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# Geographic Information Management and Archives

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# AGENDA

- Dalhousie Archives Catalogue and Online Collections
- Finding aid migration project
- “Mapping” of finding aids in ArcServer
- Challenges, next steps, etc.

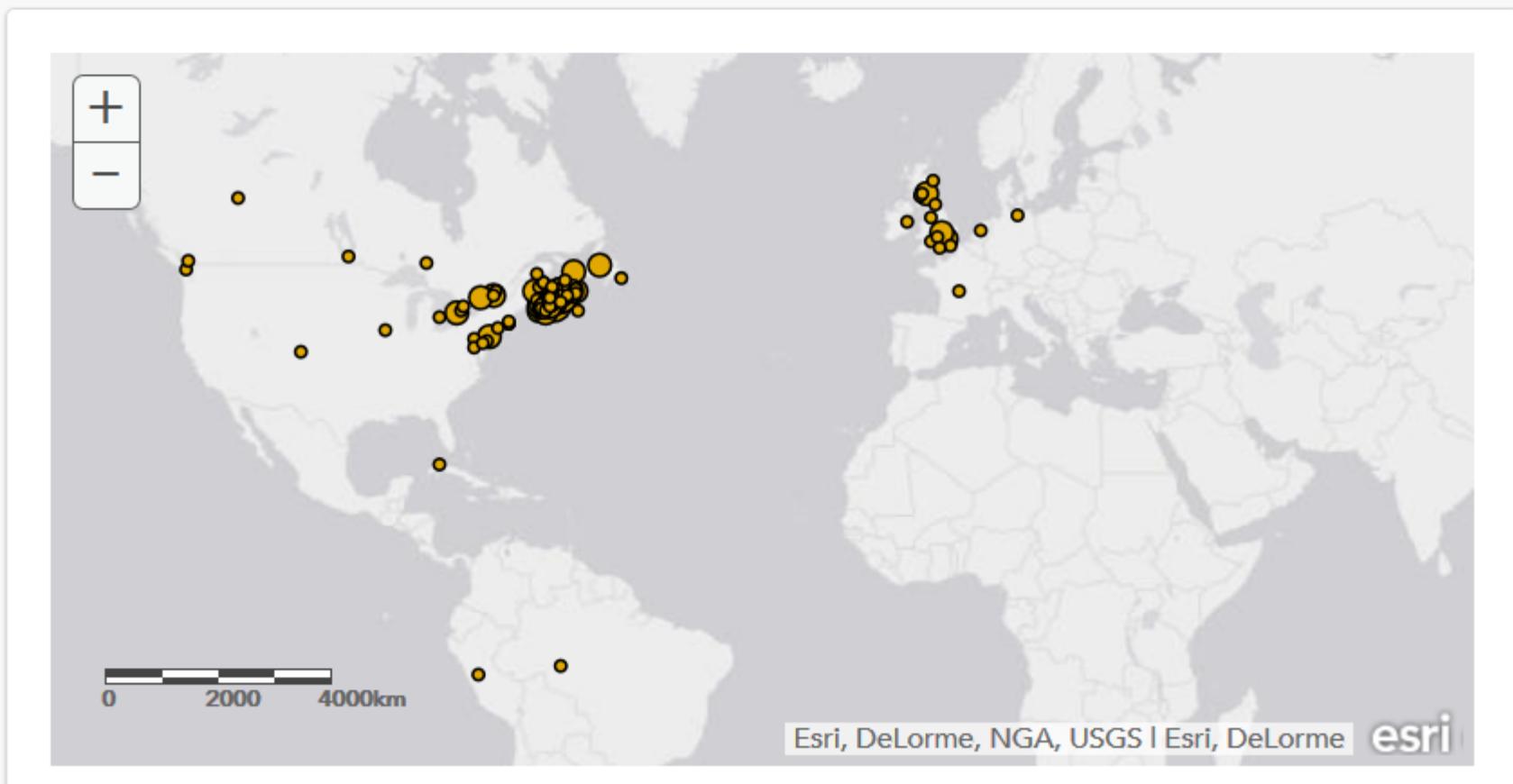
Browse ▾

Search



The Dalhousie University Libraries

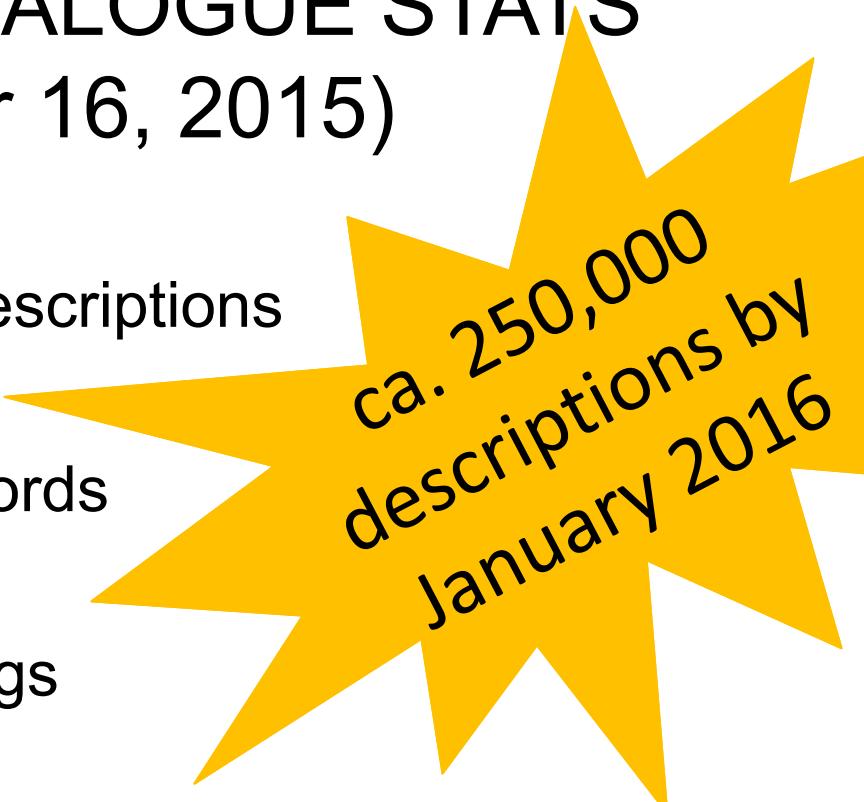
## Search the Archives Catalogue and Online Collections



