Interconnecting metadata
Digitising experiences of migration: Workshop 3

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Taskforce "correspDesc"

Taskforce within the TEI Correspondence SIG

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- https: //github.com/TEI-Correspondence-SIG/correspDesc
- http://wiki.tei-c.org/index.php/SIG: Correspondence/task-force-correspDesc

Goals

1. Container (and special purpose elements) for correspondence specific meta data
2. Correspondence Interchange Format

<correspDesc>

```xml
<ct:correspDesc>
    <ct:sender>
        <persName ref="http://d-nb.info/gnd/118520040">Adelbert von
            Chamisso</persName>
    </ct:sender>
    <ct:addressee>
        <persName ref="http://d-nb.info/gnd/116057203">Louis de La Foye</persName>
    </ct:addressee>
    <ct:placeSender>
        <placeName ref="http://www.geonames.org/6454259">Vertus</placeName>
    </ct:placeSender>
    <ct:placeAddressee>
        <placeName ref="http://www.geonames.org/3029241">Caen</placeName>
    </ct:placeAddressee>
    <ct:dateSender>
        <date when="1807-01-29">29 January 1807</date>
    </ct:dateSender>
    <ct:dateAddressee>
        <date>unknown</date>
    </ct:dateAddressee>
    <ct:correspClass>
        <term>letter</term>
        <term>signed personally</term>
    </ct:correspClass>
    <ct:context>
        <ref type="prev" target="http://www.xyz.de">Previous letter of Adelbert von
            Chamisso to Louis de La Foye: 16 January 1807</ref>
        <ref type="next" target="http://www.xyz.de">Next letter of Adelbert von
            Chamisso to Louis de La Foye: 07 May 1810</ref>
    </ct:context>
    <ct:transmission>
        <p>Post</p>
    </ct:transmission>
</ct:correspDesc>
```

Correspondence Interchange Format

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<ct:correspDesc>
    <ct:sender ref="http://d-nb.info/gnd/118520040"/>
    <ct:addressee ref="http://d-nb.info/gnd/116057203"/>
    <ct:placeSender ref="http://www.geonames.org/6454259"/>
    <ct:placeAddressee ref="http://www.geonames.org/3029241"/>
    <ct:dateSender when="1807-01-29"/>
</ct:correspDesc>
```

Letter Collections

- Irish Emigration Database at the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies
- Tony Fairman's "The Maidstone Fœtus"
- Immigration History Research Centre, U. of Minnesota
- Civil War letters (Michael Montgomery / Mike Ellis's collection)
- Lucia Siebers' collection(?)

https://github.com/peterstadler/Emigrant-Letters

Transformation steps

1. convert spreadsheet/csv/whathaveyou to TEI via OxGarage
2. transform generic TEI to "Correspondence TEI" via XSLT
   - extract information about senders, addressees etc. via regular expressions
   - (tentatively) normalize names and dates

Problems

- Identity of persons
- Spelling and other errors

To dos

- (Kinship) relations of persons
- Migrants authority file