

SEST-6577

# **Geographic Information Systems for Security Studies**

## Lab 06 (+ Problem Set 6)

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## Goal: geocode historical lynching locations in U.S.

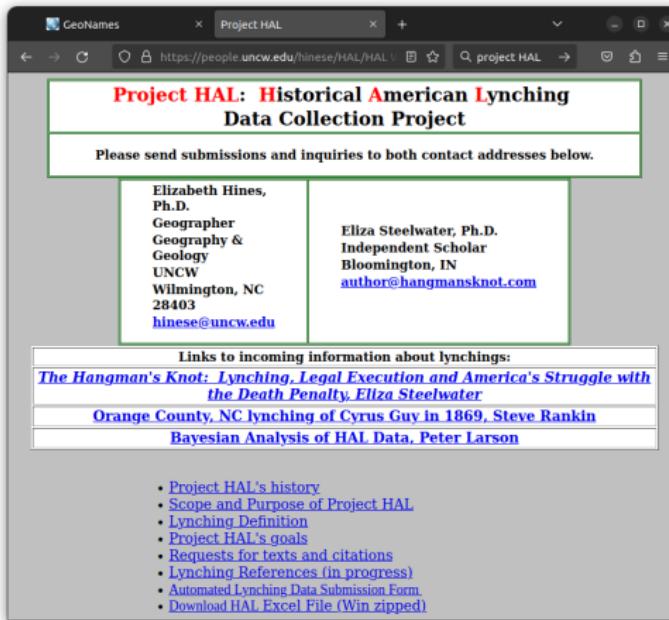


Figure 1: We will geocode these data

## Overview of lab exercise and problem set

### 1. Lab exercise

- a) Geocode lynching data sample
- b) Point-in-polygon analysis (lynchings per county)
- c) Create a map and boxplot, showing relationship between 100 lynching locations and 1920 U.S. Presidential election results

### 2. Problem set

- a) Geocode Confederate monuments data sample
- b) Point-in-polygon analysis (monuments per county)
- c) Create a map and boxplot, showing relationship between monument locations and 1920 U.S. Presidential election results

We will use 2 methods to geocode the lynching locations:

|      | A     | B    | C  | D   | E               | F       | G     | H    | I   | J                        | K            | L             | M        |
|------|-------|------|----|-----|-----------------|---------|-------|------|-----|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| 1    | State | Year | Mo | Day | Victim          | County  | Race  | Sex  | Mob | Offense                  | Note         | 2nd Name      | 3rd Name |
| 1861 | MS    | 1891 | 6  | 28  | Wm. Gates       | Clay    | Blk   | Male |     | Attempted rape           |              |               |          |
| 1862 | MS    | 1901 | 5  | 21  | Milt Calvert    | Clay    | Blk   | Male |     | Attempted rape           |              | Matt Calvert  |          |
| 1863 | MS    | 1901 | 5  | 21  | Unnamed Negro   | Clay    | Blk   | Male |     | Cohabitation             |              |               |          |
| 1864 | MS    | 1913 | 3  | 26  | Henry Brown     | Clay    | Blk   | Male |     | Murderous assault        |              |               |          |
| 1865 | MS    | 1915 | 6  | 27  | Unnamed Negro   | Clay    | Blk   | Male |     | Entered girl's room      |              |               |          |
| 1866 | MS    | 1915 | 12 | 30  | Samuel Sykes    | Clay    | Blk   | Male |     | Attempted murder         |              |               |          |
| 1867 | MS    | 1916 | 3  | 18  | Jeff Brown      | Clay    | Blk   | Male |     | Attempted assault (rape) |              |               |          |
| 1868 | MS    | 1885 | 5  | 6   | Unnamed Chinese | Coahoma | Other | Male |     | Assaulted girl           |              |               |          |
| 1869 | MS    | 1886 | 4  | 29  | Unnamed White   | Coahoma | Wht   | Male |     | Cutting levee            |              |               |          |
| 1870 | MS    | 1886 | 4  | 29  | Unnamed White   | Coahoma | Wht   | Male |     | Cutting levee            |              |               |          |
| 1871 | MS    | 1893 | 8  | 20  | Charles Tart    | Coahoma | Blk   | Male |     | Assault                  | Charles Hart | Sam Wilborn   |          |
| 1872 | MS    | 1900 | 11 | 8   | Lit Nabors      | Coahoma | Blk   | Male |     | Murder                   | Uncertain    | Kit Nabors    |          |
| 1873 | MS    | 1902 | 5  | 11  | Horace Muller   | Coahoma | Blk   | Male |     | Unknown                  |              | Horace Muller |          |
| 1874 | MS    | 1905 | 11 | 22  | David Sims      | Coahoma | Blk   | Male |     | Murder                   |              | Davis Simms   |          |
| 1875 | MS    | 1908 | 10 | 11  | Jim Davis       | Coahoma | Blk   | Male |     | Murderous assault        |              | Joseph Davis  |          |
| 1876 | MS    | 1908 | 10 | 11  | Frank Davis     | Coahoma | Blk   | Male |     | Murderous assault        |              |               |          |
| 1877 | MS    | 1909 | 9  | 6   | Hiram McDaniels | Coahoma | Blk   | Male |     | Complicity in murder     |              |               |          |

Figure 2: Project HAL raw data

## Method 1: Geocode using web service/API (OpenStreetMap)

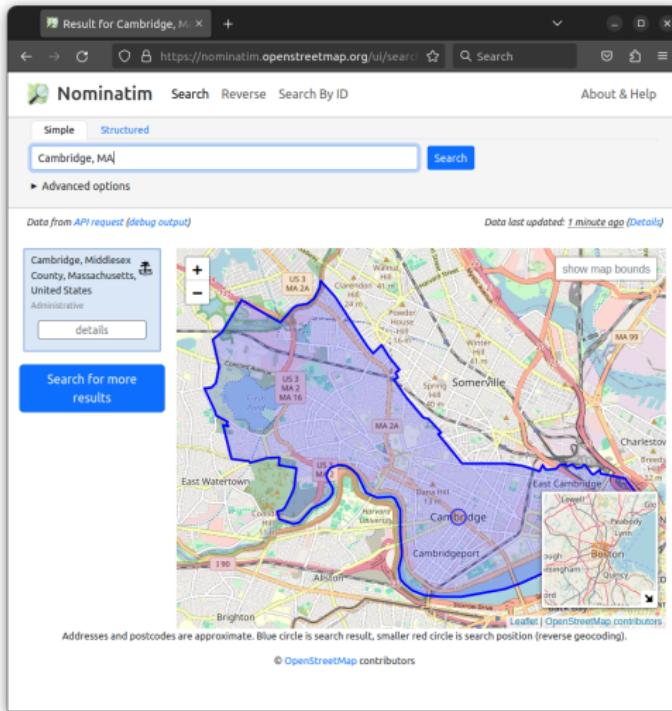


Figure 3: OSM Nominatum

## Method 2: Geocode offline, with gazetteer data (GeoNames)

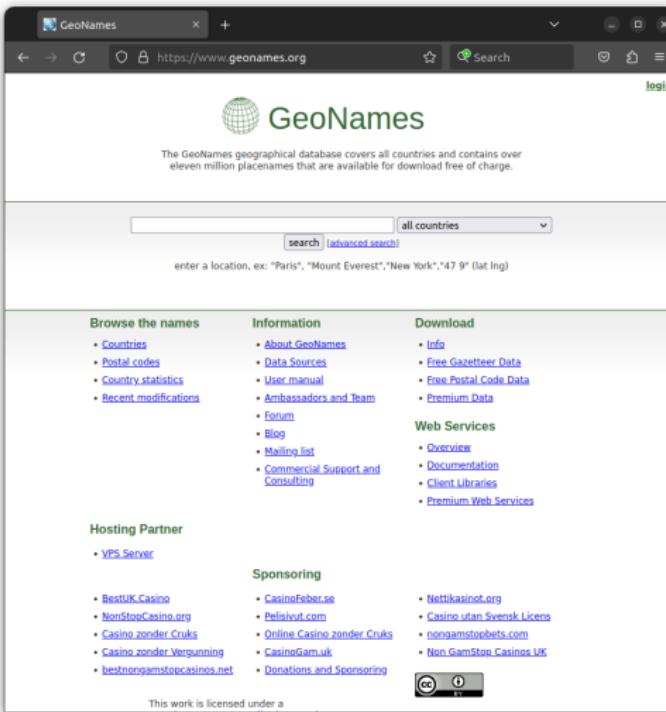


Figure 4: GeoNames

You will then do some *point-in-polygon* analysis to see how lynchings (as part of broader voter suppression efforts) may have impacted vote share in 1920

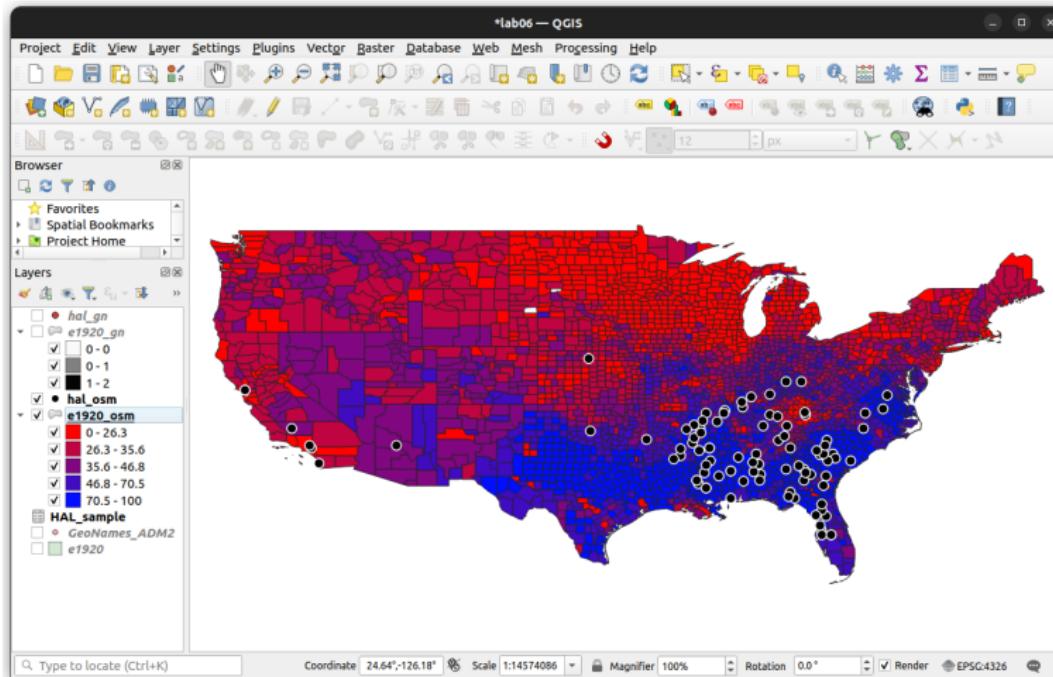


Figure 5: 1920 Presidential elections results

For your *problem set*, you will geocode a similar sample of Confederate monuments built prior to 1920, and conduct the same analysis

**Your assignment:** create (1) boxplot of vote share against monuments, (2) map of OSM-geocoded monument locations vs. election results

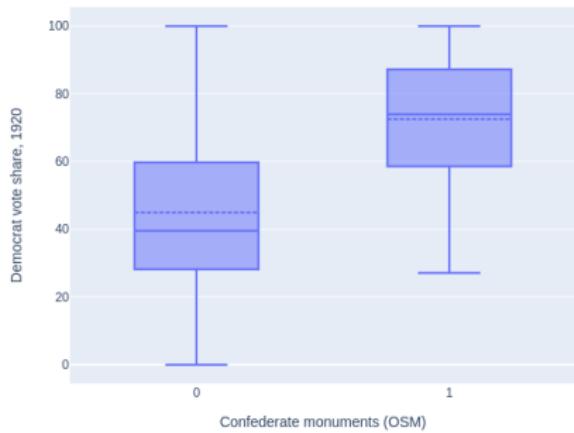


Figure 6: Boxplot

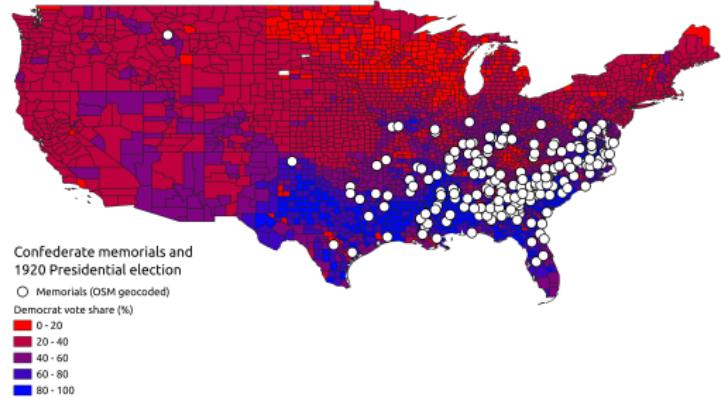


Figure 7: Map

You can also make these plots in R. Instructions are below.

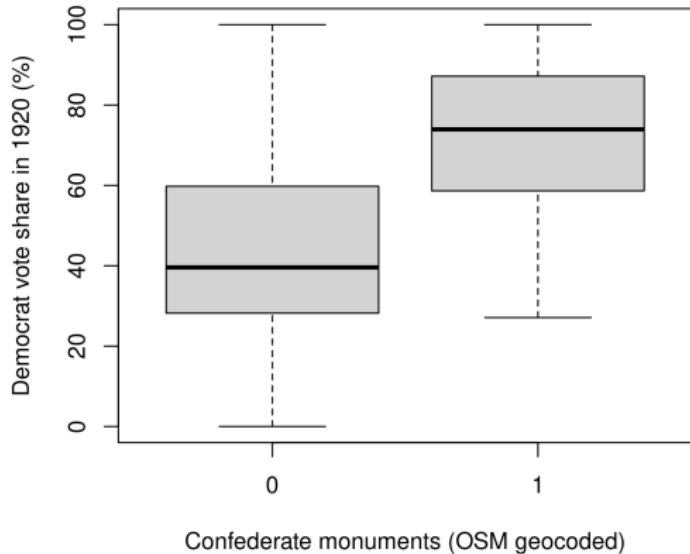


Figure 8: Boxplot in R

Confederate monuments (OSM geocoded) and Democratic vote share, 1920

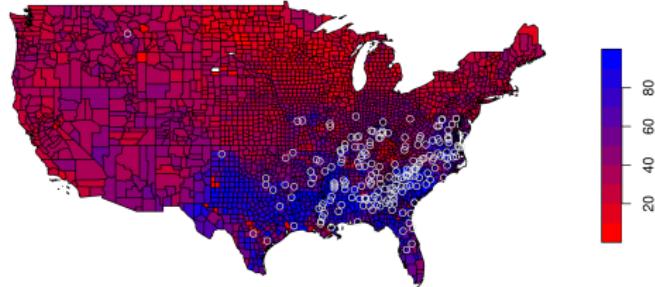


Figure 9: Map in R

You can also make these plots in Python. Code is in the ZIP.

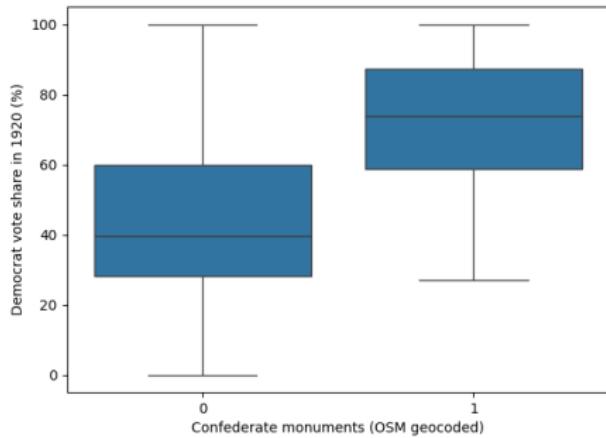


Figure 10: Boxplot in py

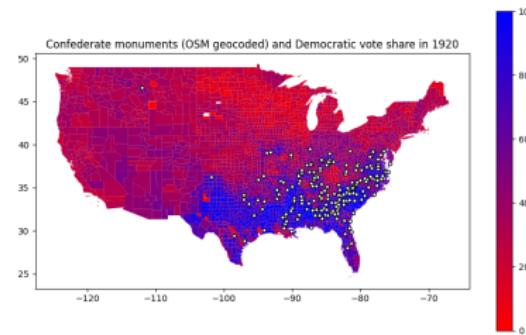


Figure 11: Map in py

We have three (and a half) sources of data:

| Category                                       | Type              | Format   | Data source                             |
|--|-------------------|----------|---|
| Lynchings (sample)                             | Table (non-geo)   | .csv     | Project HAL                             |
| County gazetteer                               | Table             | .csv     | GeoNames                                |
| 1920 county borders<br>+ 1920 election results | Vector (polygons) | .geojson | Newberry Library<br>CQ Voting/Elections |
| Confederate monuments (sample)                 | Table (non-geo)   | .csv     | confedmont github                       |

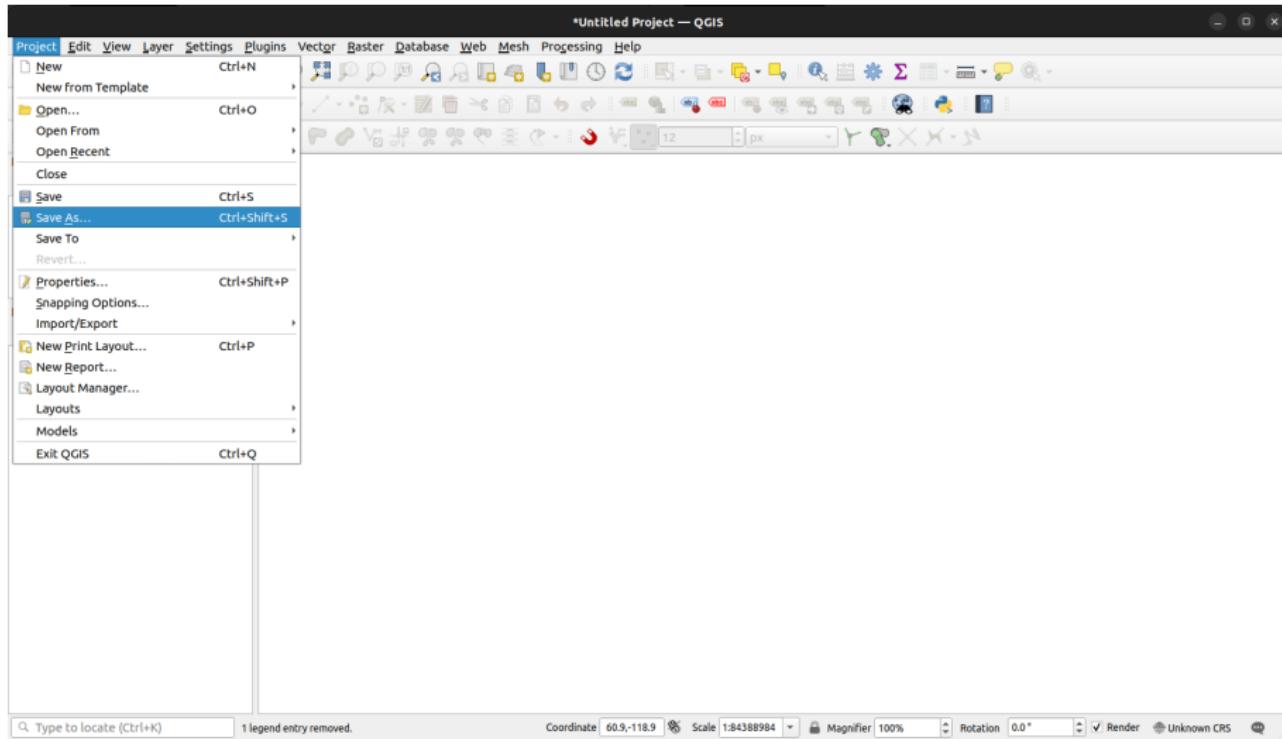
These are all in the Lab06PS06.zip file posted on Canvas.

Let's open QGIS...

# QGIS

# Always save your progress!

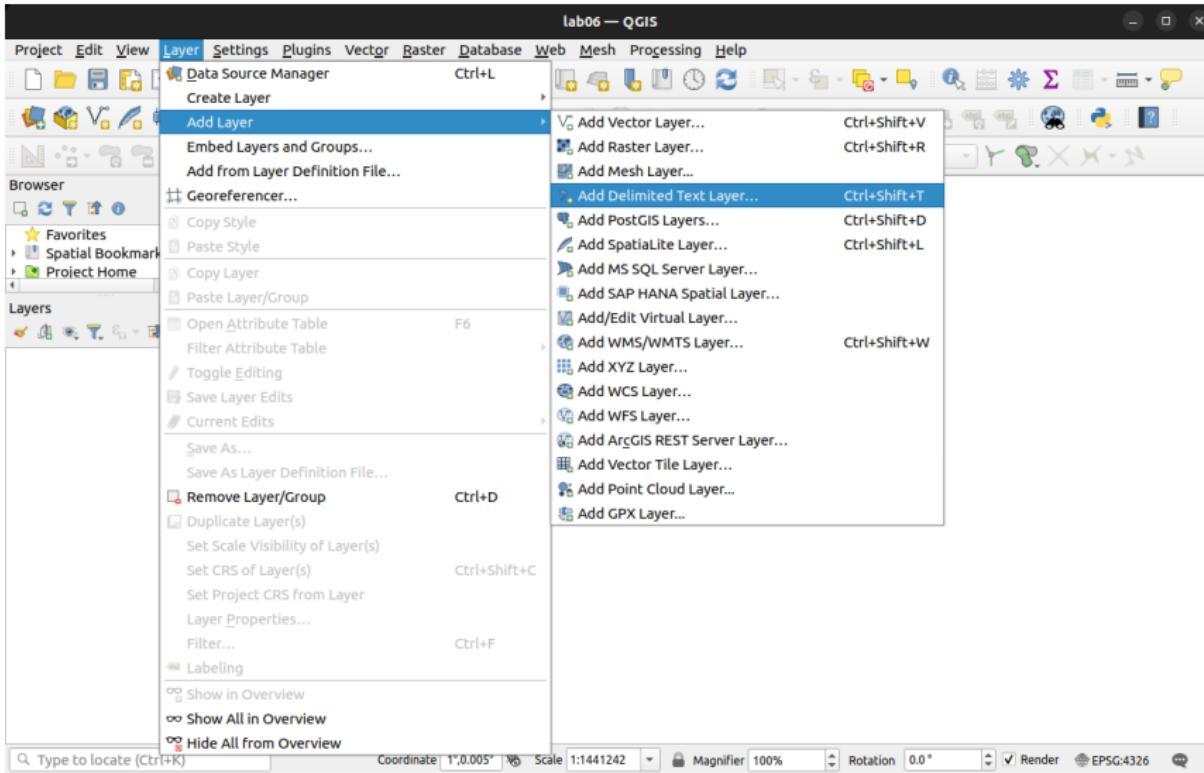
Go to Project → Save As...