# ARCHIVES CATALOGUE STATS

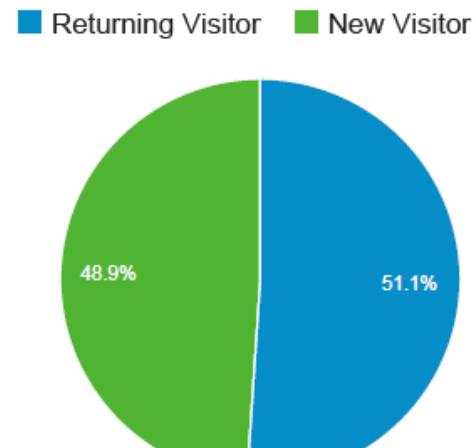
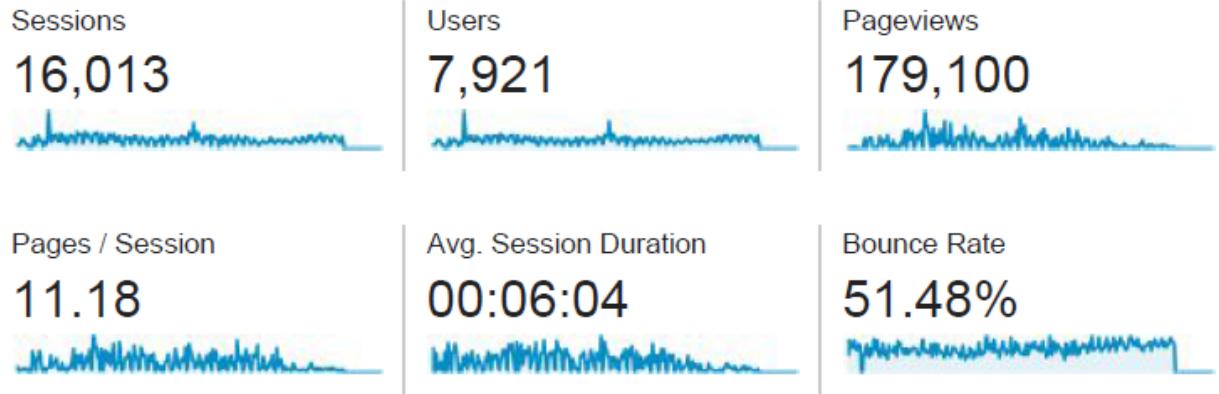
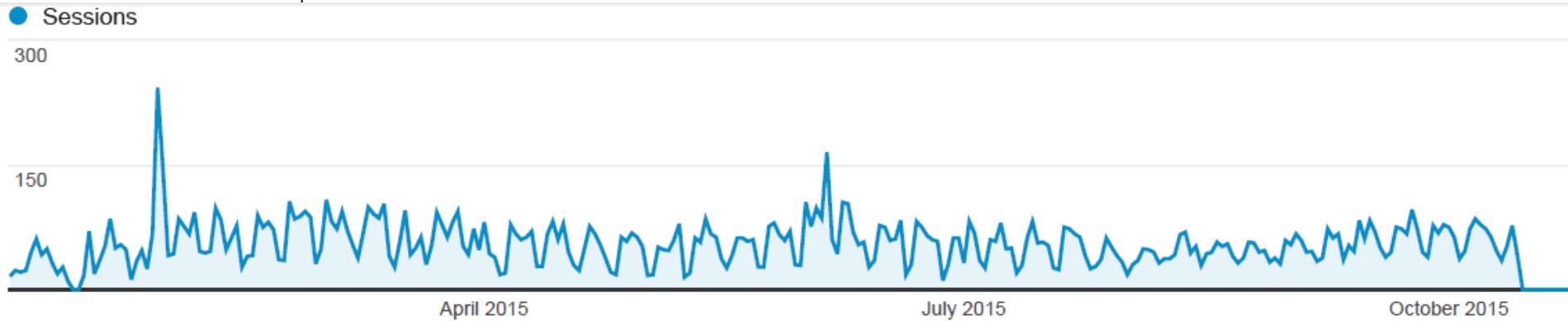
(as of November 16, 2015)

- 167,494 archival descriptions
- 3,256 authority records
- 686 subject headings
- 491 geographic headings



ca. 250,000  
descriptions by  
January 2016

# ARCHIVES CATALOGUE STATS



## 1970-2000s

- Paper-based finding aids

## 2000s-December 2010

- MS Access >> HTML finding aids
- Import legacy EAD data into Archivists' Toolkit

## January 2011-December 2014

- Launch Archivists' Toolkit
- Archivists' Toolkit >> HTML finding aids
- **Create subject headings and authority records**
- Finding aids migration project (import into ATOM)

## January 2015-

- Launch Archives Catalogue and Online Collections
- Publish map in ArcGIS

# ARCHIVISTS' TOOLKIT SUBJECT HEADINGS

Subjects		
921 Record(s) found for search " <a href="#">list all</a> "		
Subject Term	Type	Source
Aberdeen (Scotland)	Geographic Name (651)	Library of Congress Subject
Acadians--Songs and music	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject
Account books	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject
Accounts payable	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject
Accounts receivable	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject
Actors and actresses	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject
Actuaries--Canada	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject
Adjutants	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject
Advertising fliers	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject
Advertising--Beer	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject
Advocate (N.S.)	Geographic Name (651)	Library of Congress Subject
Aerial photography	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject
Africville (Halifax, N.S.)	Geographic Name (651)	Library of Congress Subject
Agriculture--Nova Scotia	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject
Agriculture--Prince Edward Island	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject
Alberta	Geographic Name (651)	Library of Congress Subject
Alternative spaces (Arts facilities)--Canada	Topical Term (650)	Library of Congress Subject

