**Version 3 of AAA’s data contribution is a reduced subset of our version 2 format, to reflect that at the current moment we’re only contributing item-level records.**

**This version of the document is based on the Version 2 document, and in addition to focusing on item records alone, will also reflects some other minor changes, particularly field names. Version 3 data is stored in** <https://github.com/american-art/aaa/data-v3> .

The Archives of American Art’s Version 3 data contribution dataset contains a total of 9 spreadsheets representing data for individually digitized documents (Record Type=Items). Item.xls comprises 15,560+ documents.

The Items sheet has a set of associated spreadsheets to join the entities for People, Institutions and and Events. Representational assets are in the Digital Resources spreadsheet. People authorities also have associated spreadsheets to join them with occupation(s) and their primary Place(s) of activity.

List of spreadsheets.



All Items have a relationship with a Collection (usually expressed as “forms part of” the collection) through a FK to the Collection ID in the Items.xls spreadsheet which links to the Item\_Collections spreadsheet.

Item.xls serves as the core descriptive information about a collection or item.

**ITEMS**

The information on the Item.xls spreadsheet includes:

* ID
* FK to Collection ID of which the item is part
* Collection Title
* Display Date (items are typically single dates except for items like diaries, scrapbooks)
* Search Begin Date
* Search End Date
* General Format: AAA’s Designation of overall format. Mostly maps to AAT but AAA is currently working to separate Financial and Legal Records into separate formats.
* Specific Format: More specific document type – Generally maps to AAT
* Physical characteristic: Compiled data associated with the item relating to additional phys. Details
* Extent Number (ex. 1)
* Extent Type (ex. p.; or item; or v.)
* Item Size- h x w in cm.., rounded to nearest cm.
* Exact Duration – if General Format is Sound recording, videorecording or motion picture film
* FK Creator PersonID, or InstitutionID
* FK Co-Creator PersonID or Institution ID
* NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO CREATOR EVENTS OR CO-CREATOR EVENTS FOR ITEMS
* Description – Summary of the item. Not always present
* Citation - AAA’s preference for how an item should be cited
* Rights Statement – copyright and restriction information for the item
* Resource URL: Persistent URL to the item on the AAA website
* Current Location: AAA repository address
* Owner: AAA
* Representative Image (has representation): URL for the ‘representative’ image.
* Data datestamp

**ITEMS: SUBJECT ENTITIES**

Entities that are *subjects* of the Item are not represented as FK in the Item.xls spreadsheet as creators and co-creators are. Instead, because there are often multiple entities, entities that are subjects are joined to the collection through the Item\_Subjects.xls spreadsheet, and using the specific Item ID and FK IDs for the entities in the Item\_People, Item\_ Institution, Item\_Event, or Item\_Topic spreadsheets to join the data to the Item as a subject.

**ITEMS: PEOPLE ENTITIES**

Item\_People (that may be associated with an item as a creator or subjects) also expands to join with Item\_PeopleOccupation and Item\_PeoplePlace using the Person ID to provide information on the Person entities occupation(s) and primary place of activity (place names have been compiled from City, State and Country/region data for ease of use in this first pass).

**ITEMS-IMAGE URLS**

All items except for those of the General Format Sound recording, Videorecording or Motion picture film have URLS linked to the Item through the Item\_DigitalResources.xls spreadsheet using the Item ID. Note that if no order number appears in the spreadsheet, then the URLs for multiple images per item should be output in the order that they are listed in the spreadsheet for that item ID.