alma displays the sort order of the representations.

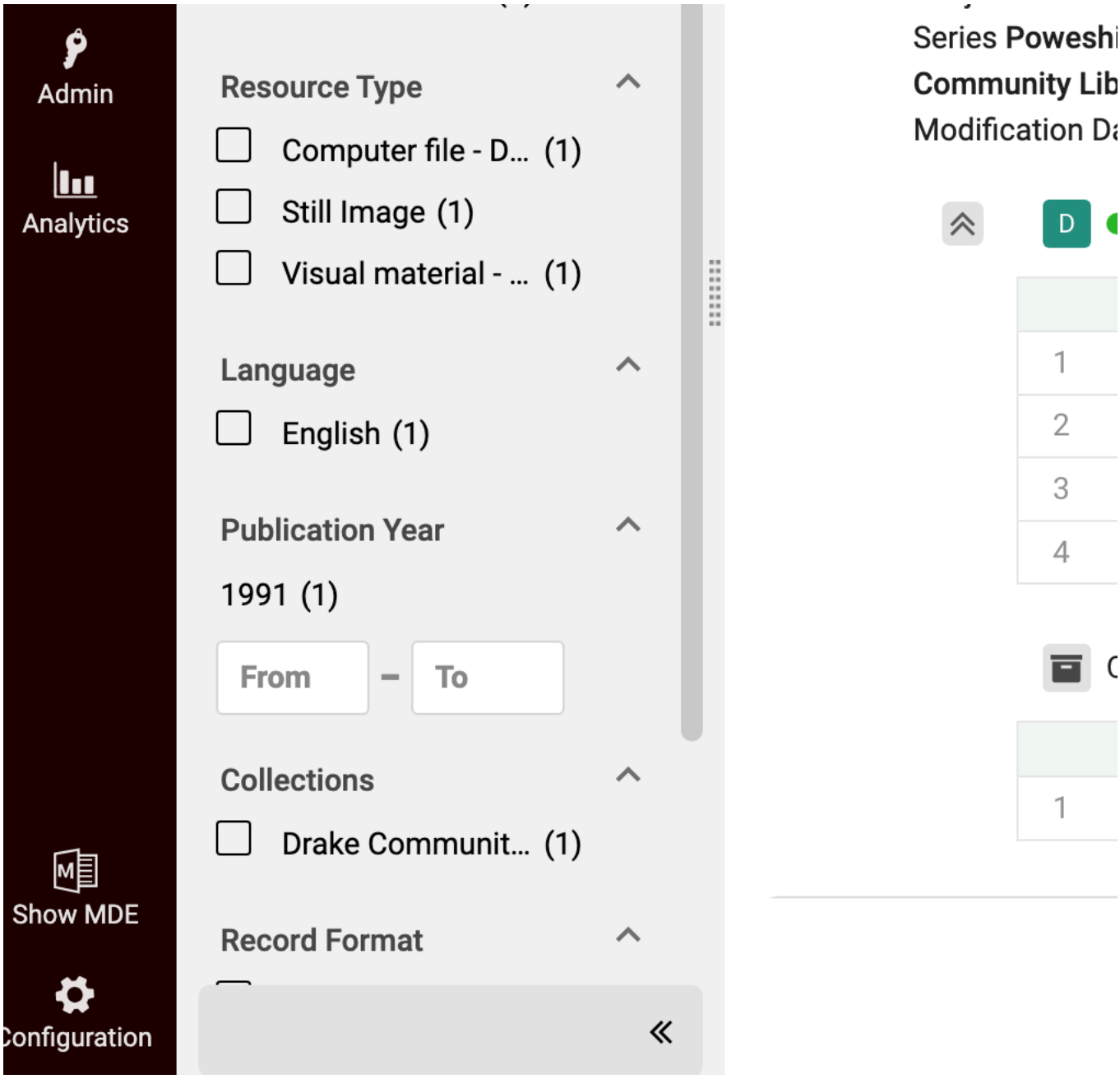
On the following screen, click the down arrow next to Digital Representations and then Navigate to View full representations list. On that screen you can sort representations alphabetically, either normal order or reverse. I changed it to a reverse alpha order to see if it would show up in Primo. It hasn't yet, so I don't know if that really does anything.