# ARCHIVISTS' TOOLKIT SUBJECT HEADINGS

## Subjects

921 Record(s) found for search "[list all](#)"

Subject Term	Type	Source
Textual record	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Architectural drawing	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Graphic material	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Moving images	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Multiple media	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Object	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Sound recording	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Technical drawing	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Cartographic material	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Textual record (electronic)	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Textual record (microform)	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Graphic material (electronic)	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Moving images (electronic)	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Sound recording (electronic)	Genre / Form (655)	Rules for Archival Description
Lunenburg (N.S.)	Geographic Name (651)	Library of Congress Subject Headings
Louisbourg (N.S.)--History--Siege, 1758	Geographic Name (651)	Library of Congress Subject Headings
Atlantic Provinces	Geographic Name (651)	Library of Congress Subject Headings
Louisbourg (N.S.)	Geographic Name (651)	Library of Congress Subject Headings
Granville Street (Halifax, N.S.)	Geographic Name (651)	Library of Congress Subject Headings
Amherst (N.S.)	Geographic Name (651)	Library of Congress Subject Headings

# FINDING AIDS MIGRATION PROJECT

- Extensive internal data cleaning
- 625+ multi-level EAD XML archival descriptions exported from Archivists' Toolkit
- Internal development of custom XSLT to prepare XML files for import into AtoM
- Artefactual Systems did final data migration

# ATOM TAXONOMIES

- Taxonomies were “rebuilt” based on EAD `<controlaccess>` headings

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Find Archival Material

Browse ▾

Search

Browse the Catalogue

Repositories

Titles

Names

Subjects

Geographic locations

Digital Objects

Popular this week

Search the Archives

# ATOM TAXONOMIES

EAD <CONTROLACCESS> ELEMENT	ATOM TAXONOMY
<corpname> or <persname> or <famname>	Authority record
<subject>	Subject heading
<geogname>	Geographic heading
<genreform>	general material designation [GMD]

## Search filters

Repository

Top-level descriptions

General material designation

Media type

Digital object available

Level of description

## Advanced search

Narrow down your search results.

Search

in

Any field

Any field

Title

Archival history

Scope and content

Extent and medium

Subject access points

Name access points

Place access points

Identifier

Reference code



# WE WORKED REALLY HARD TO MAKE THIS WORK...

Access Points				
RAD	Description	Archivist Toolkit Data Entry Form	EAD	AT EAD EXPORT
21.1 and 21.2 Access points at the fonds or collection level	In a multilevel description, make an access point(s) for the name(s) of the creator of the unit being described at the highest level (e.g., fonds, series, or collection). Make an access point(s) for the name(s) of the creator of a series if the name(s) of the creator of the series is different from the name of the creator of the unit at the highest level.	Add Name Link (Function="Creator" ; Role="Originator")	<origination><persname corpname famname name role="Originator" rules="RAD">	<origination label=<persname corpname famname name role="Originator" rules="RAD">
21.3A Provenance access points at the series level	Make an access point for the name of the creator identified in the title proper.	Add Name Link (Function="Creator" ; Role="Originator")	<origination><persname corpname famname name role="Originator" rules="RAD">	<origination label=<persname corpname famname name role="Originator" rules="RAD">
Author		Add	<controlaccess><persname corpname famname name role="author" rules="RAD">	
Other Non-Subject			<controlaccess><persname corpname famname name role="xxx">	

# AND THERE WERE PROBLEMS...

- AtoM lost “source” attribute in authority records, subject headings, genre/form statements, and geographic place names

