

A Example of Page from the Gazetteer

In this section we provide an example of a page (Figure 1) within the Gazetteers collection and its equivalent available in XML (Figure 2).

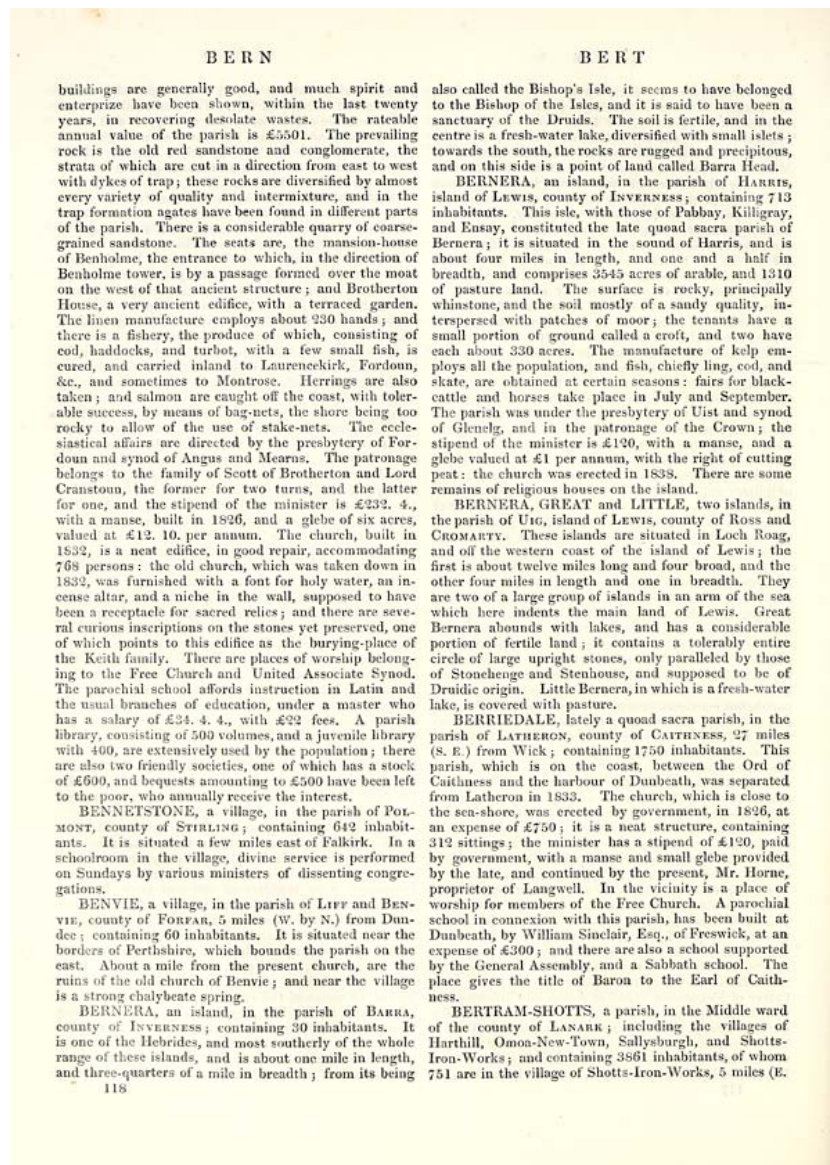


Fig. 1: Page-level encoding for page 118 of the first volume, 1846 edition. Scanned page image available online at <https://digital.nls.uk/gazetteers-of-scotland-1803-1901/archive/97483618>.

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377 <TextStyle ID="font356" FONTFAMILY="courier" FONTSIZE="6.115" FONTTYPE="serif" FONTWIDTH="proportional" FONTCOLOR="#FFFFFF"
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398 <String ID="p132_w7" CONTENT="and" HPOS="781" VPOS="231" WIDTH="69" HEIGHT="30" STYLEREFS="font5"/>
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408 <SP WIDTH="32" VPOS="284" HPOS="336"/>
409 <String ID="p132_w12" CONTENT="have" HPOS="368" VPOS="279" WIDTH="86" HEIGHT="28" STYLEREFS="font10"/>
410 <SP WIDTH="27" VPOS="279" HPOS="453"/>
411 <String ID="p132_w13" CONTENT="been" HPOS="480" VPOS="278" WIDTH="86" HEIGHT="28" STYLEREFS="font11"/>
412 <SP WIDTH="34" VPOS="278" HPOS="566"/>

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Fig. 2: ALTO XML: words in CONTENT.

B SPARQL Queries for the Competency Questions

In this section we report the SPARQL queries employed for answering the competency questions in Section 5.1 of the main paper.

B.1 CQ1: How is a place described over time?

```
SELECT ?volume_title
?s_page_num ?year ?text
WHERE {
  <https://w3id.org/hto/Concept/gaz2337271726_1>
    hto:hasConceptRecord ?record.
  ?record hto:startsAtPage ?s_page;
    hto:hasOriginalDescription ?desc.
  ?desc hto:text ?text.
  ?volume hto:title ?volume_title;
    schema:hasPart ?s_page.
  ?s_page hto:number ?s_page_num.
  ?edition schema:hasPart ?volume;
    hto:yearPublished ?year.
} ORDER BY ?year
```

Fig. 3: Query for exploring the descriptions of *Brucehaven* across editions.

B.2 CQ2: How is an article extracted?

```
SELECT ?text ?extraction_tool ?source_label ?dataset
WHERE {
  <https://w3id.org/hto/LocationRecord/9931344583804340_97421702_2337271726_0>
    hto:hasOriginalDescription ?desc.
  ?desc hto:text ?text;
    hto:wasExtractedFrom ?source;
    prov:wasAttributedTo ?extraction_tool.
  ?extraction_tool a prov:SoftwareAgent.
  ?source rdfs:label ?source_label.
  ?dataset schema:hasPart ?source;
}
```

Fig. 4: Query to explore the extraction method for *Brucehaven* in 1825.