Is it okay if I go ahead and change the abstract on this?

I think the bigger problem is all of the postcards that have the verso displaying as the first item (and the thumbnail).

Gail





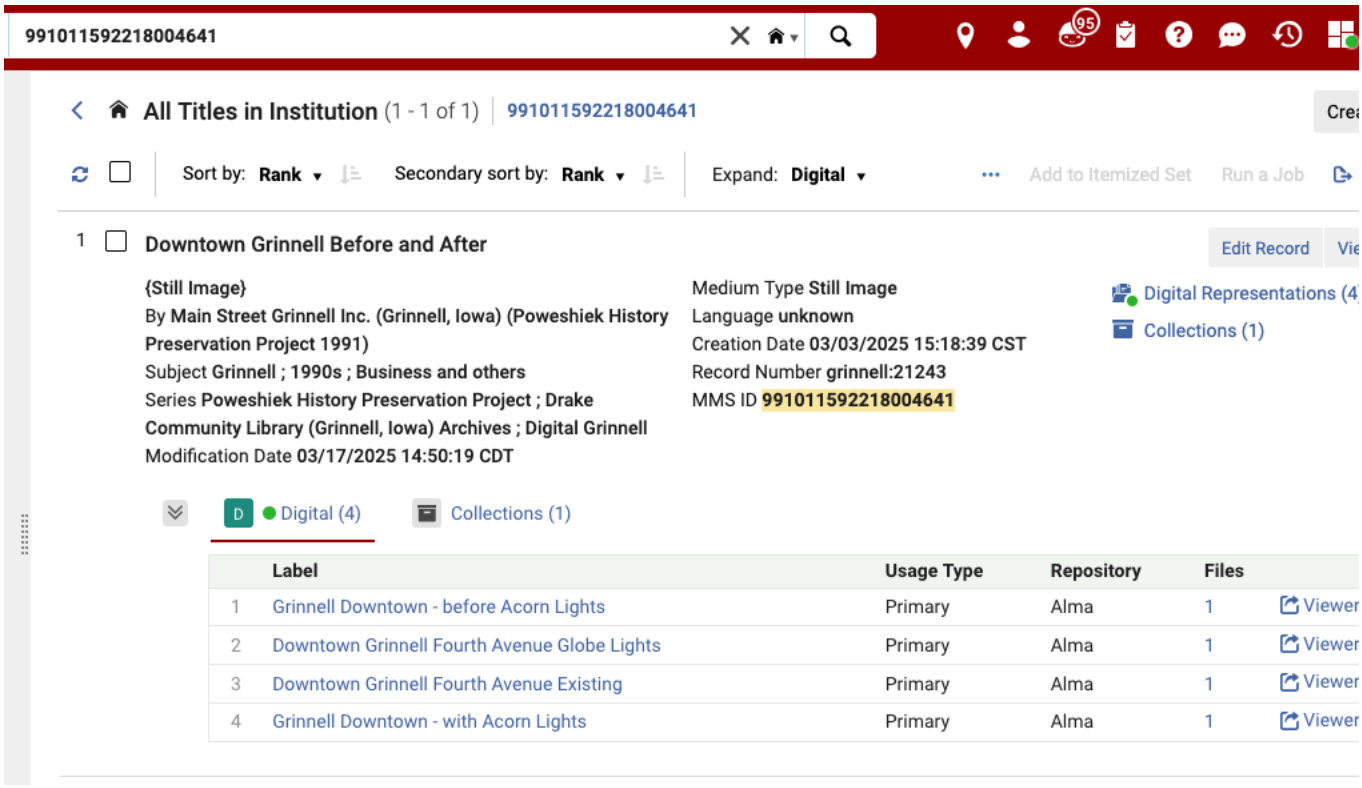
From: McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 8:16 AM
To: Gail Bonath <gailbonath@gmail.com>
Cc: Rodrigues, Elizabeth <rodrigue8@grinnell.edu>; Bonath, Gail <BONATH@Grinnell.EDU>
Subject: Re: Dunbar Jones photos