# Geocoding

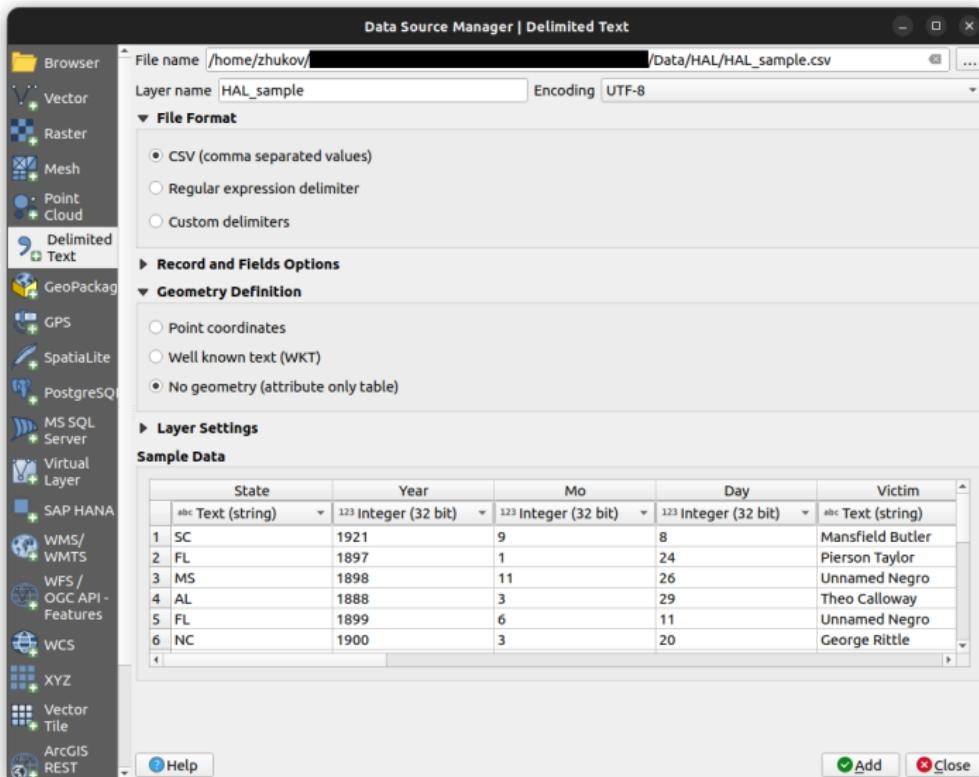
Load the Project HAL data:

Layer → Add Layer → Add Delimited Text Layer...

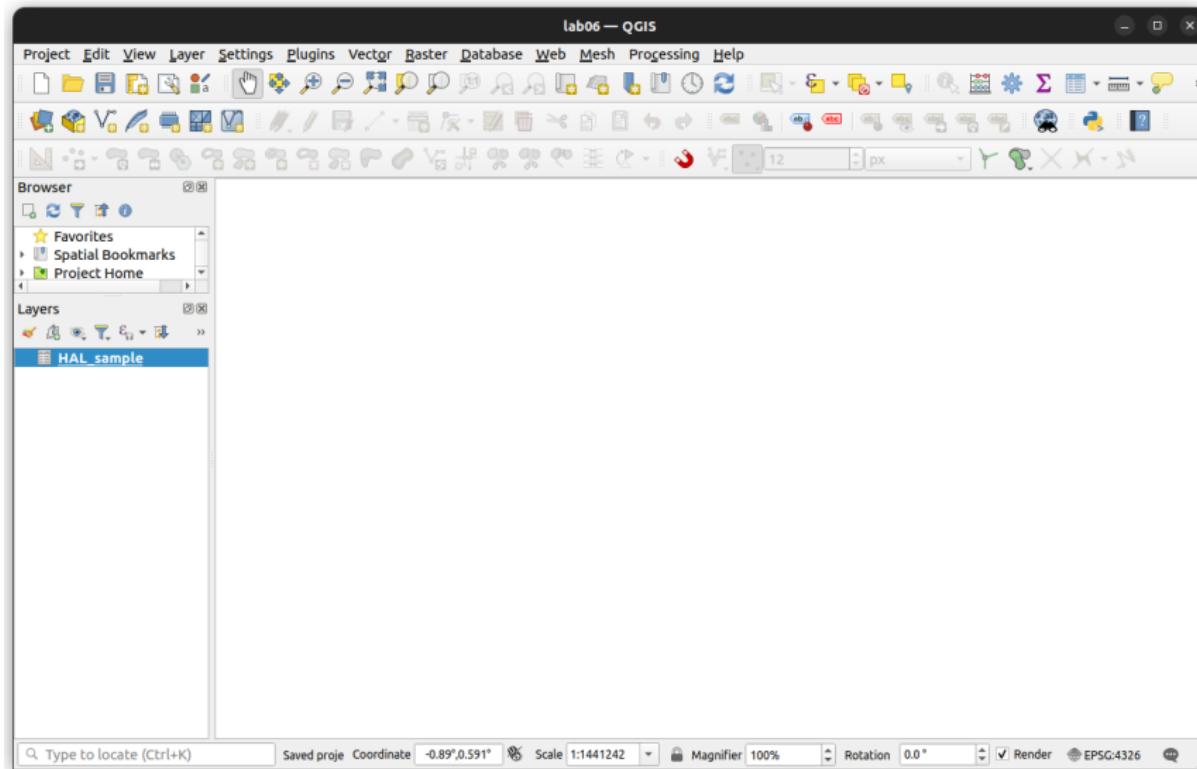


Open the file HAL\_sample.csv in the HAL folder.

Geometry definition should be set to No geometry. Click Add '.



You should now see HAL\_sample in your layer menu. But there are no points on map, because the data are not geocoded.

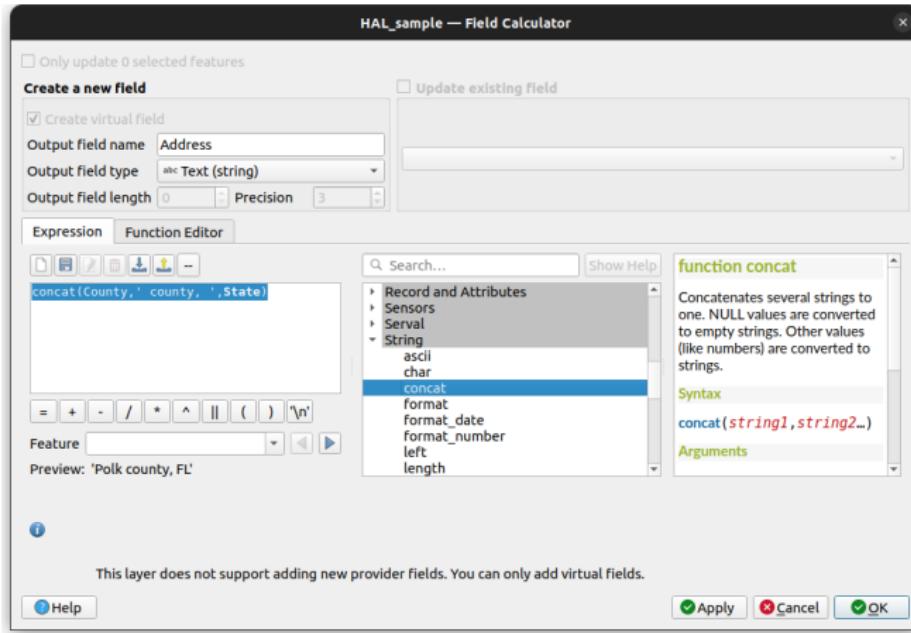


Open the Field Calculator for HAL\_sample.

Create new field, Address, of type Text (string).

For the Expression, write concat(County, ' county, ',State).

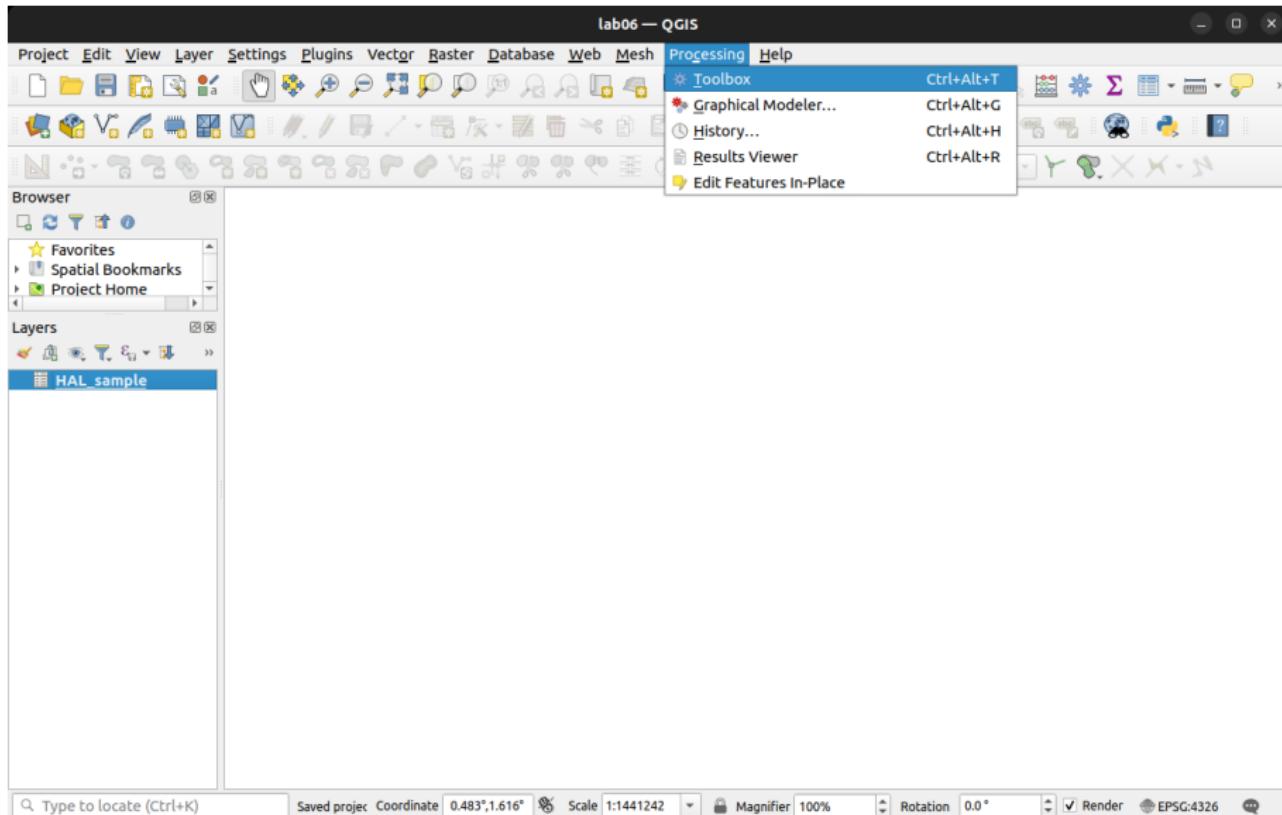
The Preview should show a county-state ID. Click OK



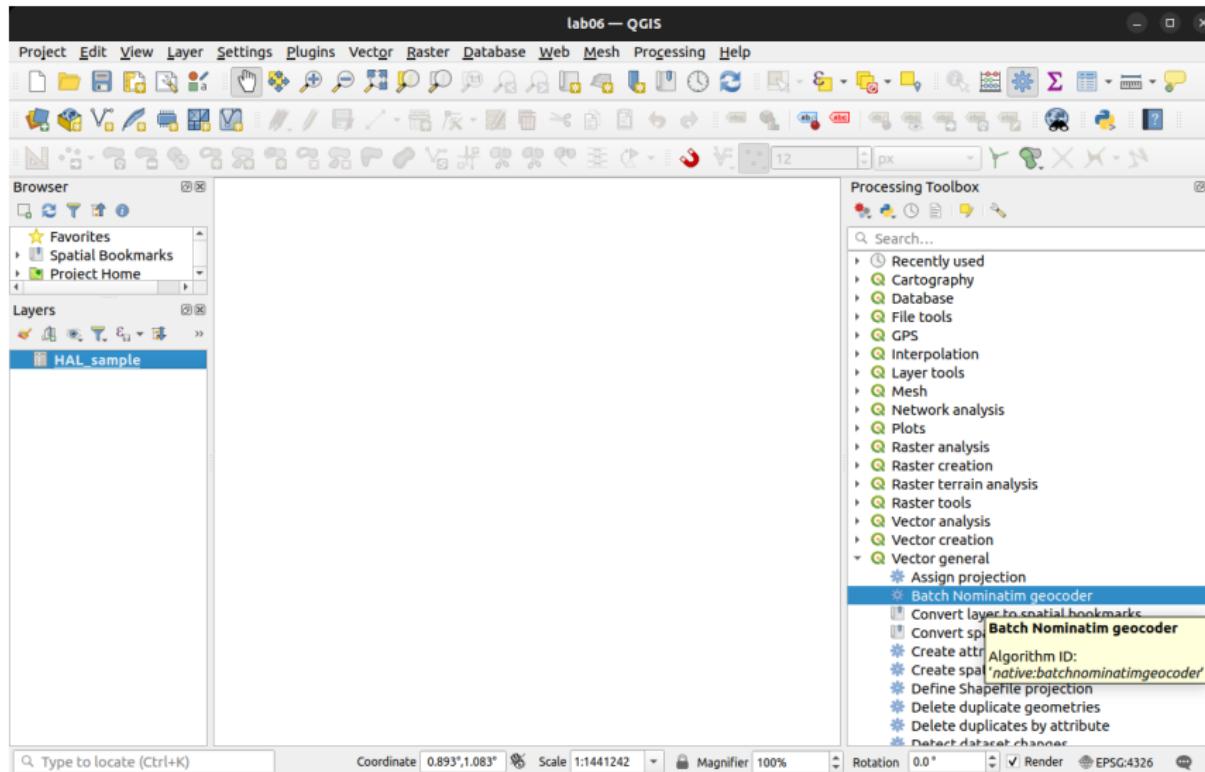
The new field should appear in the Attribute Table

| HAL_sample — Features Total: 100, Filtered: 100, Selected: 0 |      |    |     |                |             |      |      |      |                |           |               |          |                   |
|--|------|----|-----|----------------|-------------|------|------|------|----------------|-----------|---------------|----------|-------------------|
|  | Year | Mo | Day | Victim         | County      | Race | Sex  | Mob  | Offense        | Note      | 2nd Name      | 3rd Name | Address           |
| 1  | 1921 | 9  | 8   | Mansfield ...  | Aiken       | Blk  | Male | NULL | Muderous ...   | NULL      | NULL          | NULL     | Aiken county, SC  |
| 2  | 1897 | 1  | 24  | Pierson Tay... | Leon        | Blk  | Male | NULL | Attempted...   | NULL      | NULL          | NULL     | Leon county, FL   |
| 3  | 1898 | 11 | 26  | Unnamed ...    | Lauderdale  | Blk  | Male | NULL | Assault        | Uncertain | NULL          | NULL     | Lauderdale cou... |
| 4  | 1888 | 3  | 29  | Theo Callo...  | Lowndes     | Blk  | Male | NULL | Murder         | NULL      | NULL          | NULL     | Lowndes count...  |
| 5  | 1899 | 6  | 11  | Unnamed ...    | Marion      | Blk  | Male | Blk  | Aided in ly... | NULL      | NULL          | NULL     | Marion county, FL |
| 6  | 1900 | 3  | 20  | George Rittle  | Moore       | Blk  | Male | NULL | Informer       | NULL      | George Ritter | NULL     | Moore county, ... |
| 7  | 1902 | 7  | 29  | Alonzo Will... | Pasco       | Blk  | Male | NULL | Rape           | NULL      | NULL          | NULL     | Pasco county, FL  |
| 8  | 1887 | 12 | 29  | Wm. Herring    | Clay        | Wht  | Male | NULL | Murder         | NULL      | Wm. Herrig    | NULL     | Clay county, AR   |
| 9  | 1884 | 10 | 24  | Unnamed ...    | St. Tammany | Blk  | Male | NULL | Murder         | Uncertain | NULL          | NULL     | St. Tammany co... |
| 10   | 1903 | 9  | 26  | Unnamed ...    | Decatur     | Blk  | Male | NULL | Assault (ra... | NULL      | NULL          | NULL     | Decatur county... |
| 11   | 1899 | 12 | 6   | Richard Col... | Mason       | Blk  | Male | NULL | Murder         | NULL      | NULL          | NULL     | Mason county, KY  |
| 12   | 1883 | 5  | 1   | Amos Bailev    | Franklin    | Blk  | Male | NULL | Murder         | NULL      | NULL          | NULL     | Franklin county   |

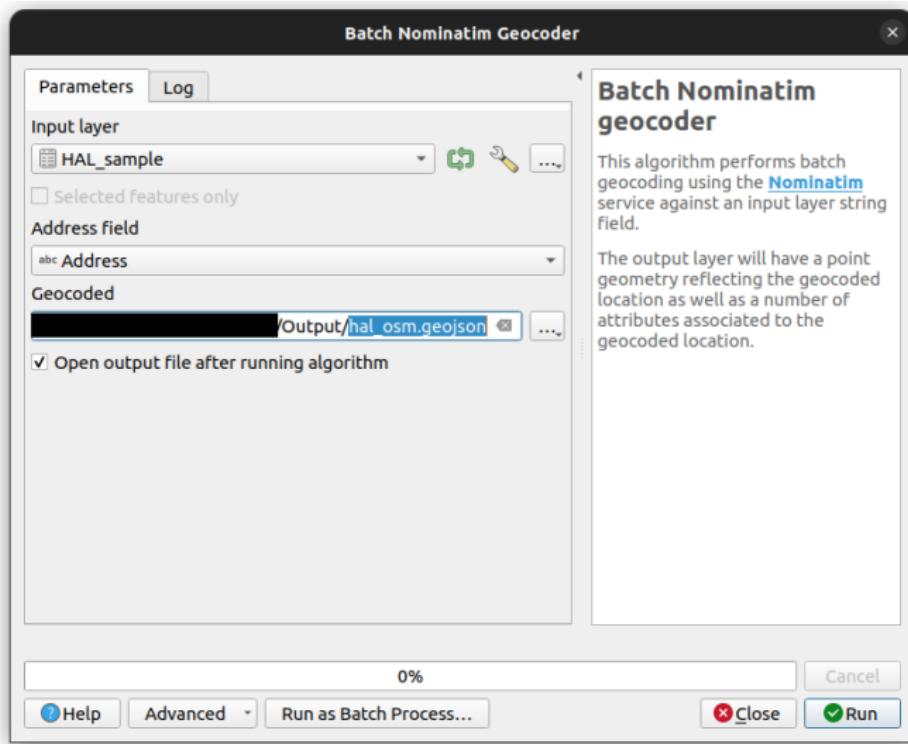
To access the OSM/Nominatum geocoder, go to Processing → Toolbox



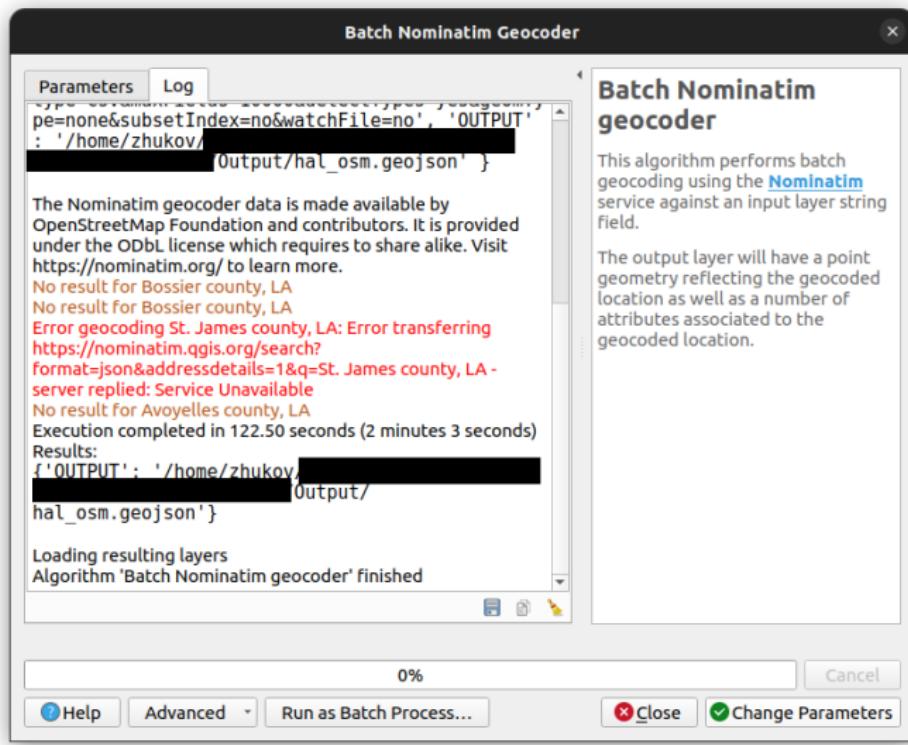
In the Processing Toolbox panel, go to Vector general menu → Batch Nominatum geocoder



