The World Historical Gazetteer

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World Historical Gazetteer
linking knowledge about the past via place

https://whgazetteer.org

- 70 linked datasets with a single PostgreSQL database supported by Elasticsearch indexes.
- In development since 2017 with funding primarily from the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- Version 3 launched in summer 2024.
- 1.8 million of our 2.7 million place records come the Getty Thesaurus of Geographical Names.

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Search   Exactly ▾   los angeles   ✕   🔍

Advanced options

PLACE CATEGORIES   SELECT ALL   CLEAR ALL
Select or clear place type categories to filter initial results

☑ Administrative entities (A)
☑ Cities, towns, hamlets (P)
☑ Sites, buildings, complexes (S)
☑ Roads, routes, rail.. (R)
☑ Regions, landscape areas (L)
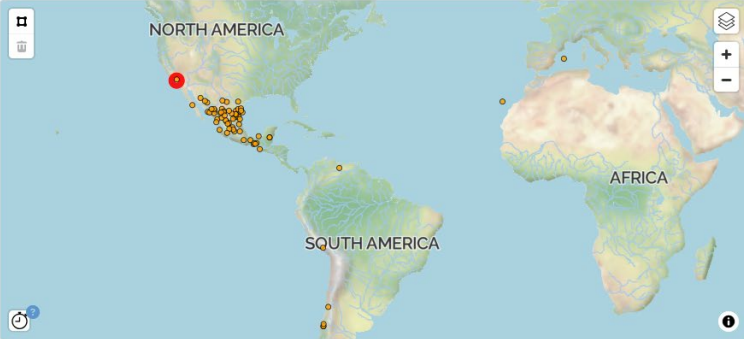☑ Terrestrial landforms (T)
☑ Water bodies (H)

SPATIAL FILTER

None ▾   (choose type)   ✕

Filter Results

Place Types (7)   ⌄
Countries (7)   ⌄

NORTH AMERICA
SOUTH AMERICA
AFRICA

Los Angeles

5 linked records 🔗   Place Details

Variants (136): Angelopolis, City of Los Angeles, Cuidad De los Angelos, Cuidad De Los Angelos, El Pueblo, El Pueblo de la Reyna d...   More

Type(s): inhabited places | Country Codes: US | Feature Classes: P

Chronology: 1750-1925, 1781-1781, 1781-1781, 1783-1905, 1800-1870, 1860-1920, 1860-1920, 1914-1941, 1914-1941, 1925-1925, 1945-2005, 2005-2005

Show unlinked results

5 Sources

in: Turtle Island Decolonized
Yaanga Los Angeles
Coordinates: 📋
Type:
Chronology: 2014-9999

in: DK Atlas of World History
Los Angeles
Coordinates: 📋
Type: settlement
Chronology: 1800-1870, 1783-1905, 1860-1920, 1860-1920, 1925-1925, 1750-1925, 1914-1941, 1914-1941, 1945-2005, 2005-2005

in: HGIS de las Indias (lugar
Los Angeles
Coordinates: 📋
Type: Poblacion
Chronology: 1781-1781

in: Getty TGN (partial)
Los Angeles Losand...
Porciuncula; Rosanzer...
Coordinates: 📋
Types: inhabited place...

Dataset Profile

Title: Getty TGN (partial)
Description: 1.8m records from Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names (2016)
WHG Owner: WHG Admin
Creator: [Getty Research Institute]
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Los Angeles; Лос Анђелес; Лос Андьелес; 로스앤젤레스   ...   🔗 Permalink

This place is attested (so far) in the **5** sources listed below as having types , **Poblacion**, **city**, **inhabited place**, **populated place**, and **settlement**, with **131** distinct name variants, and a temporal extent of **1750CE to 9999CE**.

It lies at an elevation of about **84 metres** within the modern boundaries of **California** and **United States of America**, and within the California coastal sage and chaparral ecoregion and Mediterranean Forests, Woodlands & Scrub biome.

5 Sources

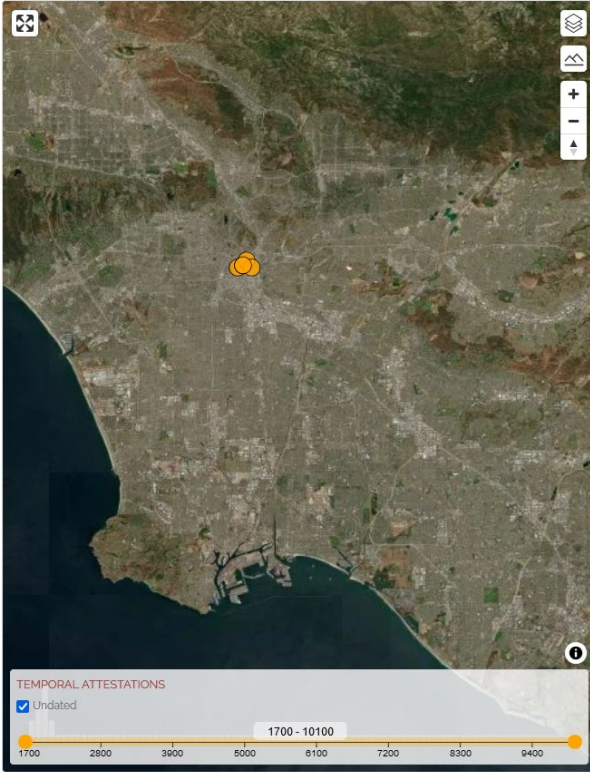in: Turtle Island Decolonized
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Coordinates: 📋
Types: inhabited place, city

in: GeoNames cities (500)
Los Angeles L.A.; LA; LAX; Angelopolis; Cuidad De los Angelos; Cuidad De los Angelos; El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora La Rei...   More
Coordinates: 📋