Thanks Gail. The 4th image is now attached to 991011592218004641 but the order probably should be 3, 2, 1, 4. I think what's happened in most cases is that objects got populated in "reverse" order, so the importer was working from the bottom up. I say that for "most" cases because it's also known that the importer breaks a CSV file into groups of 50 records. If that break occurs between a bib record and its representations (so if the break splits a "group" up) then the order appears to become almost random.

I was planning to try Aileen's suggestion of removing all the reps and putting them back one-at-a-time (or maybe in bulk) in the "correct" order to match the dc:description. I'd do that just to verify that it can be done reliably. But even then, we have the bigger problem of examining and potentially repairing 1000's of other bibs that have the same "problem".

I was also thinking of re-ordering the images AND giving each one a longer, more descriptive “rep label” since that’s what appears in Primo’s link to each image.

And now that the reps all appear in Primo, I see the order reported in Alma is DIFFERENT and Primo looks correct! Very strange indeed. See attached screen images.



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Unfortunately, I doubt I'll have time to get to any of this today, but Liz and I will have a chance to discuss options in our weekly check-in today, and ExL has an open ticket now to see if they can come up with a faster approach.

-Mark M.

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From: Gail Bonath <gailbonath@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:16 PM
To: McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>
Cc: Rodrigues, Elizabeth <rodrigue8@grinnell.edu>, Bonath, Gail <BONATH@Grinnell.EDU>
Subject: Re: Dunbar Jones photos

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I read something on the Alma listserv about the order of representations the other day and it was basically that you could not reorder them.

If you get the four images loaded with their original names I will rewrite the description to make sense.

Gail

> On Apr 23, 2025, at 3:29 PM, McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu> wrote:
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> It gets worse… new response…
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> Thanks for the info! I'm not able to find a definitive answer on what determines the sort order for the representations here, but I suspect that the order is probably determined by the order in which they were uploaded. You could test deleting all the representations and re-uploading them in the order you'd like.
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> If this is suggesting what I think, that's clickity-click-click-click times 1000 or more!
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> **From:** McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>
> **Date:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 3:25 PM
> **To:** Gail Bonath <gailbonath@gmail.com>

Cc: Rodrigues, Elizabeth <rodrigue8@grinnell.edu>
Subject: Re: Dunbar Jones photos

I'm in a chat with ExL now about order of representations. Could be another doozy of a ticket. Their chat response thus far...

I'm not entirely sure what accounts for the order in which representations display, but I wonder if it has to do with the order in which they are uploaded. I will take a moment to research this and see if it is documented

I can say with confidence that the order we specified them in is NOT always what we got back. 😐

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From: McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 2:51 PM
To: Gail Bonath <gailbonath@gmail.com>
Cc: Rodrigues, Elizabeth <rodrigue8@grinnell.edu>
Subject: Re: Dunbar Jones photos

Interesting... those are not really before and after "photos". Curiously, the people and vehicles in each pair of images are identical. Those poor folks must have stood there for hours or days without ever moving. 🙃 Or, since they didn't have Photoshop back then someone did some nice touch-up work!

Seriously, Alma seems to completely ignore the order in which things are specified during import so I either need to try rearranging the representations and/or modifying the description (it mentions "first image", "second image", etc.) to match the current order. 😕

I fear that's one more thing to add to our visual review effort... checking descriptions that assume a certain order of things, because Alma scrambled things pretty randomly it seems.

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From: McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 1:27 PM
To: Gail Bonath <gailbonath@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Dunbar Jones photos

Perfect! Thank you.