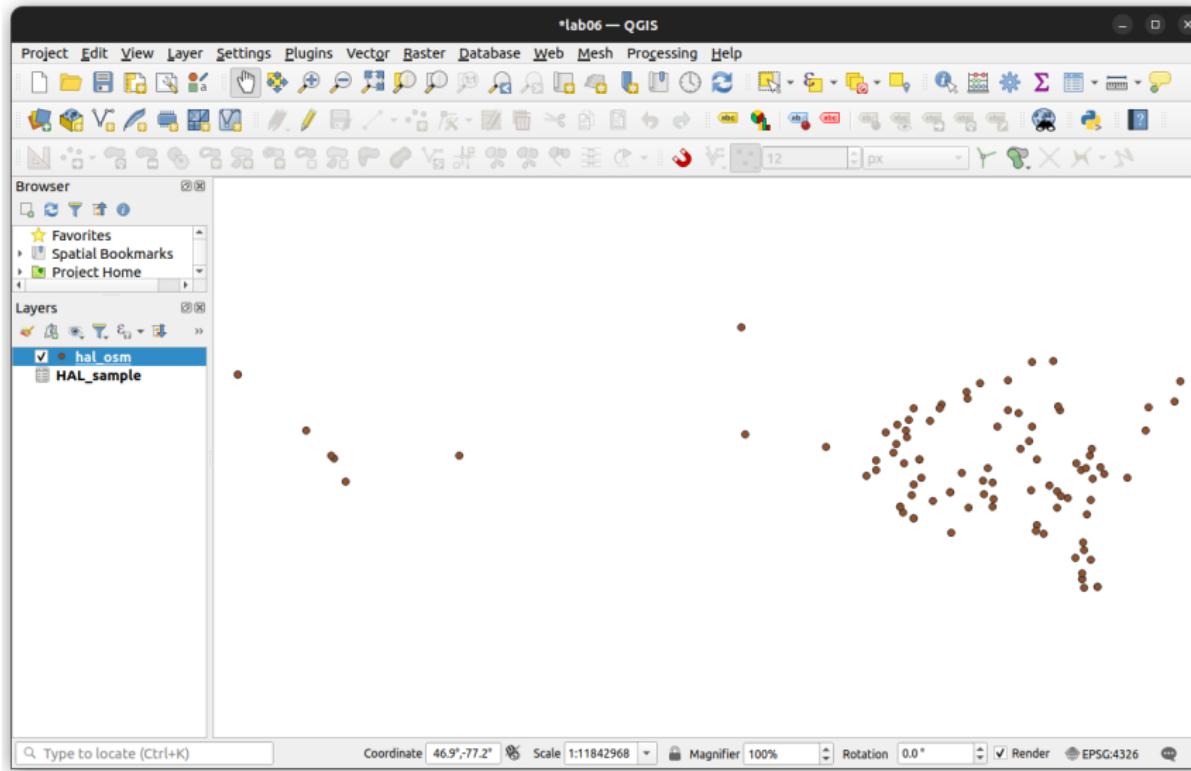
Set Input layer = HAL\_sample and Address field = Address.  
Save the output to a file called hal\_osm.geojson. Click Run



After running, the log may tell you that some addresses could not be geocoded.  
Click Close

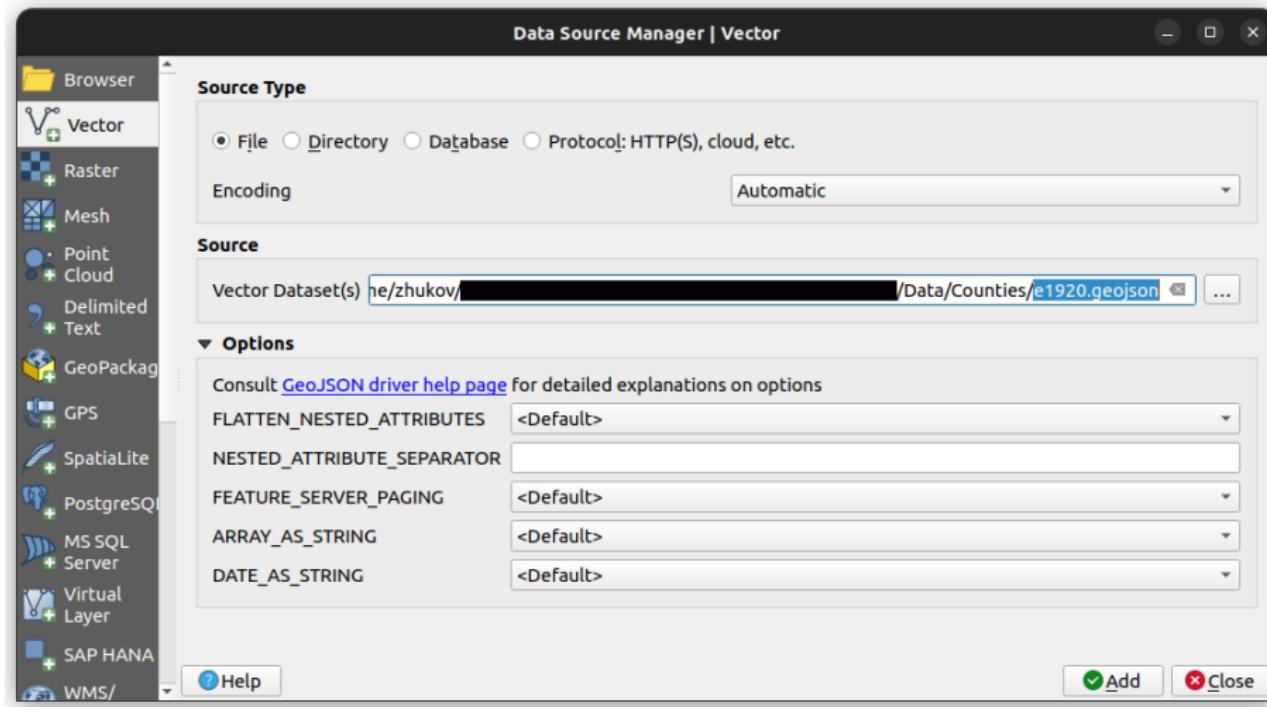


You should see the geocoded points in the main project window, and a new layer, `hal\_osm`. Let's plot it against an historical county boundary shapefile.

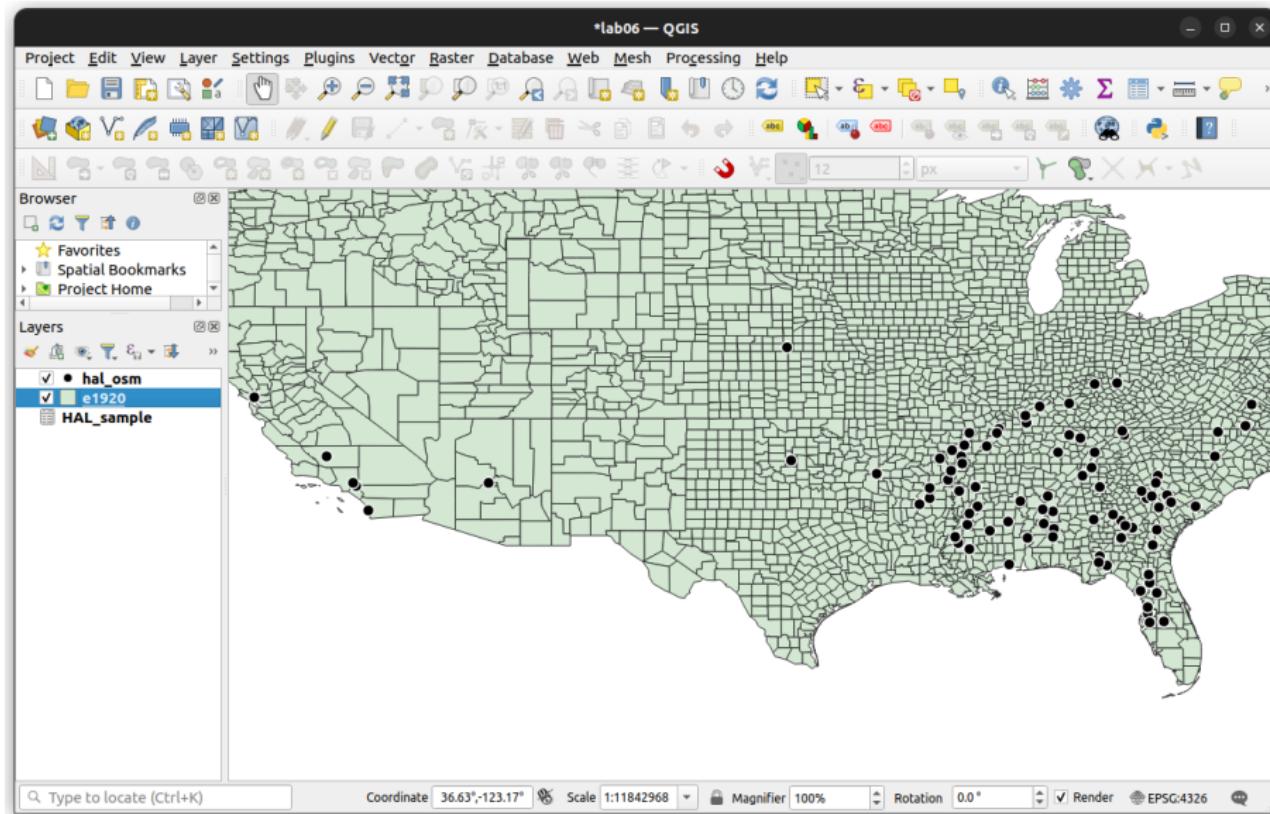


Go to Layer → Add Layer → Add Vector Layer....

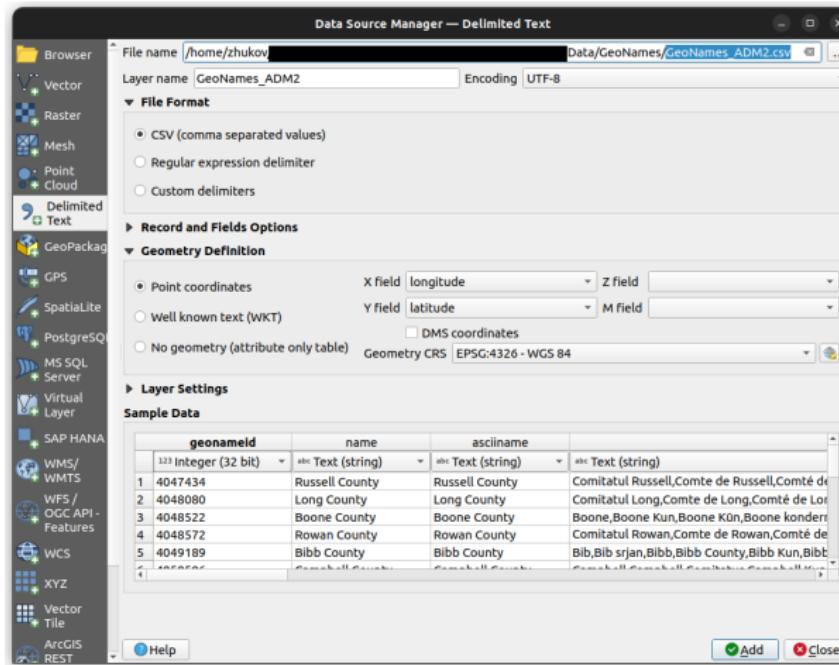
Navigate to e1920.geojson file in Data/Counties folder. Add it to the map.



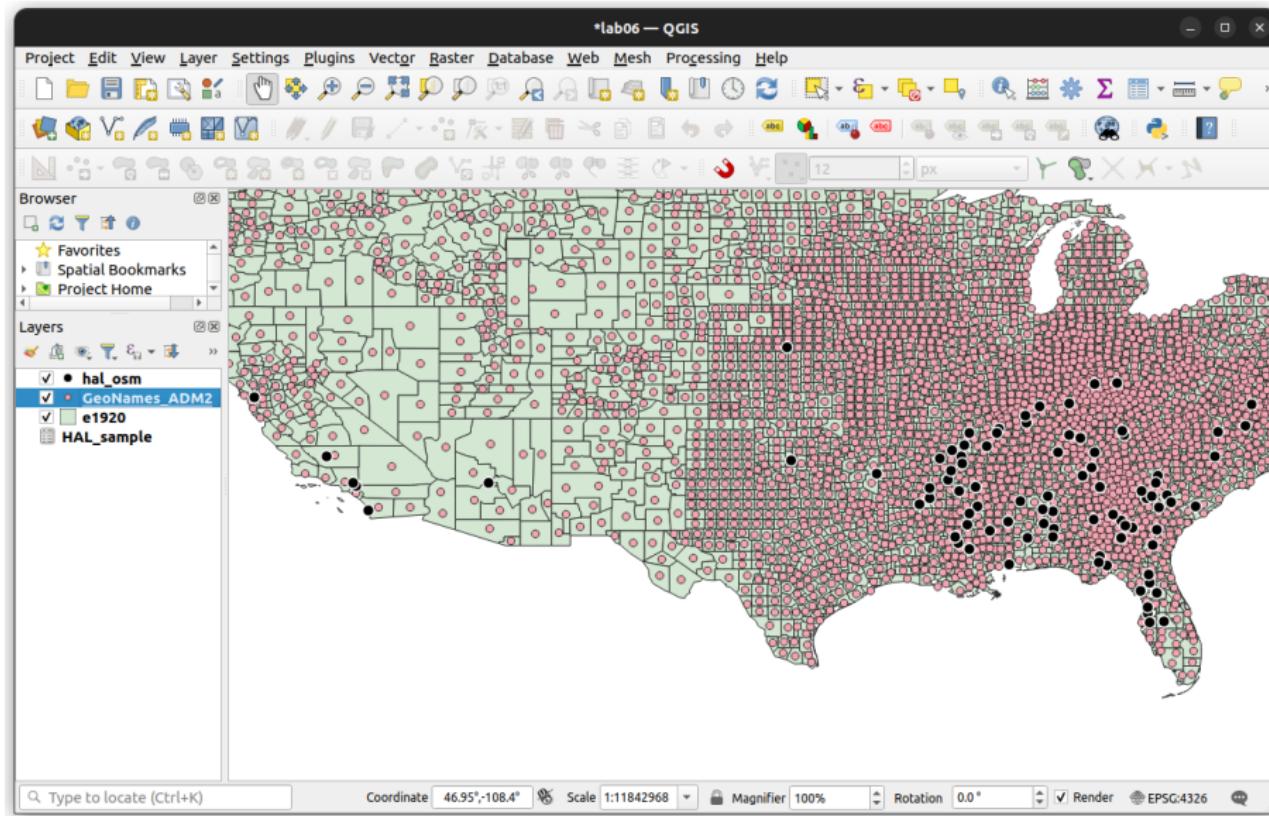
Looks about right. Now let's try geocoding with gazetteer data.



Add the GeoNames gazetteer to the project, using Add Delimited Text Layer.... Load GeoNames\_ADM2.csv from the Data/GeoNames folder. Set X field = longitude and Y field = latitude



The centroids for (contemporary) counties should appear in the project window.



In the Attribute Table, we see that

- asciname field in GeoNames\_ADMIN2 (partly) corresponds to County in HAL\_sample
- admin1\_code corresponds to State

We can use these to create a unique key to match on

GeoNames\_ADMIN2 — Features Total: 3148, Filtered: 3148, Selected: 0

|   | geonameid | name           | asciname        | alternatename   | latitude | longitude | feature_class | feature_code | country_code | cc2  | admin1_code | admin2_code | admin3 |
|---|-----------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | 4047434   | Russell Cou... | Russell County  | Comitatul ...   | 32.28838 | -85.18496 | A             | ADM2         | US           | NULL | AL          | 113         | NA     |
| 2 | 4048080   | Long County    | Long County     | Comitatul ...   | 31.75258 | -81.74577 | A             | ADM2         | US           | NULL | GA          | 183         | NA     |
| 3 | 4048522   | Boone Cou...   | Boone County    | Boone,Boo...    | 38.69686 | -84.72787 | A             | ADM2         | US           | NULL | KY          | 15          | NA     |
| 4 | 4048572   | Rowan Cou...   | Rowan County    | Comitatul ...   | 38.19626 | -83.42108 | A             | ADM2         | US           | NULL | KY          | 205         | NA     |
| 5 | 4049189   | Bibb County    | Bibb County     | Bib,Bib srja... | 32.99864 | -87.12644 | A             | ADM2         | US           | NULL | AL          | 7           | NA     |
| 6 | 4050506   | Campbell C...  | Campbell County | Campbell,C...   | 36.40351 | -84.14938 | A             | ADM2         | US           | NULL | TN          | 13          | NA     |

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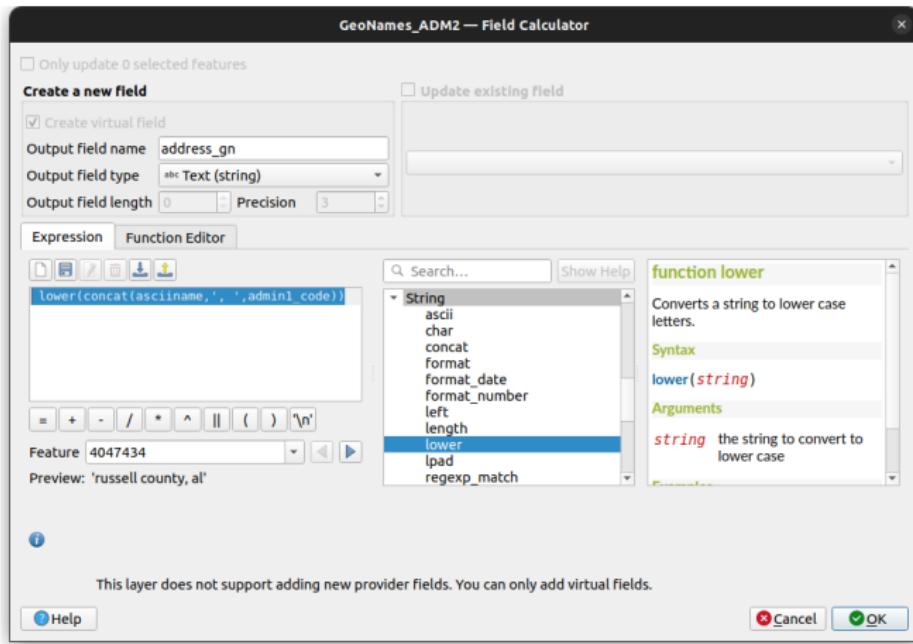
|   | State | Year | Mo | Day | Victim         | County     | Race | Sex  | Mob  | Offense        | Note      | 2nd Name      | 3rd Name |
|---|-------|------|----|-----|----------------|------------|------|------|------|----------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| 1 | SC    | 1921 | 9  | 8   | Mansfield ...  | Aiken      | Blk  | Male | NULL | Muderous ...   | NULL      | NULL          | NULL     |
| 2 | FL    | 1897 | 1  | 24  | Pierson Tay... | Leon       | Blk  | Male | NULL | Attempted...   | NULL      | NULL          | NULL     |
| 3 | MS    | 1898 | 11 | 26  | Unnamed ...    | Lauderdale | Blk  | Male | NULL | Assault        | Uncertain | NULL          | NULL     |
| 4 | AL    | 1888 | 3  | 29  | Theo Callo...  | Lowndes    | Blk  | Male | NULL | Murder         | NULL      | NULL          | NULL     |
| 5 | FL    | 1899 | 6  | 11  | Unnamed ...    | Marion     | Blk  | Male | Blk  | Aided in ly... | NULL      | NULL          | NULL     |
| 6 | NC    | 1900 | 3  | 20  | George Ritter  | Moore      | Blk  | Male | NULL | Informer       | NULL      | George Ritter | NULL     |

Open the Field Calculator for GeoNames\_ADM2.

Create a new variable called address\_gn of type Text (string).

Set Expression to lower(concat(asciiname, ', ', admin1\_code)).