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<controlaccess>
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  <subject source="lcsh">General stores</subject>
  <subject source="lcsh">Lumber</subject>
  <subject source="lcsh">Schooners</subject>
  <subject source="lcsh">Shipbuilding </subject>
  <genreform source="rad">Textual record</genreform>
  <subject source="lcsh">Timber</subject>
  <geogname source="lcsh">Weymouth (N.S.)</geogname>
</controlaccess>
```

- Consider internal usage vs. external usage
- Move on...

# BUILD FINDING AIDS MAP



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# CHECK GEOGRAPHIC PLACE NAMES

Browse Places: 

 Showing 961 results  
Places

All labels ▾ Search Places 

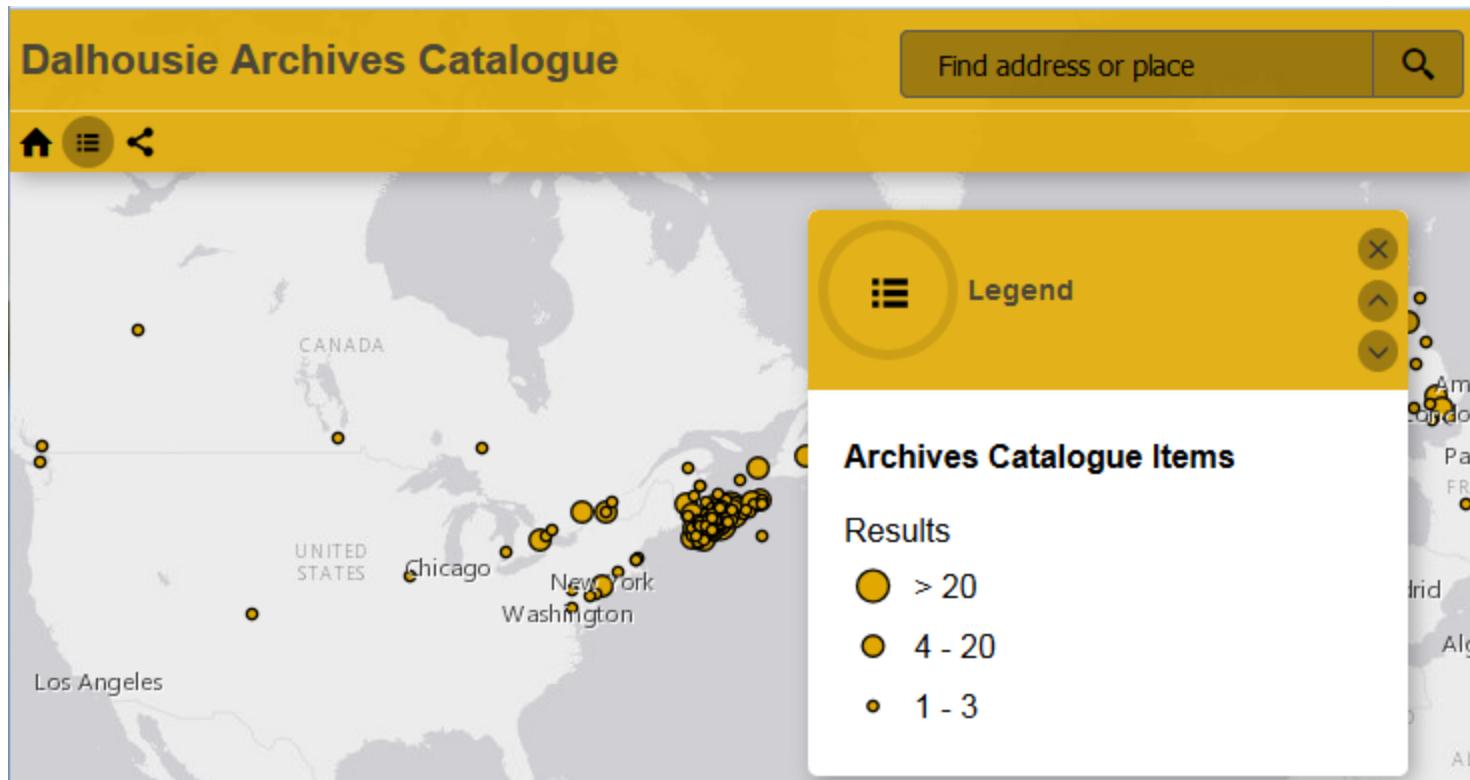
Places term	Scope note	Results
Abbotsford (B.C.)		1
Abercrombie (N.S.)		31
Aberdeen (N.S.)		4
Aberdeen (Scotland)		2
Accra (Ghana)		1
Addington Forks (N.S.)		3
Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)		1
► Africa		3
Afton (N.S.)		1
Ahmadābād (India)		1
Airlie (Va.)		1
...		1
Africa		1