TEMPORAL ATTESTATIONS
☑ Undated

1700 - 10100

1700   2800   3900   5000   6100   7200   8300   9400

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Reconciliation Review   PASS 1 ✓ ❓   *task id:* c5eb868e-

dataset: decm_3018   Save defer   Record 1 of 924 next last »

Acahuitla   add note ✎   🔒 ○ closeMatch ◉ no match

WHG place id: 8175321   Title/Preferred: San Antonio Acachautla, Teloloapan
Source id: decm2883   Wikidata ID: Q20133727 ⎘
Name variants: *Acahuitla; Acachiauhtlan; San Antonio Acachautla;*   Variants: San Antonio Acachautla@sv; San Antonio Acachautla@nl; Сан Антонио Акачаутла@sr;
Modern countries: Mexico (México);   Types: ['human settlement']
Place type(s): Estancia 0;   Links: wd:Q20133727 ⎘ gn:8872493 ⎘
Earliest/latest:: 1500 / 1599   Modern country: ['Mexico']
                                               Description(s):
                                               (en) human settlement in Mexico

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○ closeMatch ◉ no match ❓   12345953 6 linked records 🔗

Title(s): Baghdad, Baghdād, Bagdad
Countries: Iraq,
Linked records (6):
🌐 gn500 (227565): *variants:* 바그다드, 巴格达, バグダード, ୱ୩ୢଽ, ᎤᎤᎤ, பிக்தாத், बगदाद, ᎢᎪᎢᎤᎤ, ᎢᎡᎾ᎐Ꭸ, ᎁᎡᎾᎾᎢᎡᎾᎾᎽ, Բաղդադ, Багдод, Багдад, Βαγδάτη, paktat, bʊghdad, bghdad, bagudado, bageudadeu, bagadada, ba ge da, Lungsod ng Baghdad, Bexda, Beghdad, Bağdat, Bağdad, Baghdād, Baghdad, Bagdád, Bagdá, Bagdod, Bagdatum, Bagdate, Bagdat, Bagdado, Bagdadas, Bagdad, Bagda, BGW ; *type(s):* populated place *passo*
⭐ 🌐 tgn_filtered_01 (5799483): *variants:* بغداد, بغداد, Beghdad, Baghdād, Baghdad, Bagdad ; *type(s):* inhabited place,city,religious center *passo*
🌐 black (81764): *variants:* Baghdad ; *type(s):* settlement *passo*
🌐 ds_1365 (7555002): *variants:* Bagdad ; *type(s):* city *passo*
🌐 hced_06Jan (7685568): *variants:* Baghdad ; *type(s):* *passo*
🌐 Truhart (7137691): *variants:* Bagdad *passo*
All concordances: gn:98182 ⎘ loc:n80006292 ⎘ viaf:29145376400683720125 ⎘ tgn:7002482 ⎘ wd:Q1530 ⎘ dbp:Baghdad ⎘
gnd:4004237-6 ⎘ bnf:11952706c ⎘ viaf:125482894 ⎘ wd:Q191075 ⎘ gn:98180 ⎘ tgn:1001130 ⎘

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Linking records in the World Historical Gazetteer is a two-step algorithmically-assisted but human-authored process. Contributors attest links with Wikidata and Geonames records to enhance their datasets with alternative names and add IDs, then attest links with records in the WHG index. The Getty TGN features prominently in this step. If there are no links, contributions become new seed records.
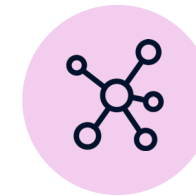
The WHG Combines Seven Elements

Structured and granular temporal information

Attestations drawn from historical sources by researchers

Multiple attestations linked using system tools

Faceted search across datasets at the level of the record

Global and historical coverage

A Linked Data publishing platform for smaller, specialist historical gazetteers

Machine access to data via an API

Enriching WHG—TGN Connections

- We are developing an ingestor for enormous datasets like TGN that will upload cloned data on a set schedule. Our prototype extracts records and rapidly creates and updates tables of unique toponyms, attestations, and Normalized Place Records. We aim to index all 5 million+ TGN toponyms with their related attestations.

- We are scoping migration to a new Vespa vector database to support phonetic and semantic searching and to streamline the reconciliation and accessioning process.

- Might TGN establish links to the WHG index?

Get Involved

- Publish datasets
- Make place collections and dataset collections
- use the WHG for teaching and submit lesson plans for publication
- Spread the word in your communities
- Let us know if you want a workshop
- Engage on Github (https://github.com/WorldHistoricalGazetteer/whg3)
- Discuss an API integration
- Write us into grants and contracts.