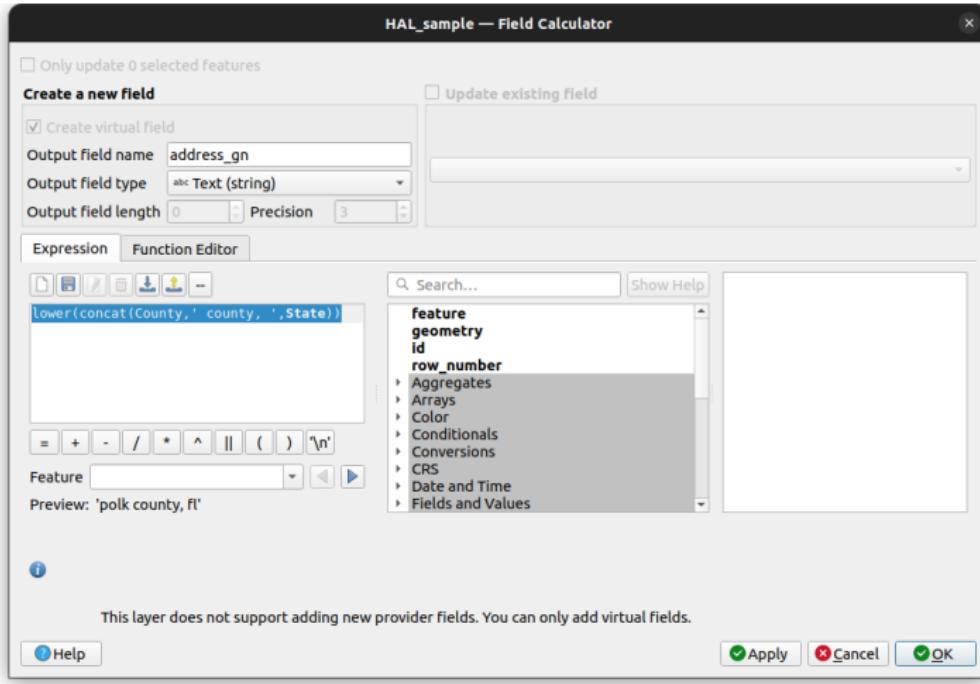
The Preview should show a *lower case* county-state ID. Click OK



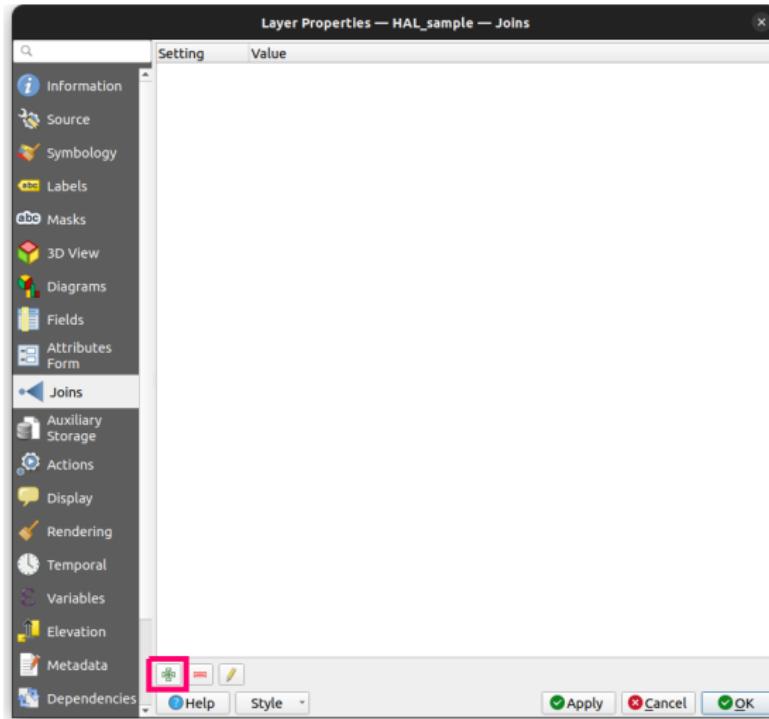
Now open Field Calculator for HAL\_sample.

Create the same new field, address\_gn, of type Text (string).

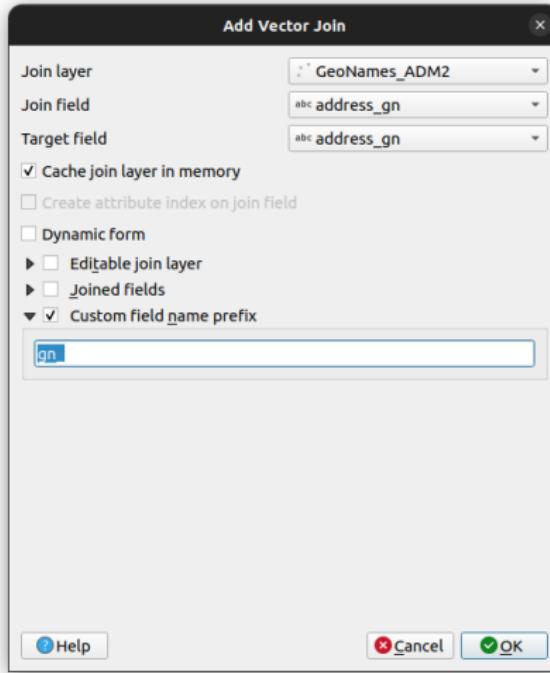
Set Expression to lower(concat(County, ' county, ',State)). Click OK



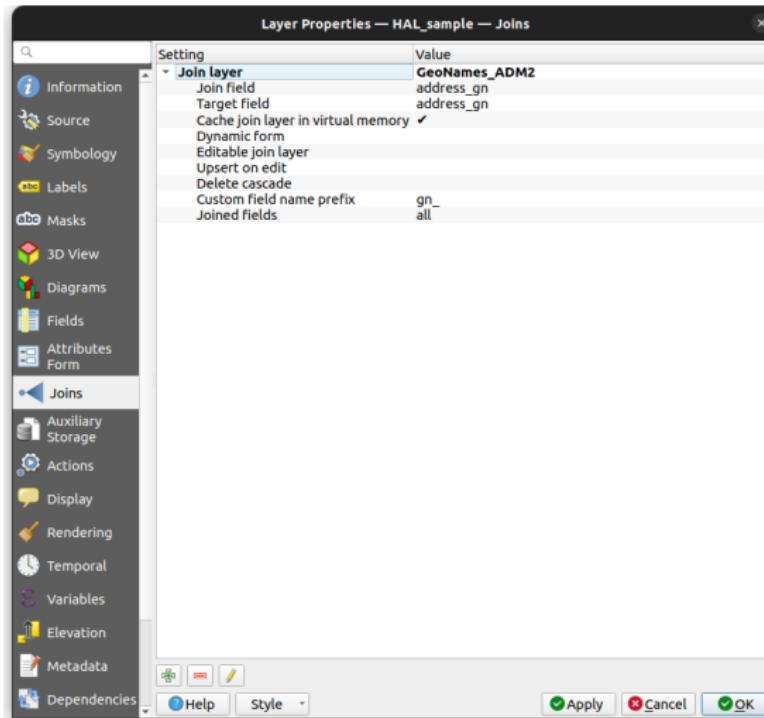
Now we are ready to join these layers. Double-click HAL\_sample layer to bring up the Properties window. Open the Joins tab, and click the + button.



Set Join layer = GeoNames\_ADM2, with address\_gn as the join and target field.  
Check the box next to Custom Field Name Prefix and enter gn\_ in the box.  
Click OK.



The new join should appear in the Joins tab



If you click on the Fields tab, you should see the new fields appended to HAL\_sample

The screenshot shows the 'Layer Properties — HAL\_sample — Fields' dialog in QGIS. The left sidebar contains icons for various properties like Information, Source, Symbology, etc., with 'Fields' selected. The main area is a table titled 'Fields' with columns: Id, Name, Alias, Type, Type name, Length, and Precision. The table lists 21 fields. Fields 0 through 13 are original attributes ('State', 'Year', 'Mo', 'Day', 'Victim', 'County', 'Race', 'Sex', 'Mob', 'Offense', 'Note', '2nd Name', '3rd Name', 'County\_full'). Fields 14 through 20 are geocoding results from 'gn' ('gn\_geonameid', 'gn\_name', 'gn\_ascliname', 'gn\_alternatenames', 'gn\_latitude', 'gn\_longitude', 'gn\_feature\_class'). The table has a light yellow background with alternating row colors.

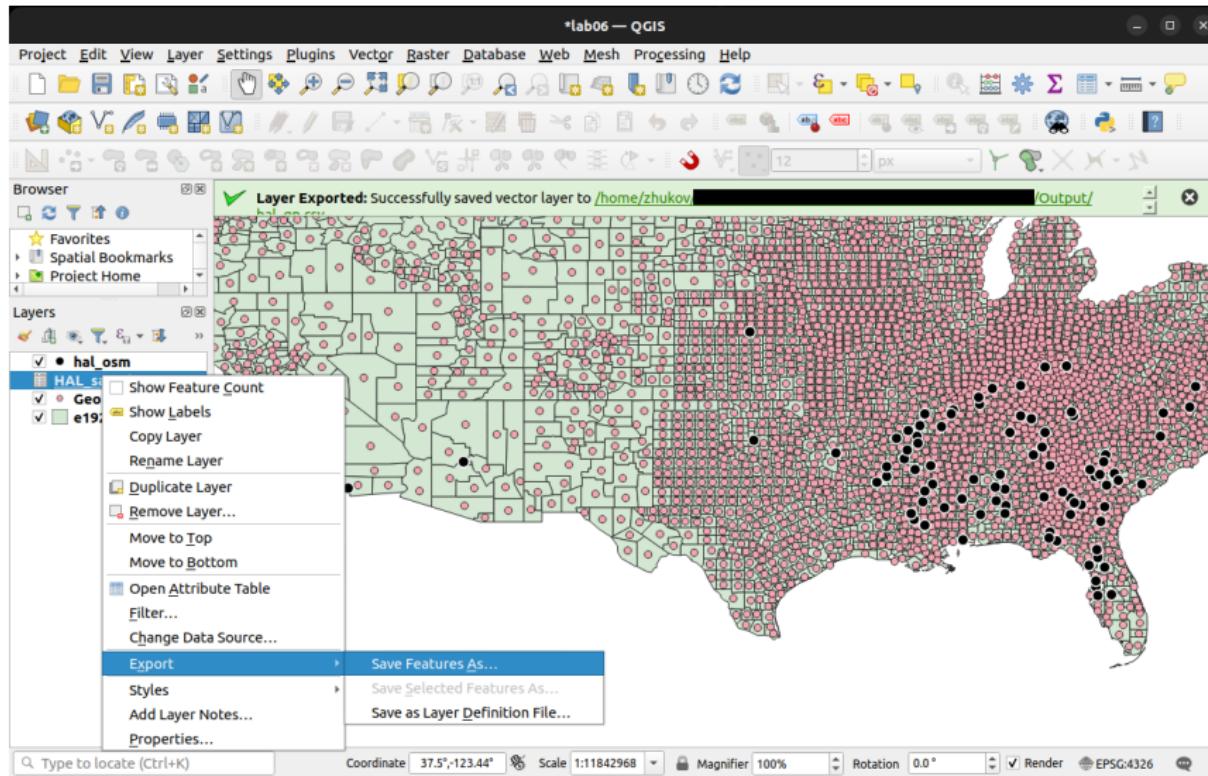
|  | Id | Name              | Alias | Type             | Type name | Length | Precision |
|--|----|-------------------|-------|------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
|  | 0  | State             |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 1  | Year              |       | Integer (32 bit) | integer   | 0      | 0         |
|  | 2  | Mo                |       | Integer (32 bit) | integer   | 0      | 0         |
|  | 3  | Day               |       | Integer (32 bit) | integer   | 0      | 0         |
|  | 4  | Victim            |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 5  | County            |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 6  | Race              |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 7  | Sex               |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 8  | Mob               |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 9  | Offense           |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 10 | Note              |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 11 | 2nd Name          |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 12 | 3rd Name          |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 13 | County_full       |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 14 | gn_geonameid      |       | Integer (32 bit) | integer   | 0      | 0         |
|  | 15 | gn_name           |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 16 | gn_ascliname      |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 17 | gn_alternatenames |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |
|  | 18 | gn_latitude       |       | Decimal (double) | double    | 0      | 0         |
|  | 19 | gn_longitude      |       | Decimal (double) | double    | 0      | 0         |
|  | 20 | gn_feature_class  |       | Text (string)    | text      | 0      | 0         |

You can also open the Attribute Table for HAL\_sample. Do you see the coordinates?

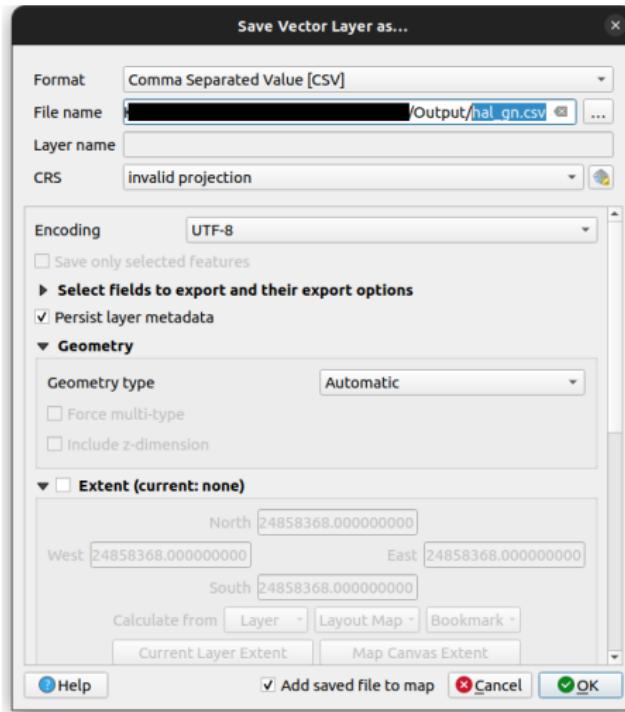
HAL\_sample — Features Total: 100, Filtered: 100, Selected: 0

| Note | 2nd Name  | 3rd Name      | County_full | address_gn    | gn_geonameid   | gn_name | gn_asciiname  | alternatenam  | gn_latitude    | gn_longitude | n_feature | clsn | feature | codn | coun |
|------|-----------|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|------|---------|------|------|
| 1    | NULL      | NULL          | NULL        | Aiken county  | aiken coun...  | 4569073 | Aiken County  | Aiken County  | Aiken,Aike...  | 33.54437     | -81.63474 | A    |         | ADM2 | US   |
| 2    | NULL      | NULL          | NULL        | Leon county   | leon count...  | 4161831 | Leon County   | Leon County   | Comitatul ...  | 30.45804     | -84.27788 | A    |         | ADM2 | US   |
| 3    | Uncertain | NULL          | NULL        | Lauderdale... | lauderdale ... | 4433028 | Lauderdale... | Lauderdale... | Comitatul ...  | 32.40429     | -88.66254 | A    |         | ADM2 | US   |
| 4    | NULL      | NULL          | NULL        | Lowndes c...  | lowndes co...  | 4073885 | Lowndes C...  | Lowndes C...  | Comitatul ...  | 32.15475     | -86.65011 | A    |         | ADM2 | US   |
| 5    | NULL      | NULL          | NULL        | Marion cou... | marion cou...  | 4163456 | Marion Cou... | Marion Cou... | Comitatul ...  | 29.2102      | -82.05668 | A    |         | ADM2 | US   |
| 6    | NULL      | George Ritter | NULL        | Moore cou...  | moore cou...   | 4480053 | Moore Cou...  | Moore Cou...  | Comitatul ...  | 35.31072     | -79.48131 | A    |         | ADM2 | US   |
| 7    | NULL      | NULL          | NULL        | Pasco county  | pasco coun...  | 4167895 | Pasco County  | Pasco County  | Comitatul ...  | 28.30674     | -82.43887 | A    |         | ADM2 | US   |
| 8    | NULL      | Wm. Herrig    | NULL        | Clay county   | clay county... | 4105899 | Clay County   | Clay County   | Clay,Clay C... | 36.36839     | -90.41738 | A    |         | ADM2 | US   |
| 9    | Uncertain | NULL          | NULL        | St. Tammany   | st. tamman...  |         | NULL          | NULL          | NULL           | NULL         | NULL      | NULL | NULL    | NULL | NULL |

To display the geocoded locations, we need to export the joined file and re-import it.  
Right-click on HAL\_sample and go to Export → Save Features As....



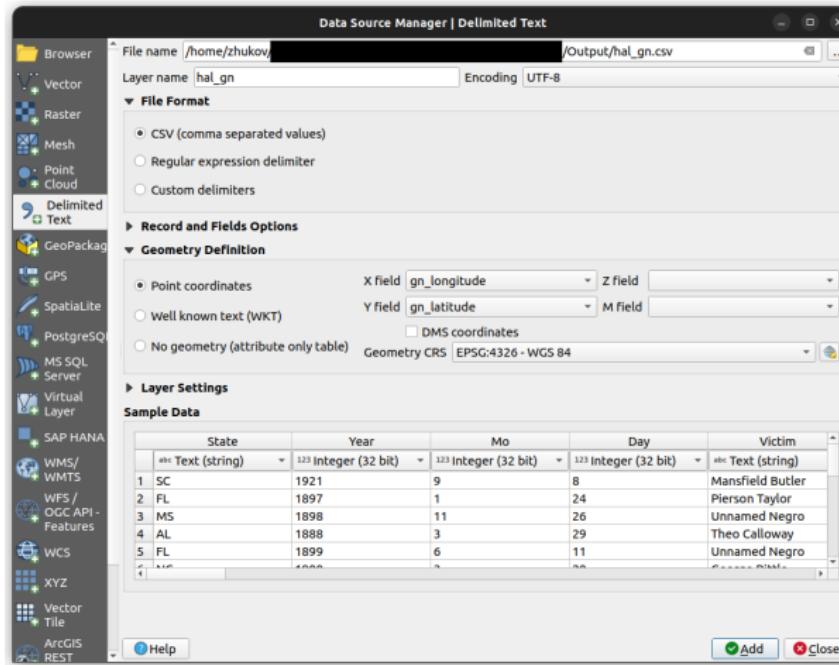
Save the file as `hal_gn.csv` (comma separated values)



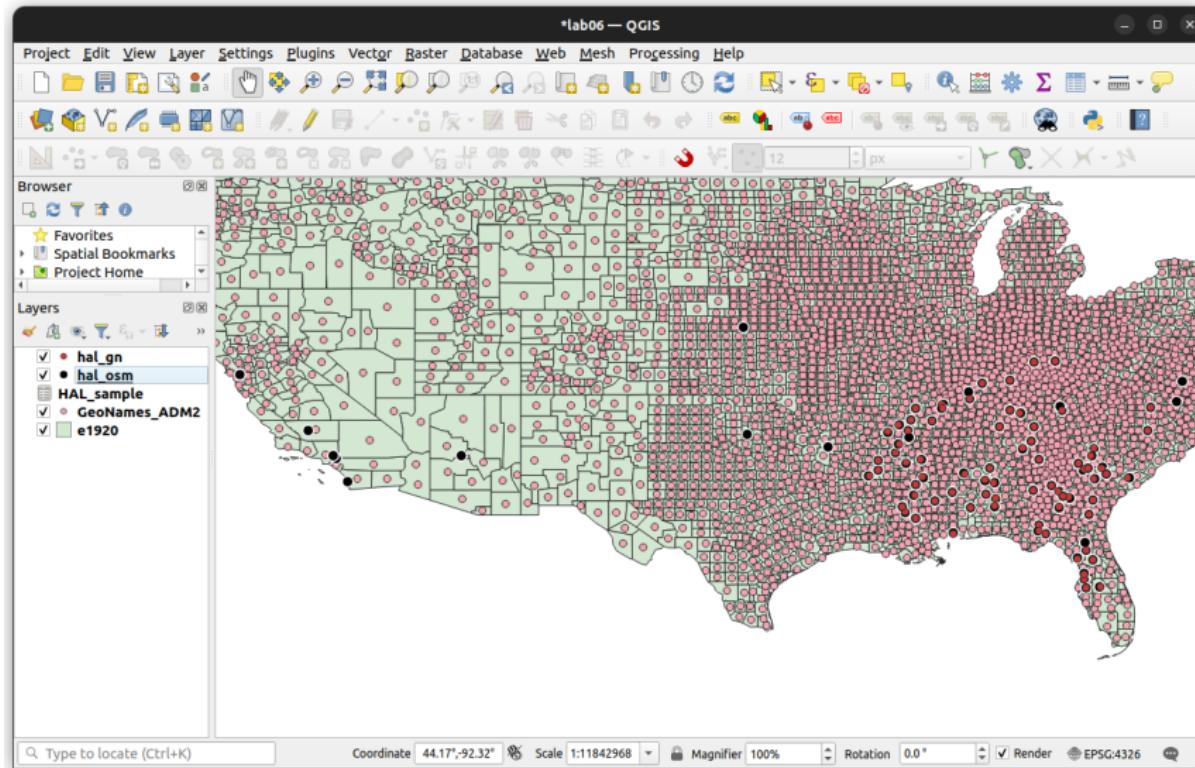
(Re-)import hal\_gn.csv, using Add Delimited Text Layer....

Set X field = gn\_longitude and Y field = gn\_latitude.

Set CRS = EPSG:4326

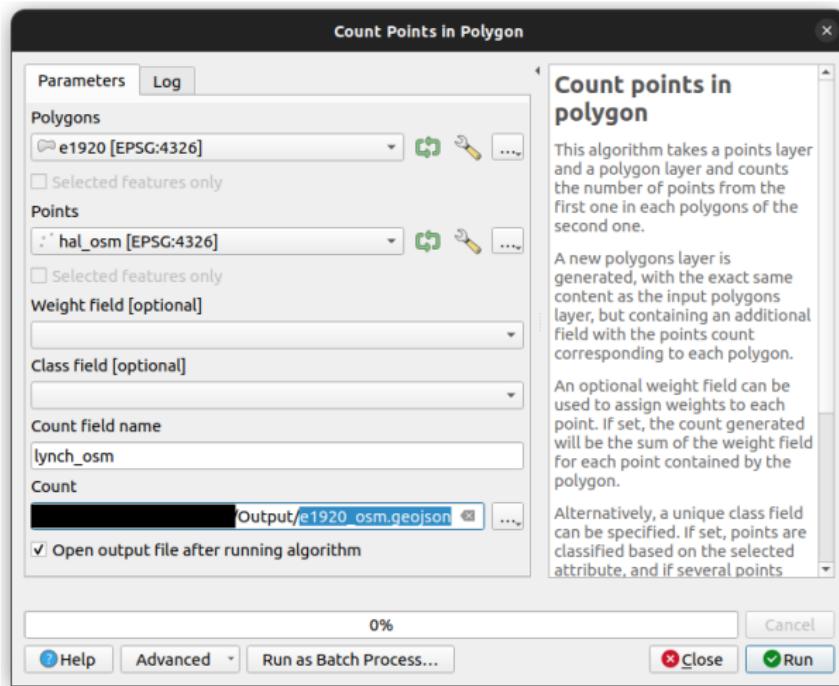


The new geocoded locations should appear on the project window.  
Now let's do some point-in-polygon analysis!

