

## Dublin Core Elements

### Element Name: Title

- Label: Title
- Definition: A name given to the resource
- Comment: A name by which the resource is formally known
- Guidelines: Repeat the element for title variants  
Use a title from the image if there is one  
Use AACR2 guidelines  
Avoid simple generic terms such as “Papers” or “Photograph”  
Exclude initial articles unless they are an essential part of the title  
Capitalize the first letter of the first word of the title and proper names
- Example: Tahoma High School basketball team  
Cantril School, Castle Rock, Colorado

### Element Name: Creator

- Label: Creator
- Definition: An entity primarily responsible for making/creating the content of the resource
- Comment: Examples include artists, photographers, the person who wrote the letter
- Guidelines: List multiple creators separated by semi-colons (;)  
List Creators in the order they appear on the item  
Use the Library of Congress Name Authority File  
<http://authorities.loc.gov/> whenever possible  
List personal names as last name, first name with birth and/or death dates if available  
When in doubt, do not invert; give the name as it appears  
Enter group or organization names in full, direct form; in the case of hierarchy, list parts from the largest to smallest, separated by periods (.)  
In cases of lesser responsibility, use Contributor
- Example: Adams, Ansel, 1902-  
University of Colorado, Boulder. Dept. of Geography.

**Element Name: Subject**

- Label: Subject
- Definition: A topic of the content of the resource
- Comment: Typically, Subject will be expressed as keywords, key phrases, or classification codes that describe a topic of the resource.
- Guidelines: Use Library of Congress Subject Headings; add keywords if necessary  
List multiple subject terms separated by semi-colons (;)  
List Subjects in order of importance  
Choose significant and unique words from the title or description of the item; general topical words are less useful  
If the name is a person or organization, use the same form of the name as for the Creator element  
Don't repeat the name if it is the same as the Creator  
If geographic terms are needed, add them here
- Example: Silk industry – Massachusetts – Northampton; Northampton (Mass.)  
Footwear industry – Massachusetts – Sturbridge; Sturbridge (Mass.)

**Element Name: Description**

- Label: Description
- Definition: An account of the content of the resource
- Comment: Description of the content of the item, not the item itself  
Examples include an abstract, table of contents, or a free-text summary
- Guidelines: Limit to a few brief, significant sentences
- Example: A woman and a child in a horse-drawn buggy, identified on back as Mrs. Merrick and Charlotte, on Garden of the Gods Road, by White House Ranch.

**Element Name: Publisher**

- Label: Publisher
- Definition: An entity responsible for making the resource available
- Comment: For digital objects, Publisher is the entity that created the digital resource;  
C/W MARS is doing the scanning and hosting the data, therefore, C/W MARS is the Publisher
- Example: C/W MARS

**Element Name: Contributor**

**Label:** Contributor  
**Definition:** An entity responsible for making contributions to the content of the resource  
**Comment:** For persons or organizations with less responsibility for the creation of the content than the Creator; an assistant, transcriber, illustrator, etc.  
**Guidelines:** Follow guidelines for Creator as to form (last name, first name; multiple names separated by semi-colons, etc.)  
**Not** the person or organization who donated the original item  
**Example:** Rockwell, Norman, 1894-1978

**Element Name: Date**

**Label:** Date  
**Definition:** Date of an event in the lifecycle of the resource  
**Comment:** The date of the original item; approximate if not known  
**Guidelines:** Use YYYY-MM-DD (per ISO8601)  
Follow date with a question mark (1897?) if date is approximate  
If the date cannot be determined beyond a broad range (e.g. 1800-1850), include that information in Description.  
**Example:** Year: 1897  
Year and month: 1897-07  
Year, month, day 1897-07-16

**Element Name: Type**

**Label:** Type  
**Definition:** The nature or genre of the content of the resource (not format)  
**Comment:** The two Types currently used in Digital Treasures are “image” and “text”  
**Guidelines:** If the item is an image with significant text, list both separated by a semi-colon (;)  
**Example:** Image; Text

**Element Name: Format**

**Label:** Format  
**Definition:** The physical or digital manifestation of the resource  
**Comment:** The format element may be used to determine the software or equipment  
**Guidelines:** The two formats currently used in Digital Treasures are “image/jpg” and “text/html”  
**Example:** image/jpg  
text/html

**Element Name: Identifier**

Label: Resource Identifier  
Definition: An unambiguous reference to the resource within a given context  
Comment: Identify the resource by means of a string or number conforming to a formal identification system (URI, ISBN)  
Local identifiers such as ID numbers, accession numbers or call numbers may also be used  
Guidelines: Use for the accession number or call number  
Example: LH6295

**Element Name: Source**

Label: Source  
Definition: A reference to a resource from which the present resource is derived  
Comment: Consider the Relation element first; use the Source element for information that does not fit easily into Relation  
Reference the Source using URI, ISBN, call number or accession number  
Guidelines: Source is used when describing the chapter of book; one letter of a collection  
Source is also used for the publisher of the original item or for describing the original item  
Example: Image from page 54 of the 1922 edition of Romeo and Juliet.  
Hand-colored postcard; 4" x 5 1/2"

**Element Name: Language**

Label: Language  
Definition: The language of the intellectual content of the resource  
Comment: The language(s) in which a text is written or the spoken language(s) of an audio or video resource. Visual images do not usually have a language unless there is significant text in a caption or in the image itself.  
Guidelines: Use 2 digit language code (per ISO 639) qualified by country  
Most items in Digital Treasures are English or left blank  
Example: en-US

**Element Name: Relation**

- Label: Relation
- Definition: A reference to a related resource
- Comment: Expresses the relationship between the present resource and a related resource  
If the item is part of a larger collection, the larger collection is named here
- Example: Is part of Jack and Charmian London correspondence and papers, 1984-1953. Utah State University Special Collections & Archives, MSS COLL 10

**Element Name: Coverage**

- Label: Coverage
- Definition: The extent or scope of the content of the resource
- Comment: Typically, Coverage will include spatial location (a place name or geographic coordinated), temporal period (a period label, date, or date range) or jurisdiction (such as a named administrative entity).  
Select a value from a controlled vocabulary such as the *Getty Thesaurus of Geographical Names*
- Guidelines: If a book published in 1920 is a history of the American Civil War, Coverage is 1860-1865  
Use Coverage for maps
- Example: 394916N0771325W [Latitude/Longitude for Gettysburg National Military Park]

**Element Name: Rights**

- Label: Rights Management
- Definition: Information about rights held in and over the resource
- Comment: If Rights element is absent, no assumptions can be made about the status of these and other rights with respect to the resource
- Guidelines: All items created prior to 1923 are not subject to copyright laws  
Leave this area blank if there is no specific Rights Management statement