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From: Gail Bonath <gailbonath@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 1:27 PM
To: McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>
Subject: Re: Dunbar Jones photos

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After much angst, the missing files are now in mediadb\DGIngest\MissingMainStreet

I don't know why I didn't do that yesterday. Sorry.

Gail

On Wed, Apr 23, 2025 at 1:19 PM McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu> wrote:

> mcfatem@grinnell.edu is not registered with Google, but digitial@grinnell.edu is.
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> **From:** Gail Bonath <gailbonath@gmail.com>
> **Date:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 12:46 PM
> **To:** McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>
> **Subject:** Re: Dunbar Jones photos
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> Caution: External Email
> I gave you editor access on all of the photos when I sent them to you.

I'm trying to look at them to make sure but google is giving me a hard time with authentication. We are so safe we can't do anything.

Gail

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 23, 2025, at 12:03 PM, McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu> wrote:
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> Ok, thanks. I don't have access to any of the four Google Doc links you sent me so I can't do much with this. Please send the ...s(9).jpg in an attachment if you can. Thanks.
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> ---
> **From:** Gail Bonath <gailbonath@gmail.com>
> **Date:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 10:05 AM
> **To:** McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>
> **Subject:** Re: Dunbar Jones photos
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> Caution: External Email
> Mark,
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> I swear I wrote an email from my Grinnell.edu account and sent it to you about these, but I can't find it now.
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> These are for MMS ID 991011592218004641 . You sent me a note about this. There are supposed to four images but only three transferred. I sent all four images because just in case.
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> I believe dcl_mainstreet_p01_s(9).jpg is the one that was missing and was meant to be the third image.
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> Gail
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> > On Apr 23, 2025, at 9:56 AM, McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu> wrote:
> >
> > Hi Gail,
> >
> > I'm assuming these go with some of the PHPP objects in DG that were missing images? Unfortunately, I'm looking back through a sea of emails to try and find out where these belong. I'll keep looking, but if you know the PIDs that these were meant for please share them in a reply.
> >
> > Thanks, and take care.
> >
> > -Mark M.
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> > **From:** Gail Bonath <gailbonath@gmail.com>
> > **Date:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 3:34 PM
> > **To:** McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>
> > **Subject:** Dunbar Jones photos
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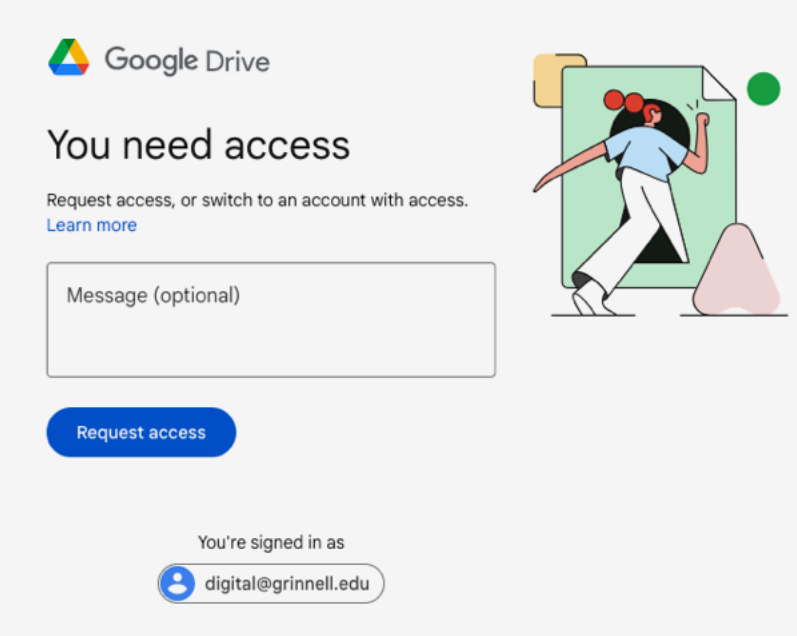

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