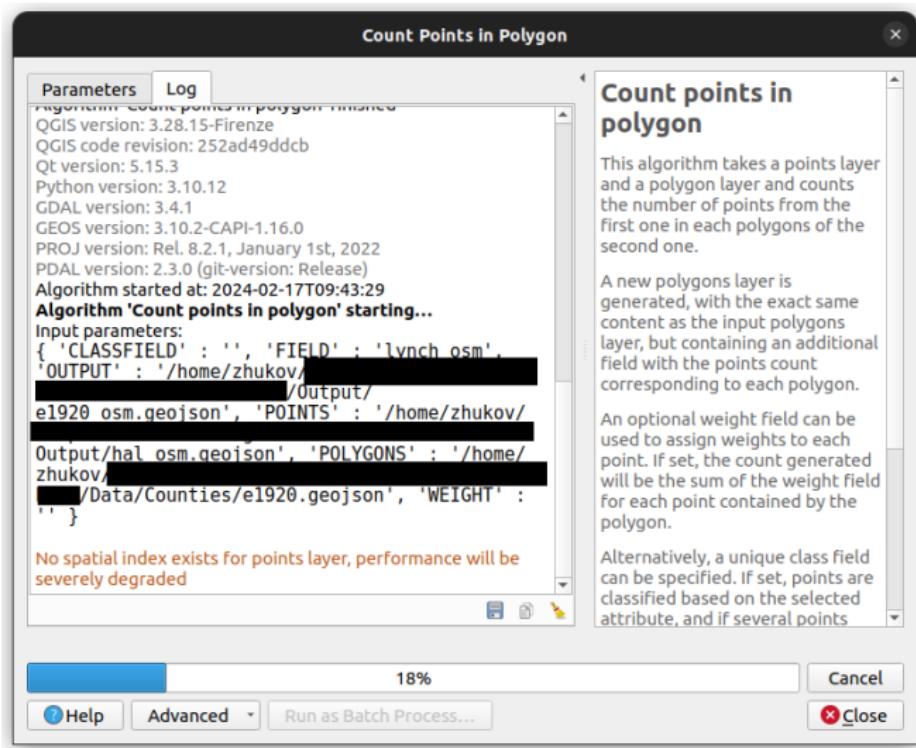


# Boxplot

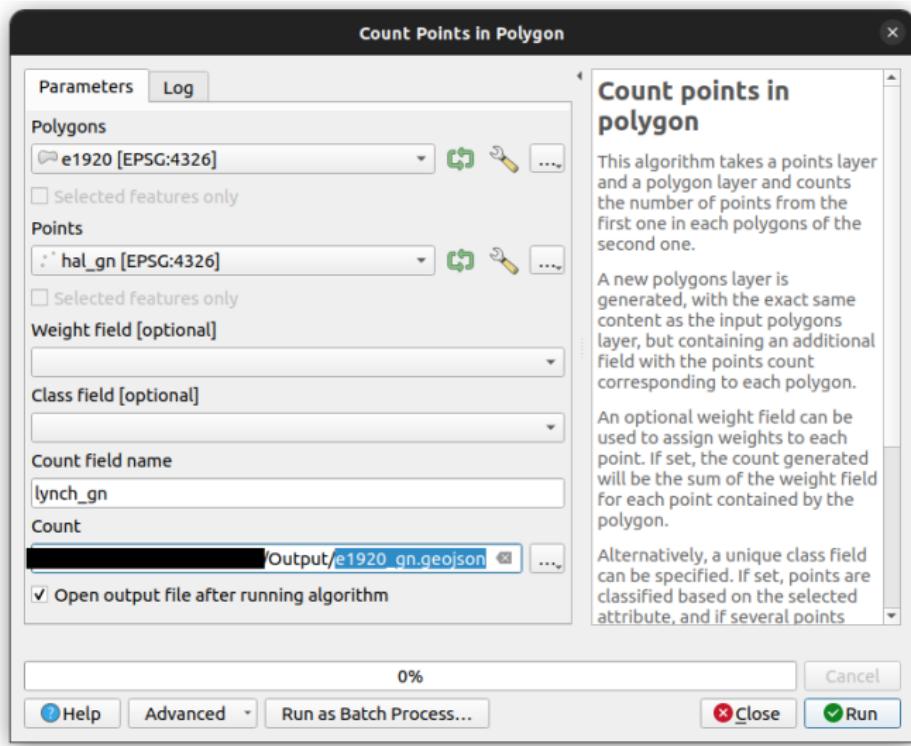
Navigate to Vector menu → Analysis Tools → Count Points in Polygon.  
Select Polygons = e1920, Points = hal\_osm. Name the count field lynch\_osm, and save the output to e1920\_osm.geojson. Click Run



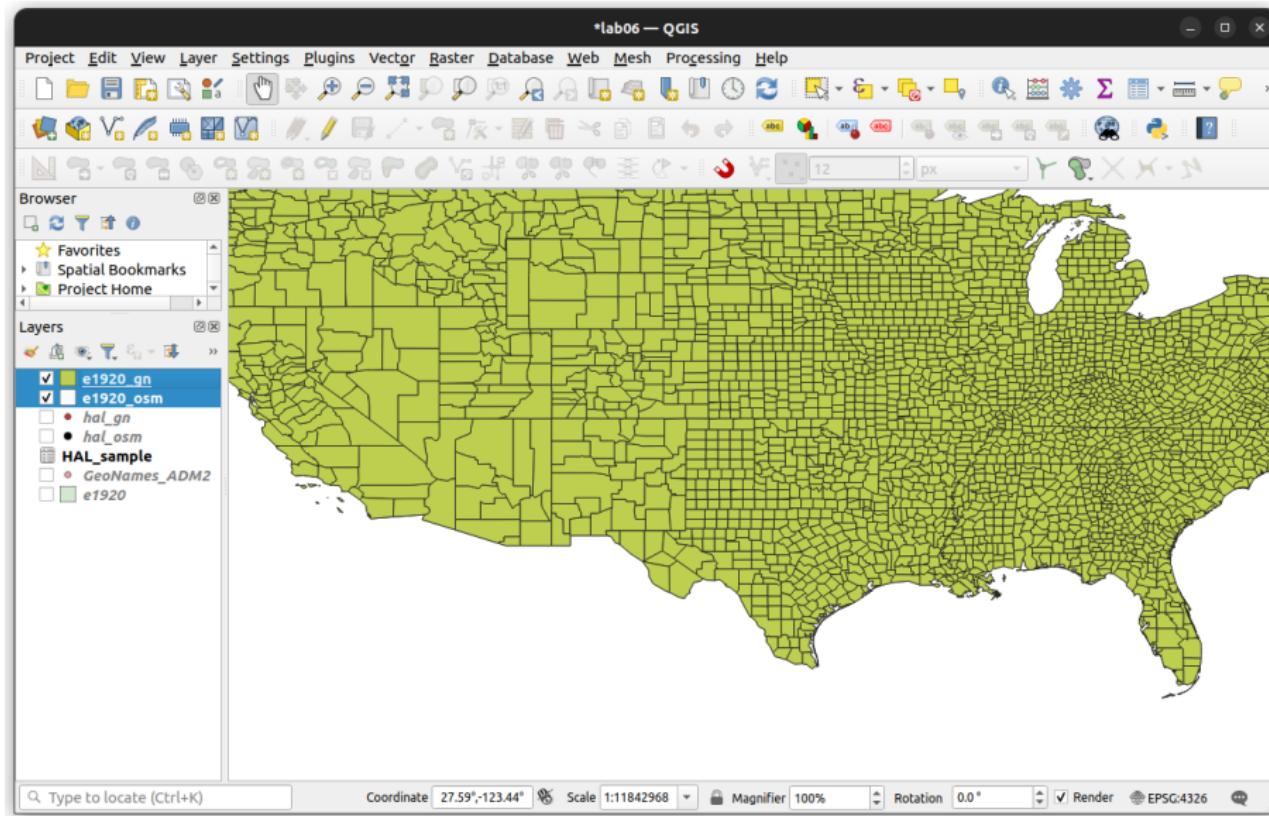
You may see a warning about “No spatial index exists...”. You can ignore it here



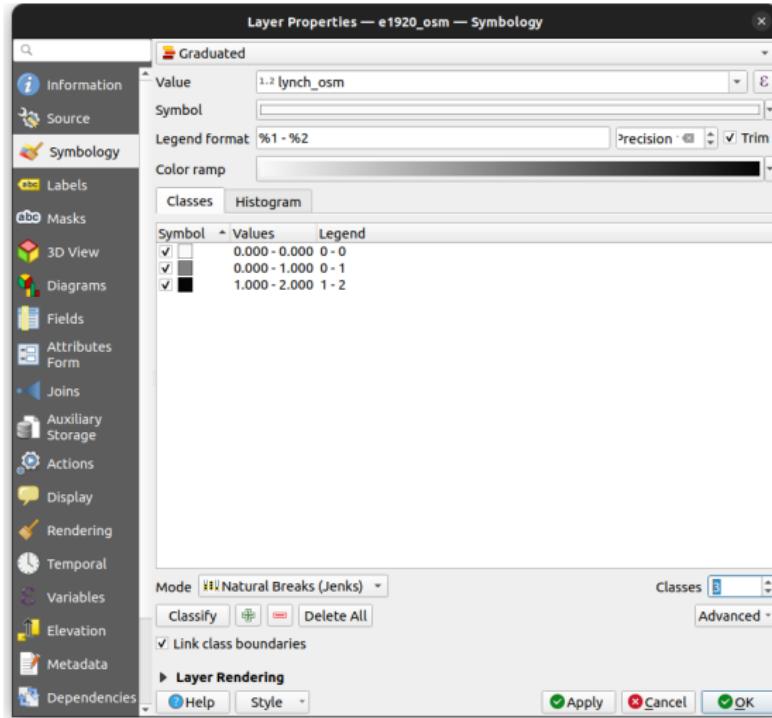
Repeat this process with `hal_gn` as the points layer. Name the count field `lynch_gn`, and save the output as `e1920_gn.geojson`



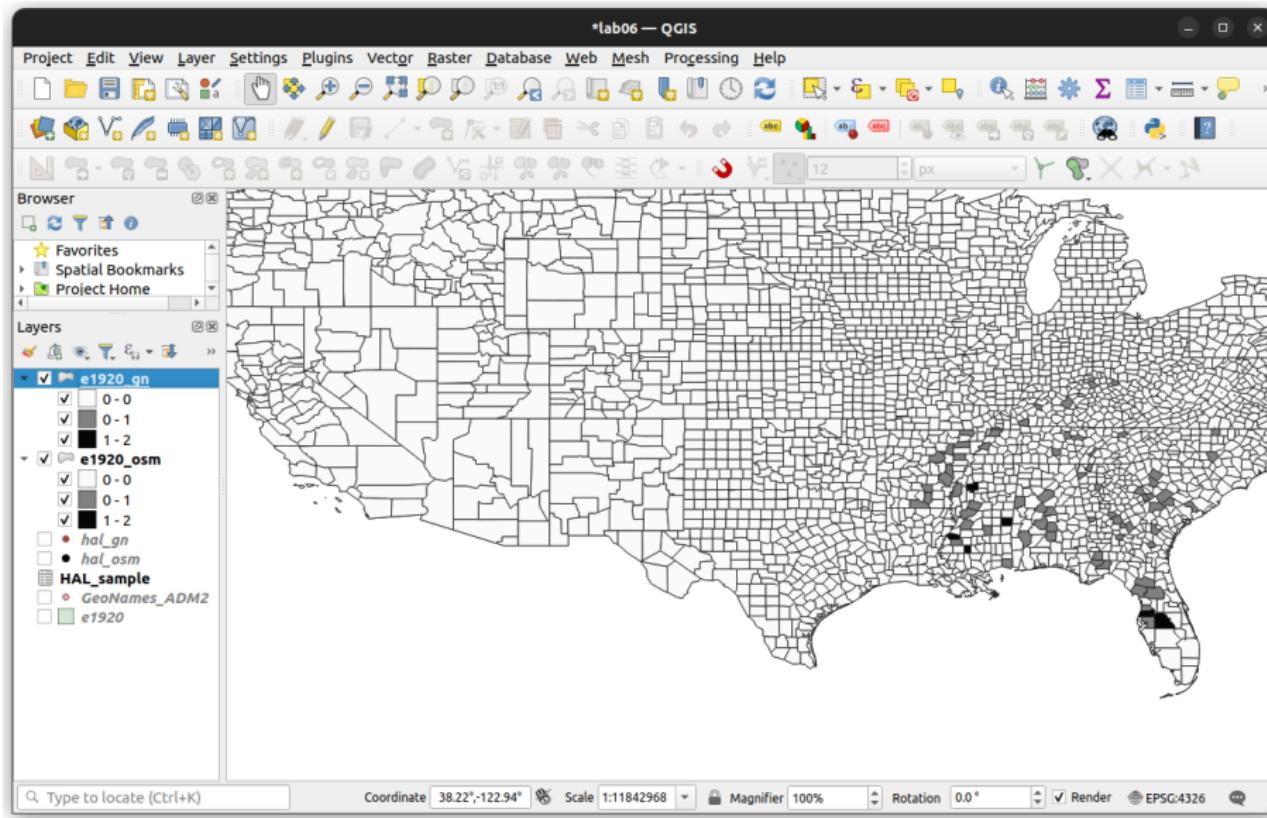
The two new layers e1920\_osm and e1920\_gn should appear in the project window



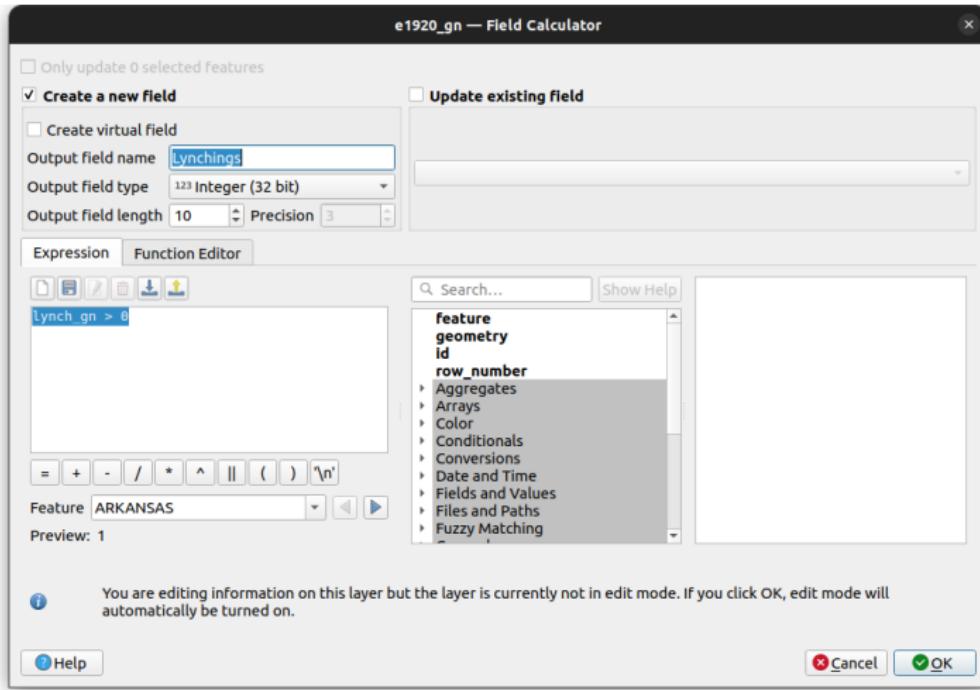
We can try plotting these new count variables through Layer Properties → Symbology. You will notice right away that there are not many unique values. I used Natural Breaks with 3 classes, but you can try other options.



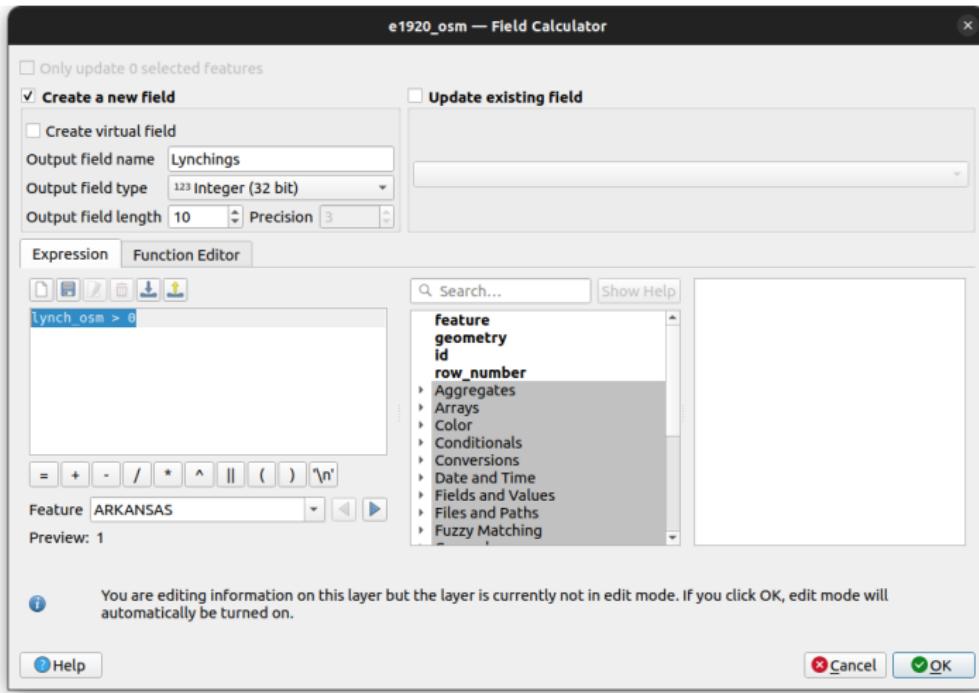
The resulting distribution should look something like this



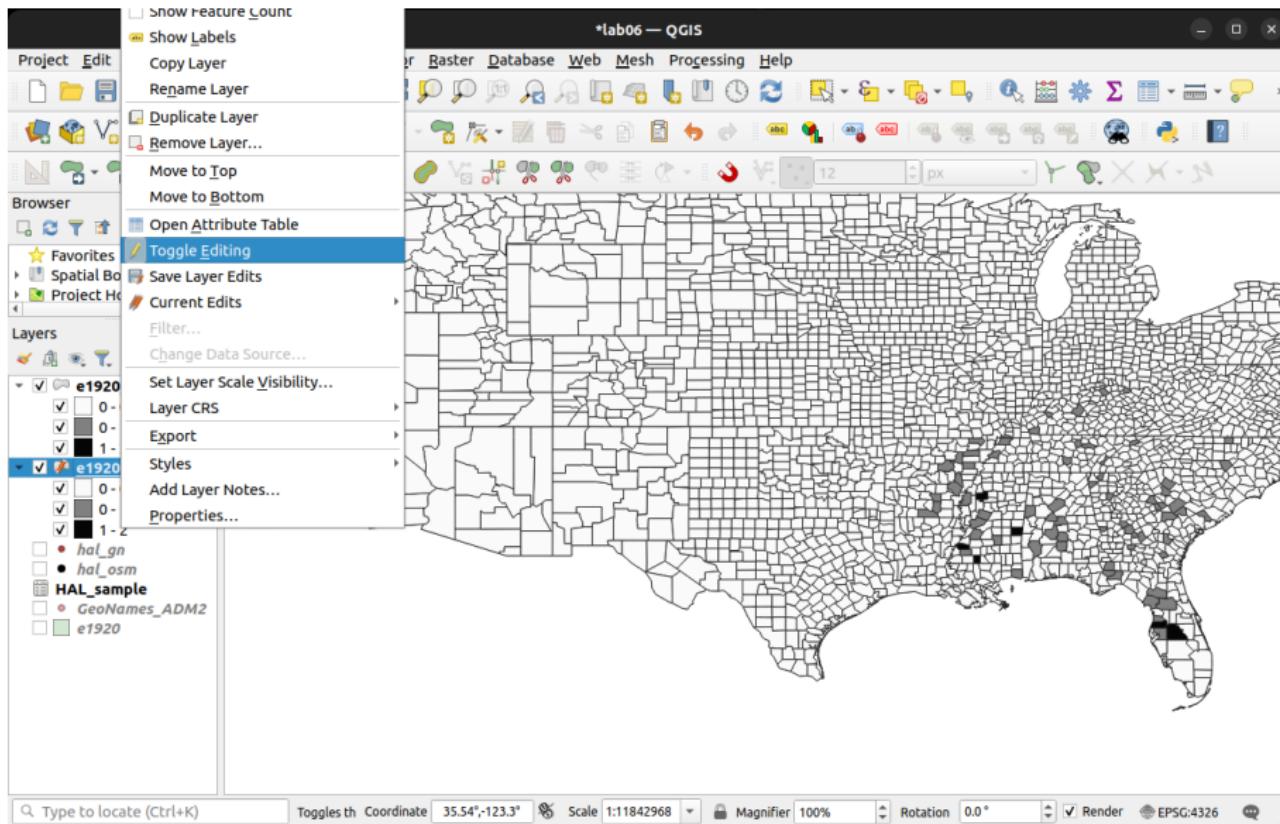
Let's create "dummy" variables indicating whether *at least one* lynching occurred in each county. Open Field Calculator for e1920\_gn, create new field, Lynchings of type Integer, with Expression set to lynch\_gn > 0. Click OK