B.3 CQ3: Where is the place that an article primarily describes?

```

SELECT ?modern_place_wkt ?historical_place_wkt
?modern_place_wktLabel ?historical_place_wktLabel
WHERE {
  VALUES ?record
  {<https://w3id.org/hto/LocationRecord/9931003343804340_97343436_769119998_0>}
  ?record hto:refersToModernPlace ?modern_place;
    rdfs:label ?record_name.
  ?modern_place a crmgeo:SP2_Phenomenal_Place;
    geo:hasCentroid ?centroid.
  ?centroid a crmgeo:SP6_Declarative_Place;
    geo:asWKT ?modern_place_wkt.
  ?modern_sp crm:P161_has_spatial_projection ?modern_place;
    crm:P160_has_temporal_projection ?mp_temporal.
  ?mp_temporal rdfs:label ?modern_place_temporal_label.
  BIND(CONCAT(?record_name, ", ", ?modern_place_temporal_label)
    AS ?modern_place_wktLabel)
  OPTIONAL {
    ?record hto:describesPlace ?historical_place.
    ?historical_place a crmgeo:SP2_Phenomenal_Place;
      geo:hasCentroid ?historical_centroid.
    ?historical_centroid a crmgeo:SP6_Declarative_Place;
      geo:asWKT ?historical_place_wkt.
    ?historical_sp crm:P161_has_spatial_projection ?historical_place;
      crm:P160_has_temporal_projection ?hp_temporal.
    ?hp_temporal rdfs:label ?historical_place_temporal_label.
    BIND(CONCAT(?record_name, ", ", ?historical_place_temporal_label)
      AS ?historical_place_wktLabel)
  }
}

```

Fig. 5: Query for exploring the historical location primarily described by the article *Dundee* in the 1803 edition and its modern reference.

B.4 CQ4: What places are mentioned in an article?

```

SELECT ?modern_place_wkt ?modern_place_wktLabel
WHERE {
  VALUES ?description
  {<https://w3id.org/hto/OriginalDescription/9931344583804340_97421702_2337271726_0NLS>}
  ?description hto:text ?text.
  ?annotation oa:hasBody ?location;
    oa:hasTarget ?text_segment.
  ?location rdfs:label ?place_name;
    geo:hasCentroid ?centroid.
  ?centroid geo:asWKT ?modern_place_wkt.
  ?text_segment oa:hasSource ?description;
    oa:hasSelector ?selector.
  ?selector oa:start ?start;
    oa:end ?end.
  BIND(CONCAT(?place_name, ", appears in text: | ",
    ?text, "| at ", STR(?start), "-", STR(?end)) AS ?modern_place_wktLabel)
} ORDER BY ?start_index

```

Fig. 6: Query to explore places mentioned in *Brucehaven* in the 1825 edition.

B.5 CQ5: How do the socio-economic roles of a place change over time?

```

SELECT
  ?year
  ?record
  ?snippet
  (GROUP_CONCAT(DISTINCT ?kw; SEPARATOR=", ") AS ?keywordsFound)
  ?wkt
WHERE {
  # Place concept
  ?concept a skos:Concept ;
    rdfs:label "Edinburgh" ;
    hto:hasConceptRecord ?record .

  ?record a hto:LocationRecord ;
    hto:hasOriginalDescription ?desc ;
    hto:refersToModernPlace ?modernPlace .

  # Edition / year
  ?record hto:startsAtPage ?page .
  ?volume schema:hasPart ?page .
  ?edition schema:hasPart ?volume ;
    hto:yearPublished ?year .

  # Text
  ?desc hto:text ?text .
  BIND(LCASE(?text) AS ?ltxt)
  # Socio-economic keywords
  VALUES ?kw { "harbour" "railway" "factory" "mill" }
  # Keep only articles where this keyword appears
  FILTER(CONTAINS(?ltxt, ?kw))
  # Geometry (for mapping if needed)
  ?modernPlace geo:hasCentroid ?geom .
  ?geom geo:asWKT ?wkt .
  # Snippet
  BIND(SUBSTR(?text, 1, 500) AS ?snippet)
}
GROUP BY ?year ?record ?snippet ?wkt
ORDER BY ?year

```

(a) Query 5.A: Retrieve *Edinburgh* articles on socio-economic infrastructures with per-edition keyword matches.

```

SELECT ?year ?keyword (COUNT(DISTINCT ?record) AS ?articleCount)
WHERE {
  # Fix the place concept (Edinburgh here)
  ?concept a skos:Concept ;
    rdfs:label "Edinburgh" ;
    hto:hasConceptRecord ?record .

  ?record a hto:LocationRecord ;
    hto:hasOriginalDescription ?desc ;
    hto:refersToModernPlace ?modernPlace .

  # Edition / year
  ?record hto:startsAtPage ?page .
  ?volume schema:hasPart ?page .
  ?edition schema:hasPart ?volume ;
    hto:yearPublished ?year .

  # Text of the article
  ?desc hto:text ?text .
  BIND(LCASE(?text) AS ?ltxt)

  # Socio-economic keywords
  VALUES ?keyword { "harbour" "railway" "factory" "mill" }

  # Keep rows where the article mentions this keyword
  FILTER(CONTAINS(?ltxt, ?keyword))
}
GROUP BY ?year ?keyword
ORDER BY ?year ?keyword

```

(b) Query 5.B: Aggregate, per edition, the occurrence of socio-economic keywords.

Fig. 7: Queries for CQ5: analysing socio-economic change across editions.