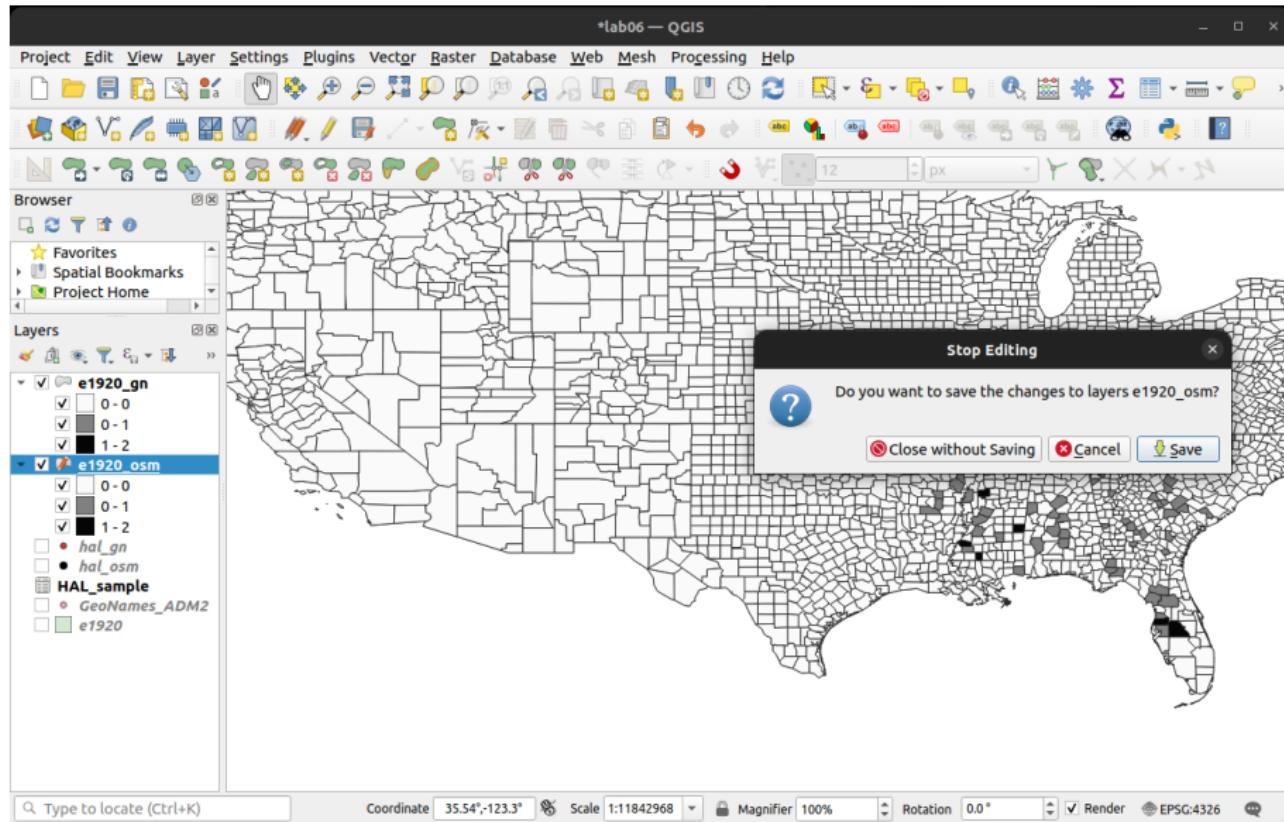
Do the same for e1920\_osm, with Expression set to lynch\_osm > 0



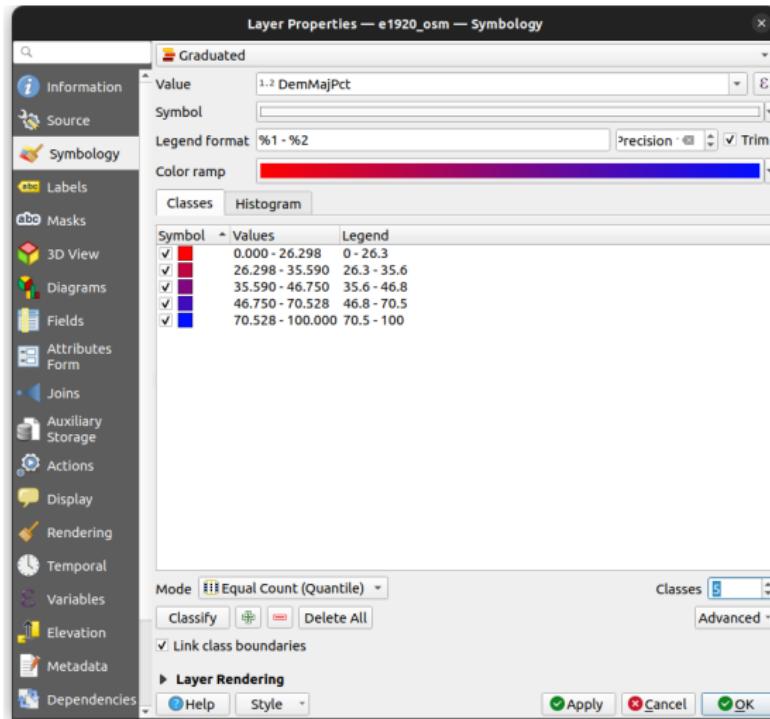
When finished, right-click on e1920\_osm and e1920\_gn, uncheck Toggle Editing



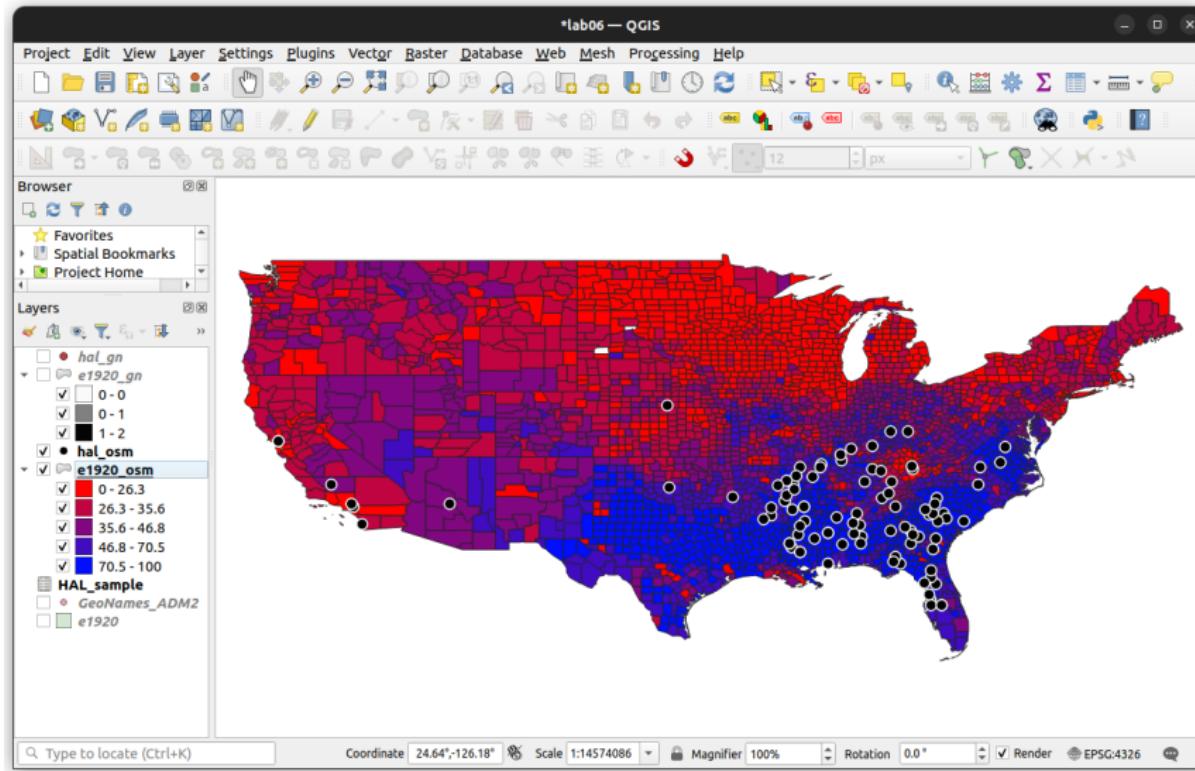
Save your changes when prompted. Do this for both layers



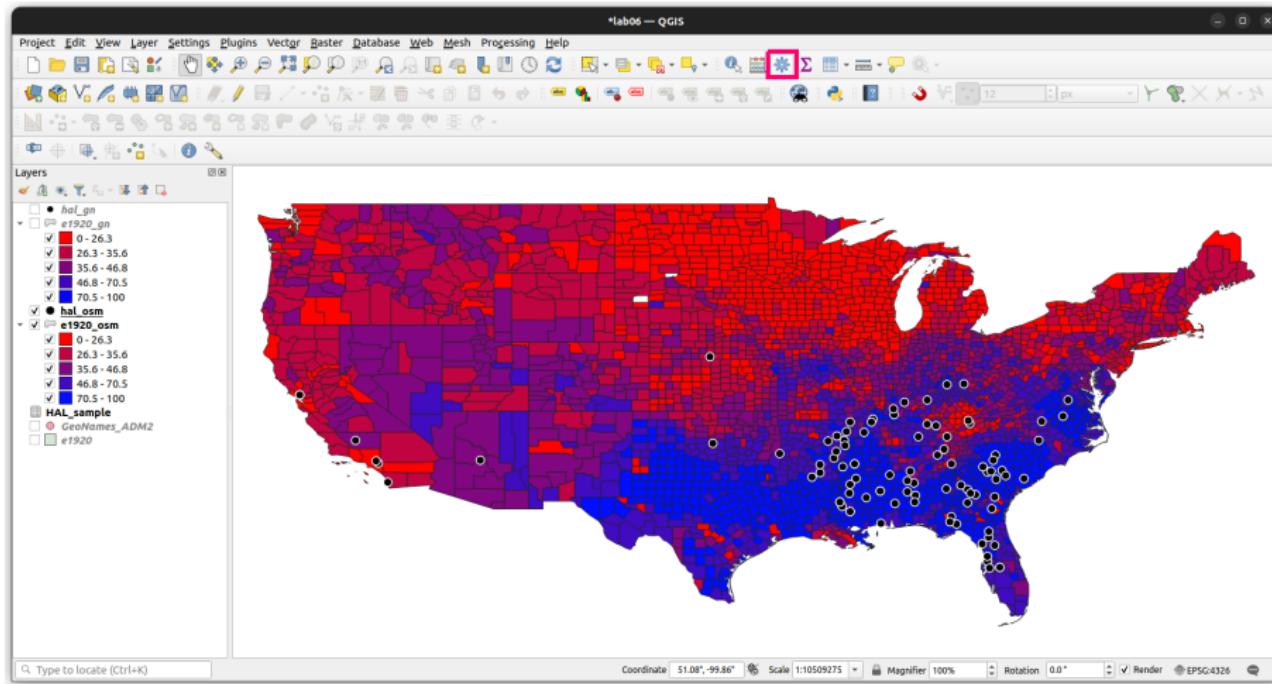
Let's examine the relationship between lynching locations and local electoral preferences. Plot the variable DemMajPct in e1920\_osm, with a red-to-blue color ramp (Equal Count with 5 classes)



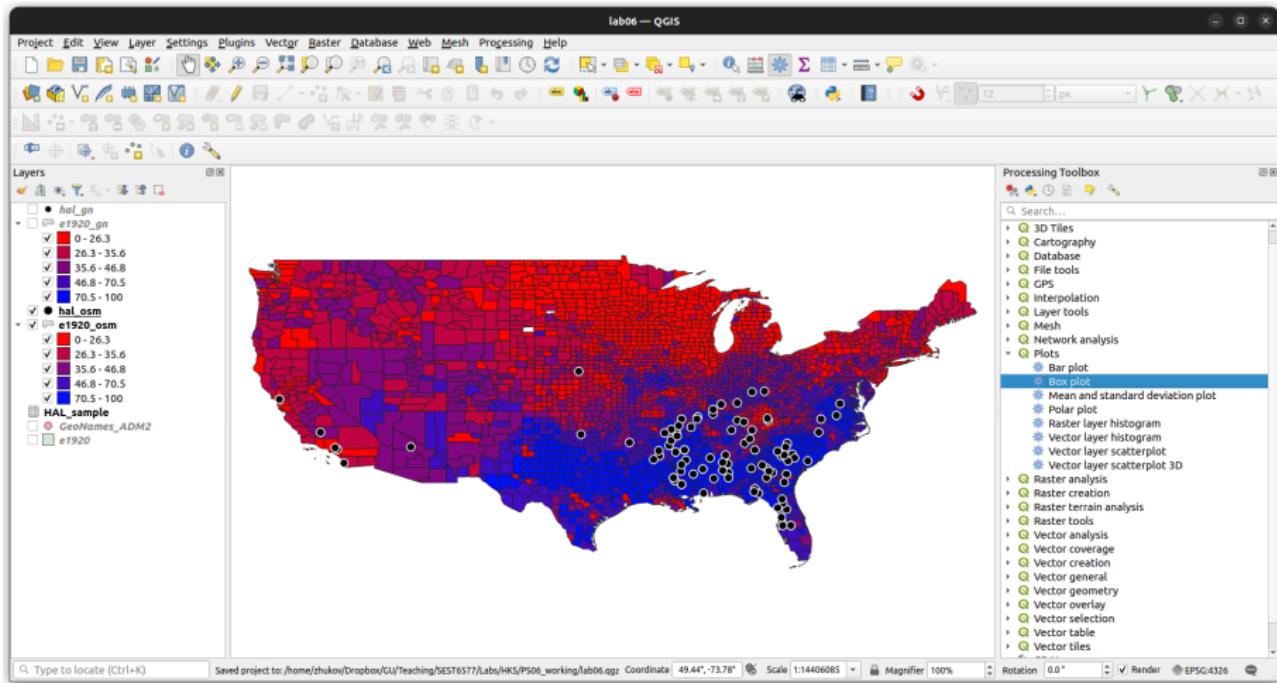
The lynching locations appear to be mostly in southern Democratic Party strongholds, but let's look at this more systematically



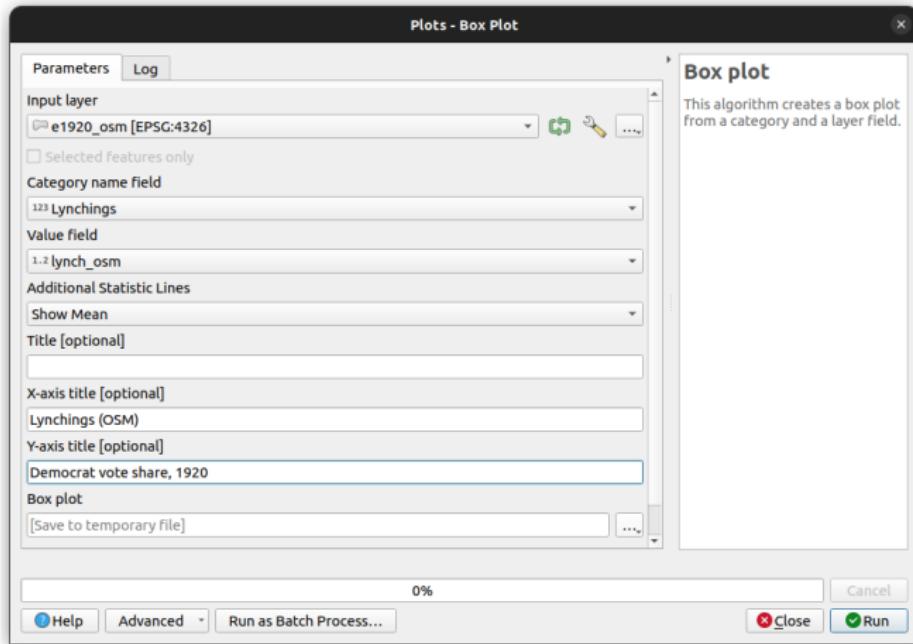
QGIS supports several basic statistical plotting functions. To find them, click on the *Processing Toolbox* button. Or go to *Processing menu → Toolbox*



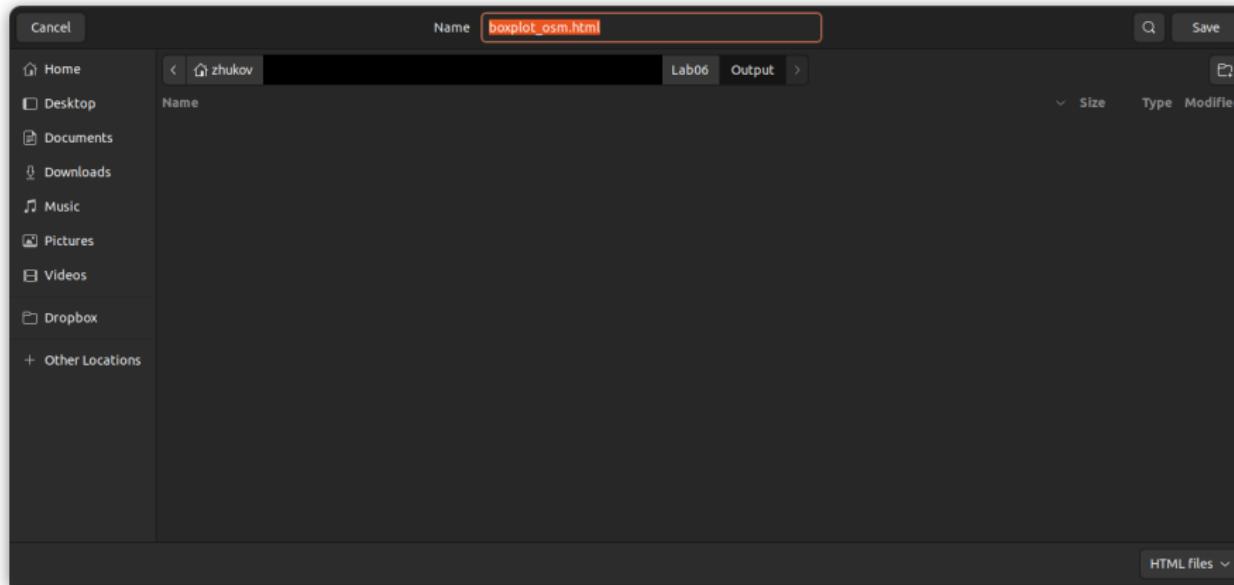
In the Toolbox panel, go to Plots → Box plot



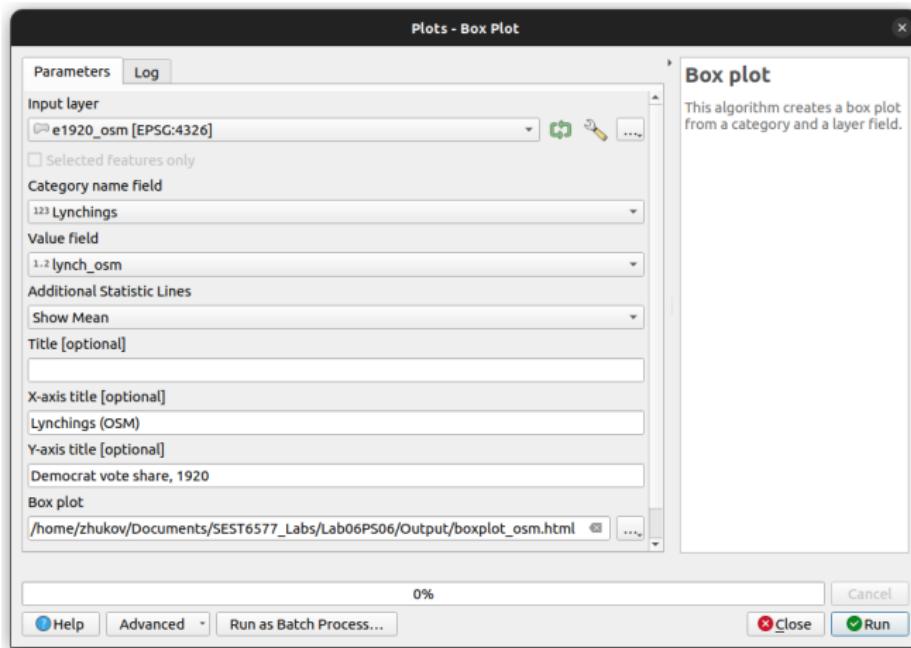
Set Input layer = e1920\_osm; Category name field = Lynchings; Value field = DemMajPct; Additional Statistic Lines = Show mean. Set the x and y axis labels to Lynchings (OSM) and Democratic vote share, 1920. Click on the ... next to Box plot → Save to File...



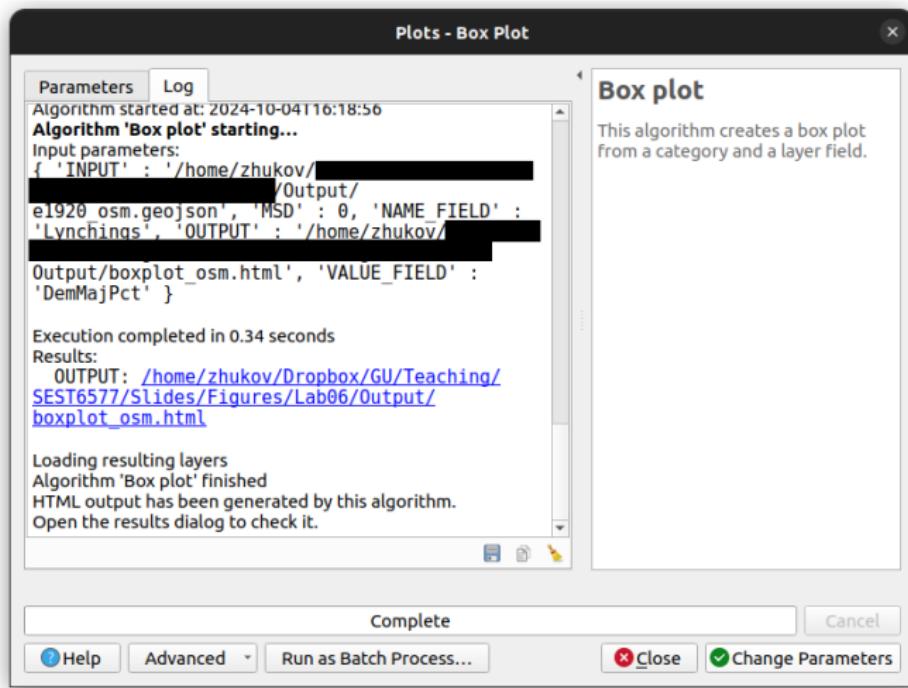
Save the file as `boxplot_osm.html` in the Output folder



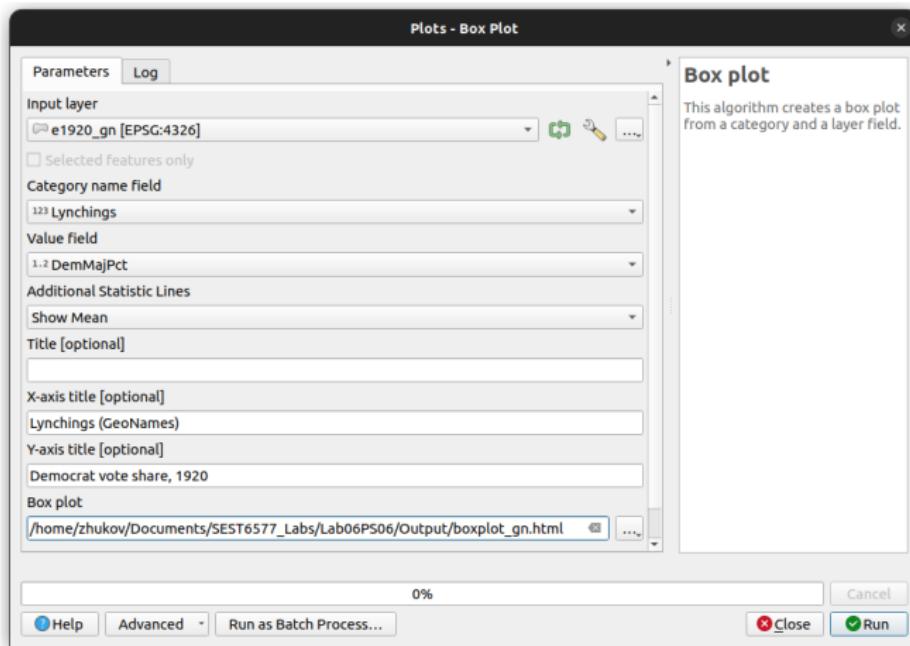
Click Run



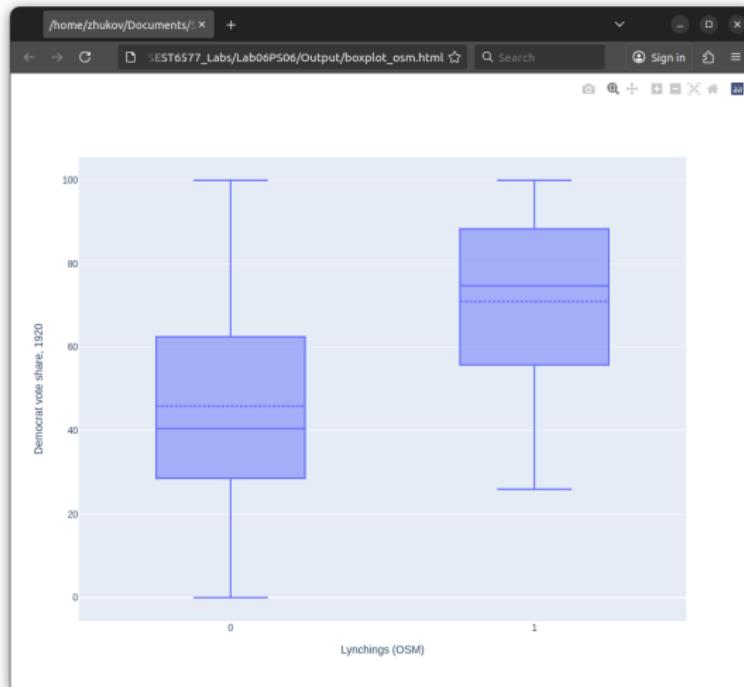
Check to make sure the process did not return any errors



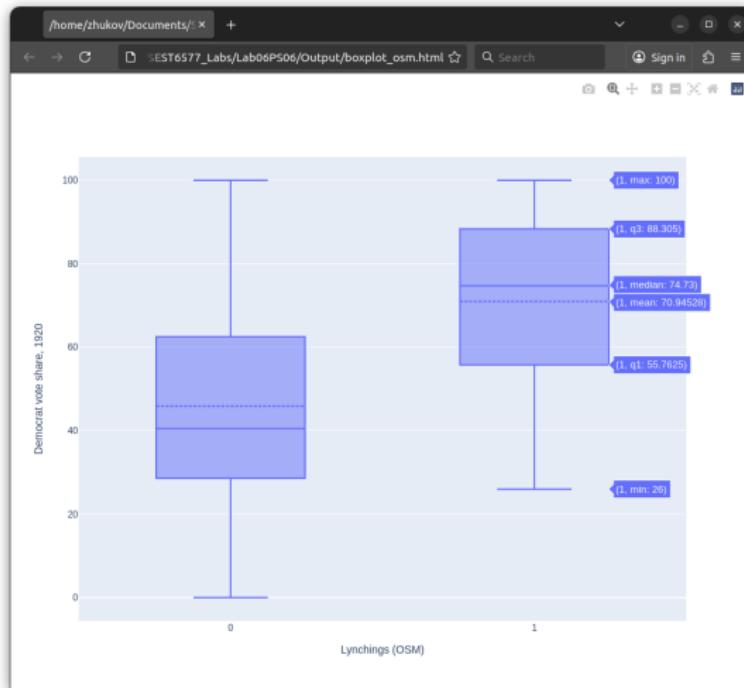
Create another box plot for GeoNames-geocoded e1920\_gn, with similar parameters



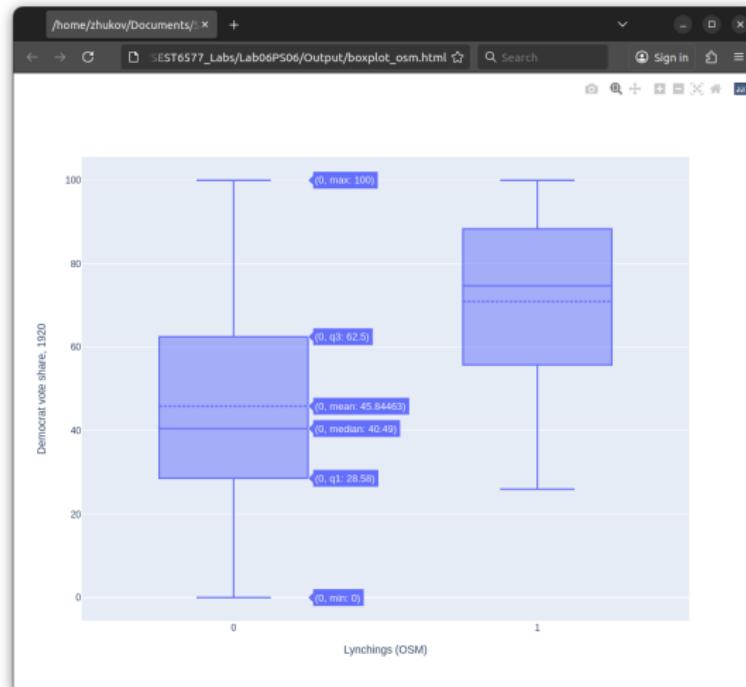
Open the `boxplot_osm.html` file in a web browser. The average Democratic vote share was indeed significantly higher for counties with lynchings (right) than counties without lynchings (left)



Hover your mouse over the boxes to see the summary statistics. In counties with lynchings the Democratic vote share was 69.6 percent, on average (median of 71.04).



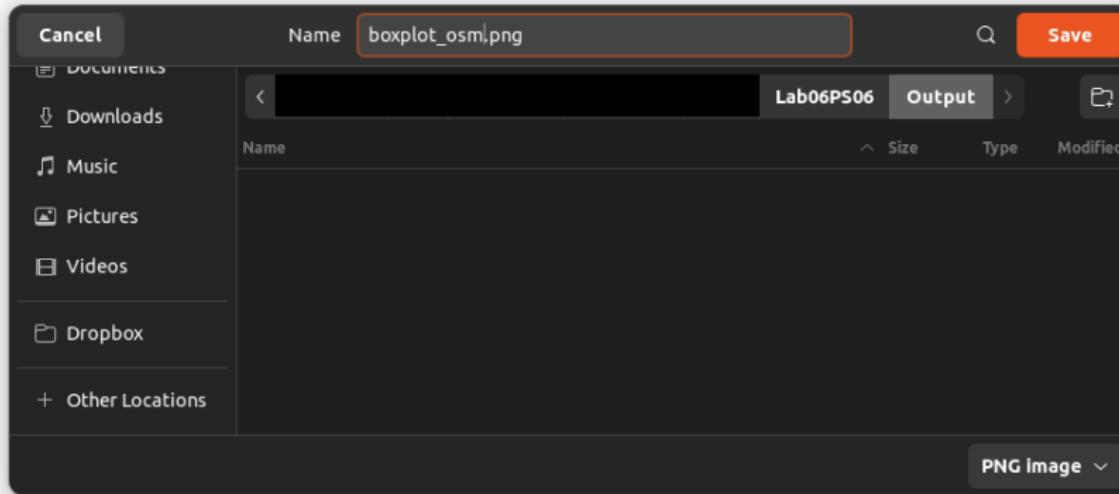
In counties without lynchings the Democratic vote share was 45.9 percent, on average (median of 40.5).



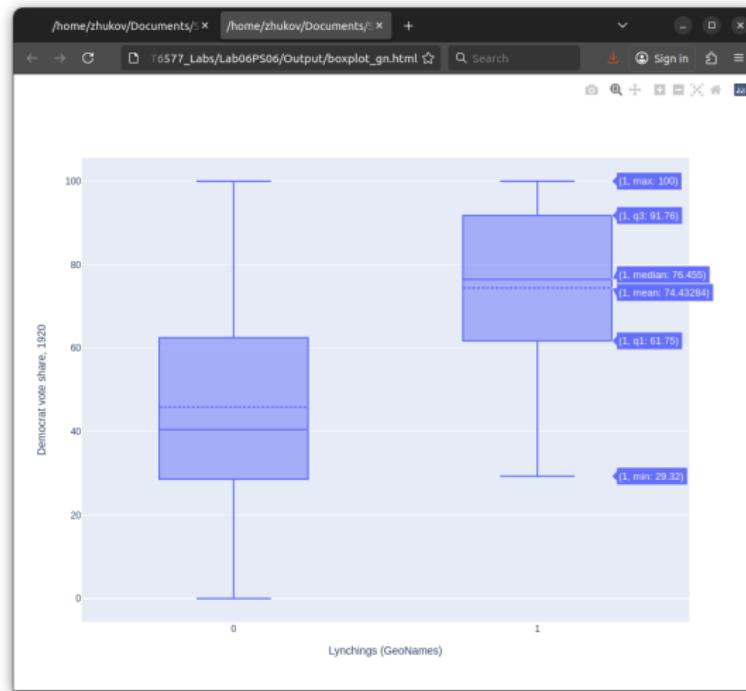
To export the box plot as a .png file, click on “Camera” icon in upper-right corner.



Name the file `boxplot_osm.png`



Repeat this process for GeoNames-geocoded e1920\_gn



## Problem Set 6

*Your assignment* (if using QGIS): create a similar boxplot and accompanying map for **Confederate monument locations**

- geocode the locations in Data/confedmont/memorials.csv, using OSM
  - hint: create an Address field from city and state names
- repeat the same point-in-polygon steps with 1920s elections data
- make and export a box plot, as just demonstrated
  - name the file boxplot\_monuments\_osm.png
- create and export a new map layout, showing:
  - points: monument locations
  - polygons: counties colored by Democratic vote share (DemMajPct)
  - legend (only the layers you're using should be on legend)
  - scale bar (optional)
- name the file map\_monuments\_osm.png
- upload map and accompanying box plot (**2 files!**) to Canvas

Like this:

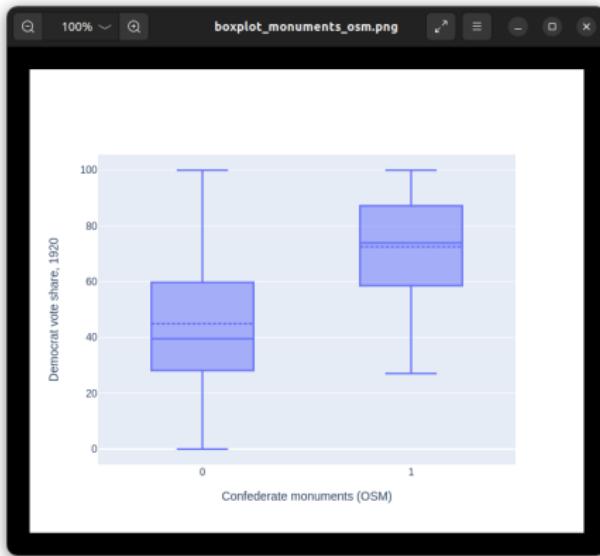


Figure 12: OSM boxplot

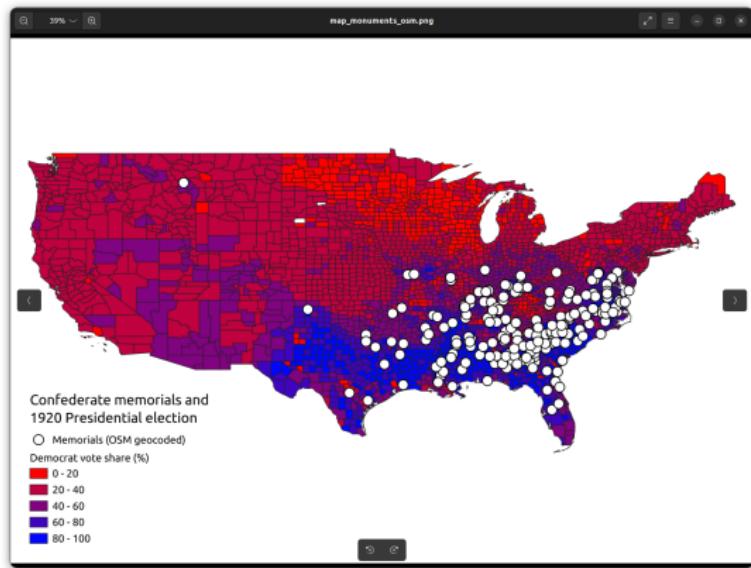


Figure 13: OSM map

R

## Loading R packages

To implement these steps in R, we will be using the `sf` package, and two others (`RCurl`, `jsonlite`) that help R compose HTTP requests and process the results returned by online servers:

```
library(sf)
library(RCurl)
library(jsonlite)
```

NOTE: The code to produce the maps and boxplots in R is in `ps06_demo.R` on RStudio Cloud, and in `Lab06PS06.zip` (posted on Canvas).

# Geocoding

As with QGIS, we will geocode in R using two methods:

1. Online, using a web service (OSM/Nominatum API)
2. Offline, using gazetteer data (GeoNames)

## Method 1: Geocode the addresses using OSM/Nominatum

Step 1: define a function `url_geo()` that sends queries to OSM/Nominatum, and returns geographic information from server:

```
url_geo = function(query, return.call = "json", sensor = "false") {  
  root = "https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search?q="  
  sfxx = "&format=json&polygon=1&addressdetails=1"  
  u = paste(root, query, sfxx, sep = "")  
  return(URLencode(u))  
}
```

Step 2: define a wrapper function geoCode\_OSM(), that sends the query through url\_geo() and parses the result:

```
geoCode_OSM = function(query,match.num=1){  
  address=NA; longitude=NA; latitude=NA  
  u = url_geo(query)  
  doc = RCurl::getURL(u,httpheader = c('User-Agent' = "contact info"))  
  if(nchar(doc)>2){  
    dat = jsonlite::fromJSON(doc)  
    if(nrow(dat)>0){  
      address = dat$display_name[match.num]  
      longitude = as.numeric(as.character(dat$lon[match.num]))  
      latitude = as.numeric(as.character(dat$lat[match.num]))  
    }  
    return(data.frame(  
      address=address,longitude=longitude,latitude=latitude  
    ))  
  }  
}
```

Let's test the geocoding function!

```
geoCode_OSM("37th and 0 St NW, Washington, DC")
```

```
##  
##  
## 1: 37th and 0 St NW / Georgetown University, 3700, 0 Street Northwest, Georgetown, Ward 2, Washington, District of Columbia, United States  
##   longitude latitude  
##       <num>      <num>  
## 1: -77.07166 38.90785
```

```
geoCode_OSM("Georgetown University")
```

```
##  
##  
## 1: Georgetown University, 3700, 0 Street Northwest, Georgetown, Ward 2, Washington, District of Columbia, 20057, United States  
##   longitude latitude  
##       <num>      <num>  
## 1: -77.07458 38.90894
```

```
geoCode_OSM("Georgetown")
```

```
##                                     address
##                                     <char>
## 1: Georgetown, Plaisance-Industry Local Government, Demerara-Mahaica, Guyana
##   longitude latitude
##   <num>      <num>
## 1: -58.16245 6.813743
```

```
geoCode_OSM("Georgetown", match.num=2)
```

```
geoCode_OSM("Georgetown", match.num=3)
```

```
##                                     address
##                                     <char>
## 1: City of Georgetown, Plaisance-Industry Local Government, Demerara-Mahaica, Guyana
##   longitude latitude
##   <num>      <num>
## 1: -58.16245 6.813743
##                                     address longitude latitude
##                                     <char>      <num>      <num>
## 1: Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, United States -97.67756 30.63702
```

## Load, pre-process Project HAL data

Load the tabular dataset using `read.csv()`, and preview the first few rows:

```
hal = read.csv("Data/HAL/HAL_sample.csv")
head(hal)

##   State Year Mo Day      Victim    County Race Sex Mob      Offense
## 1   SC 1921  9  8 Mansfield Butler     Aiken Blk Male Muderous assault
## 2   FL 1897  1 24 Pierson Taylor      Leon Blk Male Attempted rape
## 3   MS 1898 11 26 Unnamed Negro Lauderdale Blk Male          Assault
## 4   AL 1888  3 29 Theo Calloway    Lowndes Blk Male          Murder
## 5   FL 1899  6 11 Unnamed Negro     Marion Blk Male Blk Aided in lynching
## 6   NC 1900  3 20 George Rittle     Moore Blk Male           Informer
##   Note    X2nd.Name X3rd.Name
## 1
## 2
## 3 Uncertain
## 4
## 5
## 6       George Ritter
```

Create new field for “county, state” and placeholders for coordinates

```
hal$address = paste0(hal$County_full, ", ", hal$State)
hal$longitude = NA
hal$latitude = NA
```

To geocode as a batch processing routine, we will write a `for()` loop, which runs the `geoCode_OSM()` function for each address in `hal` and stores the result:

```
for(i in 1:nrow(hal)){
  # Skip past errors
  tryCatch({
    address_geo = geoCode_OSM(hal$address[i])
    # Add coordinates to dataset
    hal$longitude[i] = address_geo$longitude
    hal$latitude[i] = address_geo$latitude
    # Report progress
    print(paste0(i,"/",nrow(hal),"; ",address_geo$address))
  },error=function(e){
    print(paste("Unable to geocode",hal$address[i]))
  })
}
```

## Inspect the results of OSM geocoding:

`head(hal)`

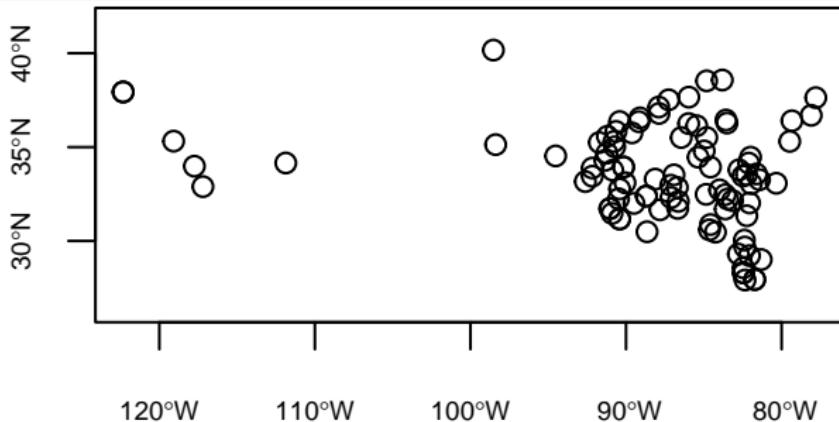
```
##   State Year Mo Day      Victim    County Race Sex Mob      Offense
## 1   SC 1921  9   8 Mansfield Butler     Aiken Blk Male Muderous assault
## 2   FL 1897  1  24 Pierson Taylor      Leon Blk Male Attempted rape
## 3   MS 1898 11  26 Unnamed Negro Lauderdale Blk Male          Assault
## 4   AL 1888  3  29 Theo Calloway     Lowndes Blk Male          Murder
## 5   FL 1899  6  11 Unnamed Negro      Marion Blk Male Blk Aided in lynching
## 6   NC 1900  3  20 George Rittle     Moore Blk Male           Informer
##       Note      X2nd.Name X3rd.Name    County_full            address
## 1                               Aiken county     Aiken county, SC
## 2                               Leon county      Leon county, FL
## 3 Uncertain                  Lauderdale county Lauderdale county, MS
## 4                               Lowndes county    Lowndes county, AL
## 5                               Marion county    Marion county, FL
## 6       George Ritter        Moore county     Moore county, NC
##   longitude latitude
## 1 -81.61821 33.57232
## 2 -84.25491 30.46831
## 3 -88.68964 32.39052
## 4 -86.64025 32.10881
## 5 -82.06269 29.21825
## 6 -79.47612 35.30546
```

Drop observations with missing coordinates:

```
hal_osm = hal[which(!is.na(hal$longitude)),]
```

Convert results to sf object and plot on a map:

```
hal_osm = st_as_sf(hal_osm,  
                    coords=c("longitude","latitude"),crs=4326)  
plot(hal_osm["geometry"],axes=TRUE)
```



## Method 2: Geocode the addresses using GeoNames gazetteer

Load gazetteer data:

```
gn = read.csv("Data/GeoNames/GeoNames_ADM2.csv")
```

Create common variables for matching:

```
gn$address_gn = tolower(paste0(gn$asciiname, ", ", gn$admin1_code))
hal$address_gn = tolower(paste0(hal$County_full, ", ", hal$State))
```

Rename OSM coordinates to avoid confusion:

```
hal$longitude_osm <- hal$longitude; hal$latitude_osm <- hal$latitude
hal$longitude <- hal$latitude <- NULL
```

Geocode addresses (i.e. join the datasets):

```
hal_gn = merge(x = hal, y = gn, by = "address_gn")
```

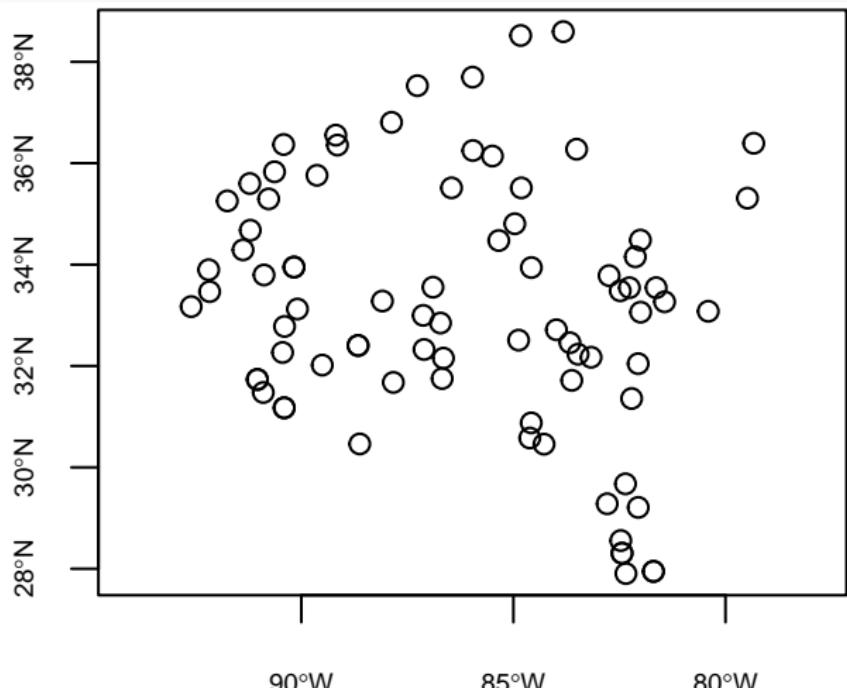
Inspect the results:

```
head(hal_gn)
```

```
##           address_gn State Year Mo Day      Victim County Race Sex Mob
## 1    aiken county, sc   SC 1921  9  8 Mansfield Butler     Aiken Blk Male
## 2  alachua county, fl   FL 1892  9  6      Unnamed Negro  Alachua Blk Male
## 3 arkansas county, ar   AR 1891 12 21       J.A. Smith Arkansas Wht Male
## 4 barnwell county, sc   SC 1890  1  7        Wm. Black Barnwell Blk Male
## 5 bedford county, tn   TN 1912  2 19       Watt Greer Bedford Blk Male
## 6    babb county, al   AL 1904  6 23        Joe Scott Bibb Blk Male Blk
##           Offense longitude_osm latitude_osm geonameid longitude latitude
## 1 Muderous assault     -81.61821    33.57232  4569073 -81.63474 33.54437
## 2          Arson        -82.36401    29.67557  4145709 -82.35770 29.67476
## 3         Murder       -91.35985    34.29025  4099679 -91.37491 34.29081
## 4       Burglary      -81.41908    33.26410  4570020 -81.43502 33.26606
## 5         Murder      -86.45072    35.50995  4829092 -86.45889 35.51380
## 6         Murder      -87.12271    32.97108  4049189 -87.12644 32.99864
```

Convert results to sf object and plot on a map:

```
hal_gn = sf::st_as_sf(hal_gn,  
                      coords=c("longitude", "latitude"), crs=4326)  
plot(hal_gn["geometry"], axes=TRUE)
```



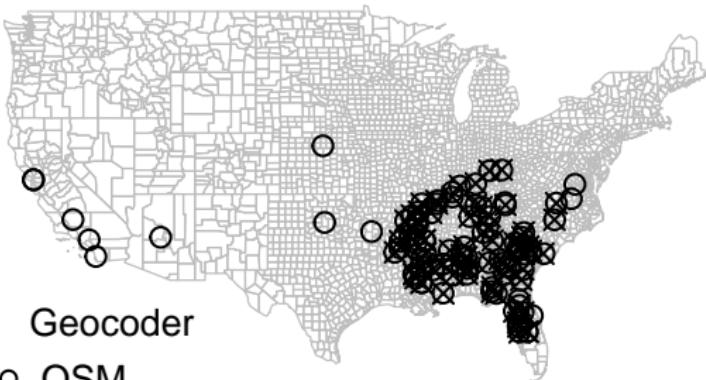
# Boxplot

Load 1920 US county boundaries:

```
e1920 = sf::read_sf("Data/Counties/e1920.geojson")
```

Plot overlay with geocoded lynchings

```
plot(e1920[["geometry"]], border="gray", reset=FALSE)
plot(hal_osm[["geometry"]], col="black", pch=1, add=TRUE)
plot(hal_gn[["geometry"]], col="black", pch=4, add=TRUE)
legend("bottomleft", pch=c(1,4), col=c("black", "black"),
       legend=c("OSM", "GeoNames"), title="Geocoder", bty="n")
```



Geocoder

- OSM
- × GeoNames

## Point-in-polygon analysis

Overlay points objects (hal\_\*) and polygons (e1920)

```
o_osm = sf::st_intersects(x = e1920, y = hal_osm)
o_gn = sf::st_intersects(x = e1920, y = hal_gn)
```

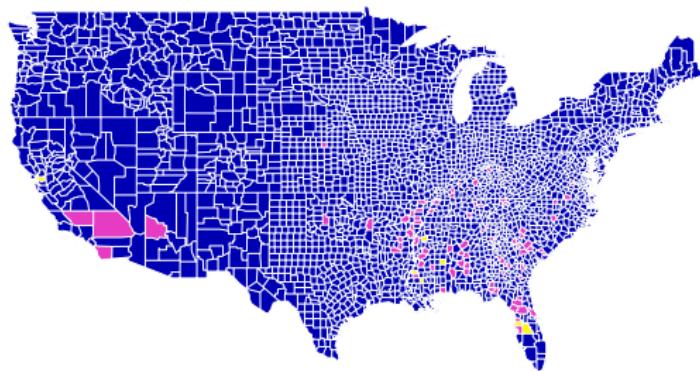
Assign counts to new variables

```
e1920$lynchings_osm = lengths(o_osm)
e1920$lynchings_gn = lengths(o_gn)
```

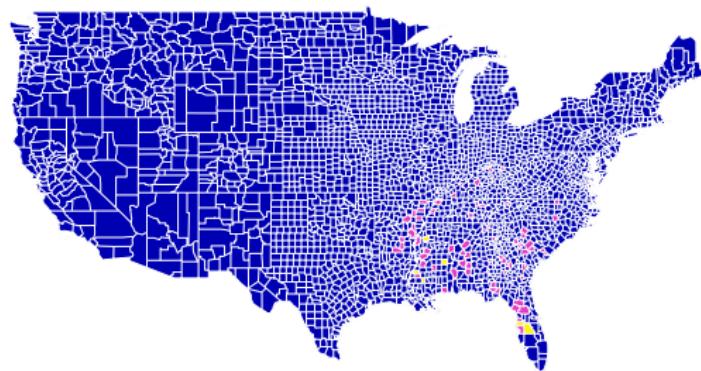
Plot the results

```
plot(e1920["lynchings_osm"], main = "Lynchings (OSM)")  
plot(e1920["lynchings_gn"], main = "Lynchings (GeoNames)")
```

Lynchings (OSM)



Lynchings (GeoNames)



0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0

0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0

Calculate new field (at least one lynching per county)

```
e1920$lynchings_osm_1 = 1*(e1920$lynchings_osm>0)
e1920$lynchings_gn_1 = 1*(e1920$lynchings_gn>0)
```

Number of counties with lynching, according to OSM vs. GeoNames

```
sum(e1920$lynchings_osm_1)
```

```
## [1] 89
```

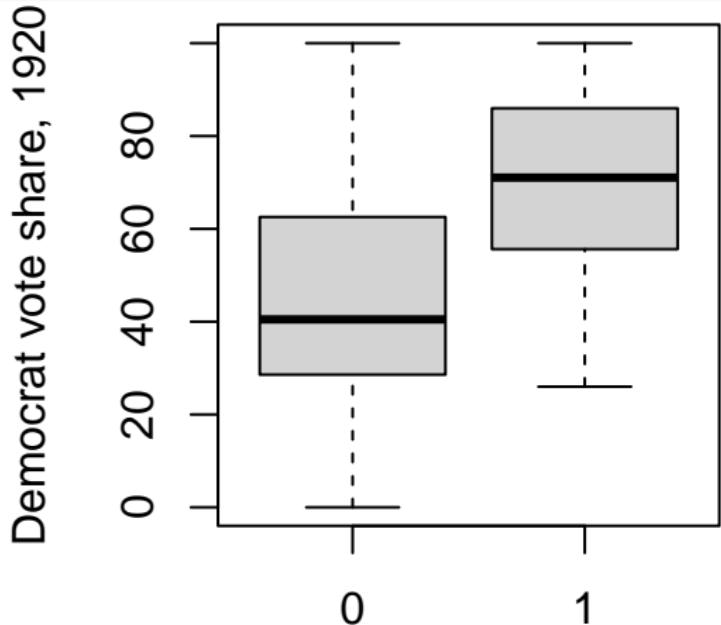
```
sum(e1920$lynchings_gn_1)
```

```
## [1] 74
```

Extra credit for anyone who figures out the source of the discrepancy and (partially) fixes it. Hint: it has to do with pelicans and beignets.

## Create box plot for OSM-geocoded data

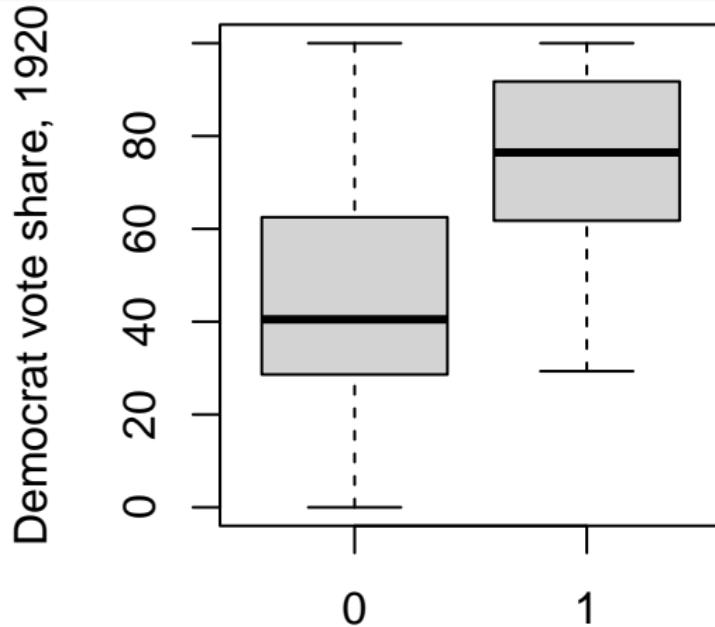
```
boxplot(DemMajPct ~ lynchings_osm_1, data = e1920,  
       xlab = "Lynchings (OSM)", ylab = "Democrat vote share, 1920")
```



Lynchings (OSM)

## Create box plot for GeoNames-geocoded data

```
boxplot(DemMajPct ~ lynchings_gn_1, data = e1920,  
       xlab = "Lynchings (GeoNames)", ylab = "Democrat vote share, 1920")
```



Lynchings (GeoNames)

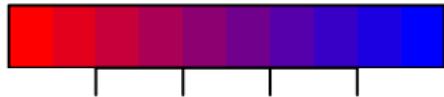
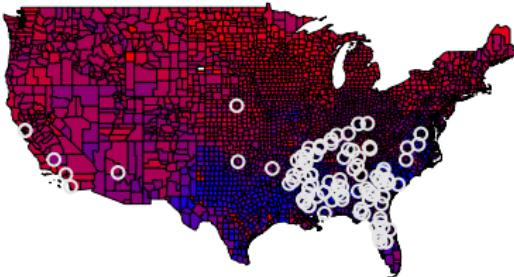
Create red-to-blue color ramp for maps

```
ramp = colorRampPalette(c("red","blue"), space = "rgb")
```

Map the OSM-geocoded locations:

```
plot(e1920["DemMajPct"], pal=ramp(10), reset = FALSE,  
     main = "Lynchings (OSM geocoded) and Democratic vote share in 1920")  
plot(hal_osm["geometry"], add=T, col="grey90", pch=1)
```

### Lynchings (OSM geocoded) and Democratic vote share in 1920

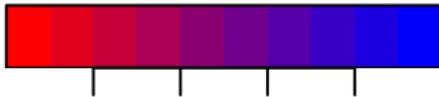
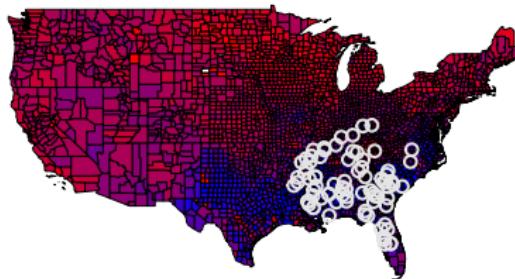


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Map the GeoNames-geocoded locations:

```
plot(e1920["DemMajPct"], pal=ramp(10), reset = FALSE,  
     main = "Lynchings (GeoNames) and Democratic vote share in 1920")  
plot(hal_gn["geometry"], add=T, col="grey90", pch=1)
```

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## Bonus exercise: ggplot2

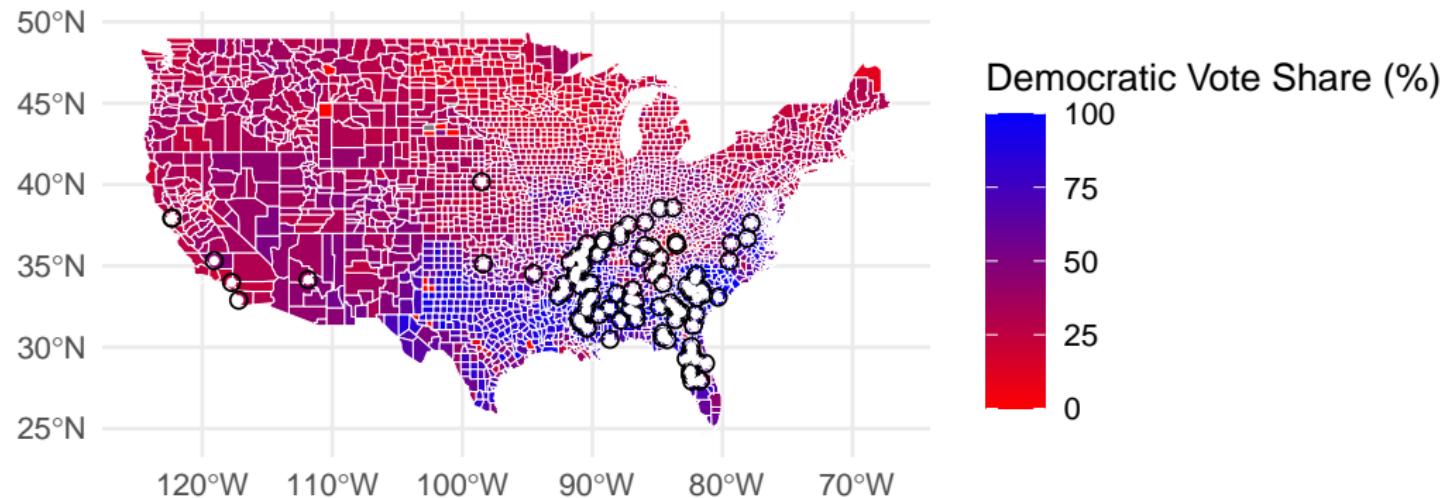
So far, we've been using "base R" plotting functions only. But there is another way to visualize spatial data in R, using the `ggplot2` package.

```
library(ggplot2)
```

The syntax is quite different. OSM example:

```
ggplot2::ggplot() +
  ggplot2::geom_sf(data=e1920, ggplot2::aes(fill=DemMajPct),
    color="white") +
  ggplot2::geom_sf(data=hal_osm, color="black", shape=1, size=2) +
  ggplot2::geom_sf(data=hal_osm, color="white", shape=16, size=1) +
  ggplot2::scale_fill_gradientn(colors=ramp(10)) +
  ggplot2::labs(
    title="Lynchings (OSM geocoded) and Democratic vote share in 1920",
    fill="Democratic Vote Share (%)") +
  ggplot2::theme_minimal()
```

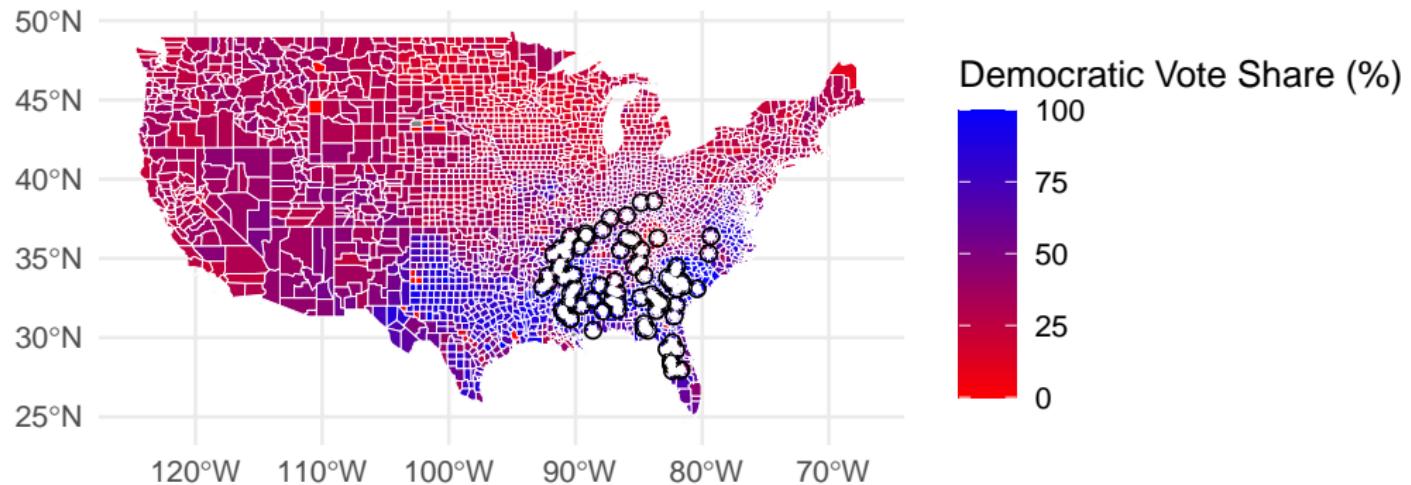
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GeoNames example:

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  ggplot2::geom_sf(data=hal_gn, color="black", shape=1, size=2) +
  ggplot2::geom_sf(data=hal_gn, color="white", shape=16, size=1) +
  ggplot2::scale_fill_gradientn(colors=ramp(10)) +
  ggplot2::labs(
    title="Lynchings (GeoNames) and Democratic vote share in 1920",
    fill="Democratic Vote Share (%)"
  ) +
  ggplot2::theme_minimal()
```

## Lynchings (GeoNames geocoded) and Democratic vote share in 1920



## Problem Set 6

*Your assignment (if using R):*

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- repeat the same point-in-polygon steps with 1920s elections data
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  - name the file boxplot\_monuments\_osm\_R.png
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  - name the file map\_monuments\_osm\_R.png
- upload map and accompanying box plot (**2 files total!**) to Canvas

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