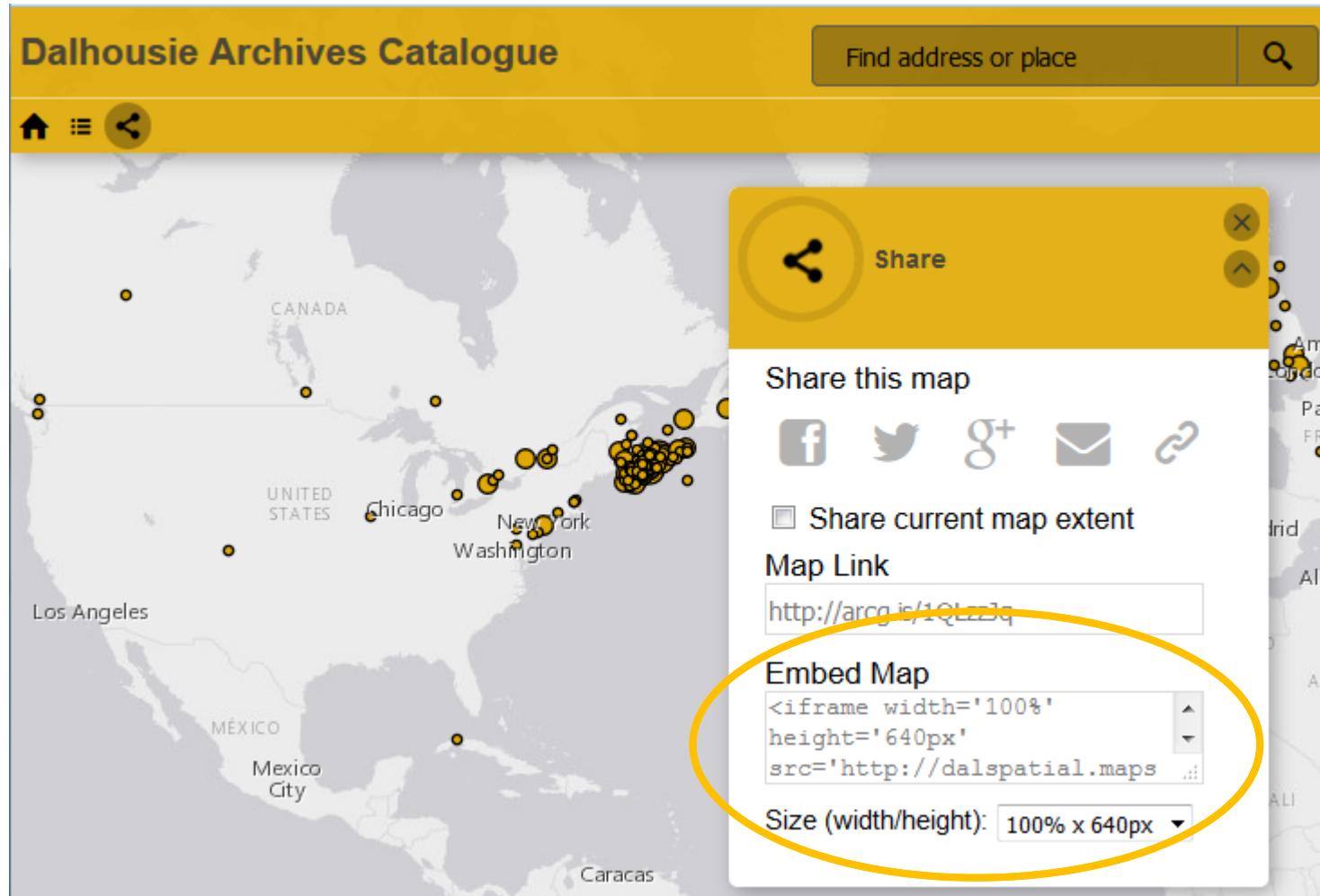
# CREATE MAP DATA

- Geographic location name
- Number of results
- URL to geographic heading
- **Coordinates**

# TEST PRESENTATION OPTIONS

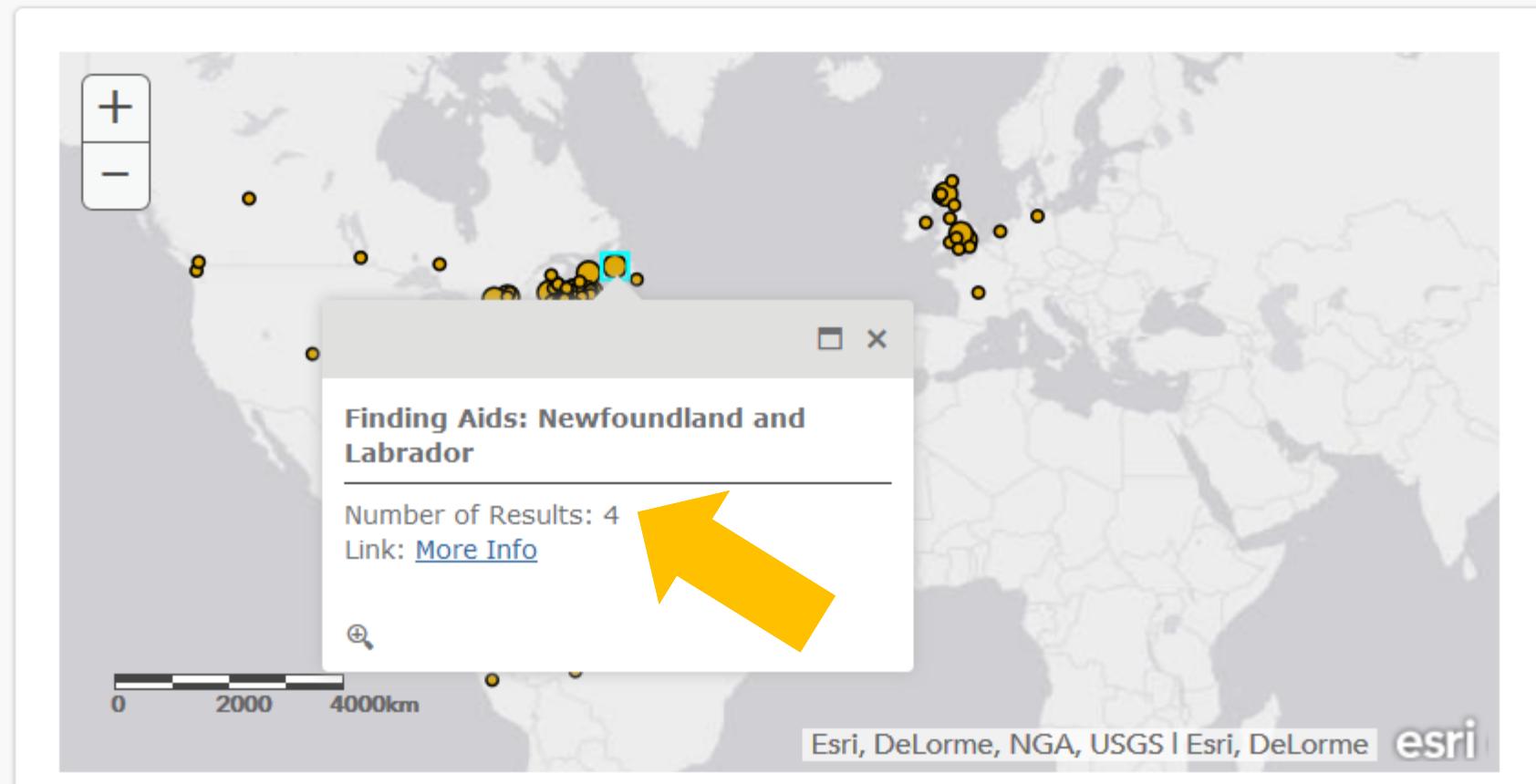


# EMBED MAP WITH <IFRAME>





## Search the Archives Catalogue and Online Collections



# ISSUE #1: <IFRAME> IS NOT “RESPONSIVE”

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Find Archival Material at the Dalhousie University Archives

Search Search Log In

Browse by

- Titles
- Names
- Subjects
- Geographic locations
- Digital Objects

Popular this week

- Elisabeth Mann Borgese fonds 149 visits
- Peter B. Waite fonds 85 visits
- Linda Moore 82 visits
- Catherine Creighton and family fonds 62 visits
- J. Gordon Duff fonds 61 visits
- Guestbook for exhibits held between Feb 1995 and March 1997 fonds 56 visits
- Nova Scotia II fonds 54 visits
- Guestbook for exhibits held between April and November 1998 55 visits
- Himmelman Supply Company fonds 54 visits
- Eyelevel Gallery fonds 43 visits

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This catalogue contains archival descriptions, or "finding aids," that describe the Dalhousie University Archives' collections at varying levels of detail. To find material:

1. Use the basic search box or advanced search options to search our collections. You can also browse our collections by title, name of creator, geographic location, and subject.

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# ISSUE #1: <IFRAME> IS NOT “RESPONSIVE”

The Markup For Embedded Content



Services such as YouTube provide code that you can copy and paste into your own website to embed content. I tend to recommend to my clients that they host video with YouTube because it will save them server space and, regardless of the user's browser or device, YouTube will display the video correctly. The two main ways to embed video on a website are the HTML5 `video` element, which doesn't work in legacy versions of Internet Explorer, and Flash, which doesn't work on iOS devices and isn't standards-compliant.

When you embed content from an external source, the code will include an `iframe`:

```
<iframe src="http://www.youtube.com/embed/4aQwT3n2c1Q" height="315" width="560"
```

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This `iframe` enables external content to be displayed on your website,

# ISSUE #2: UPDATES!

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Find Archival Material at the Dalhousie University Libraries

Browse ▾

Search

Treeview List Search

PLACES

▼ Canada

New Brunswick

Newfoundland and Labrador

► Nova Scotia

SUBJECT

All

Personal archives

## Newfoundland and

Canada » Newfoundland and Labra

Taxonomy

Places

Hierarchical terms

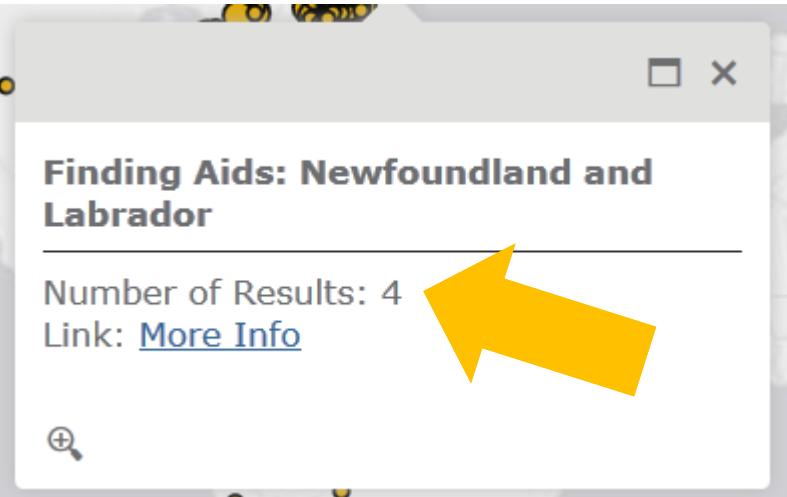
Newfoundland and Labrador: BT Canada

7 Results for Newfoundland and Labrador

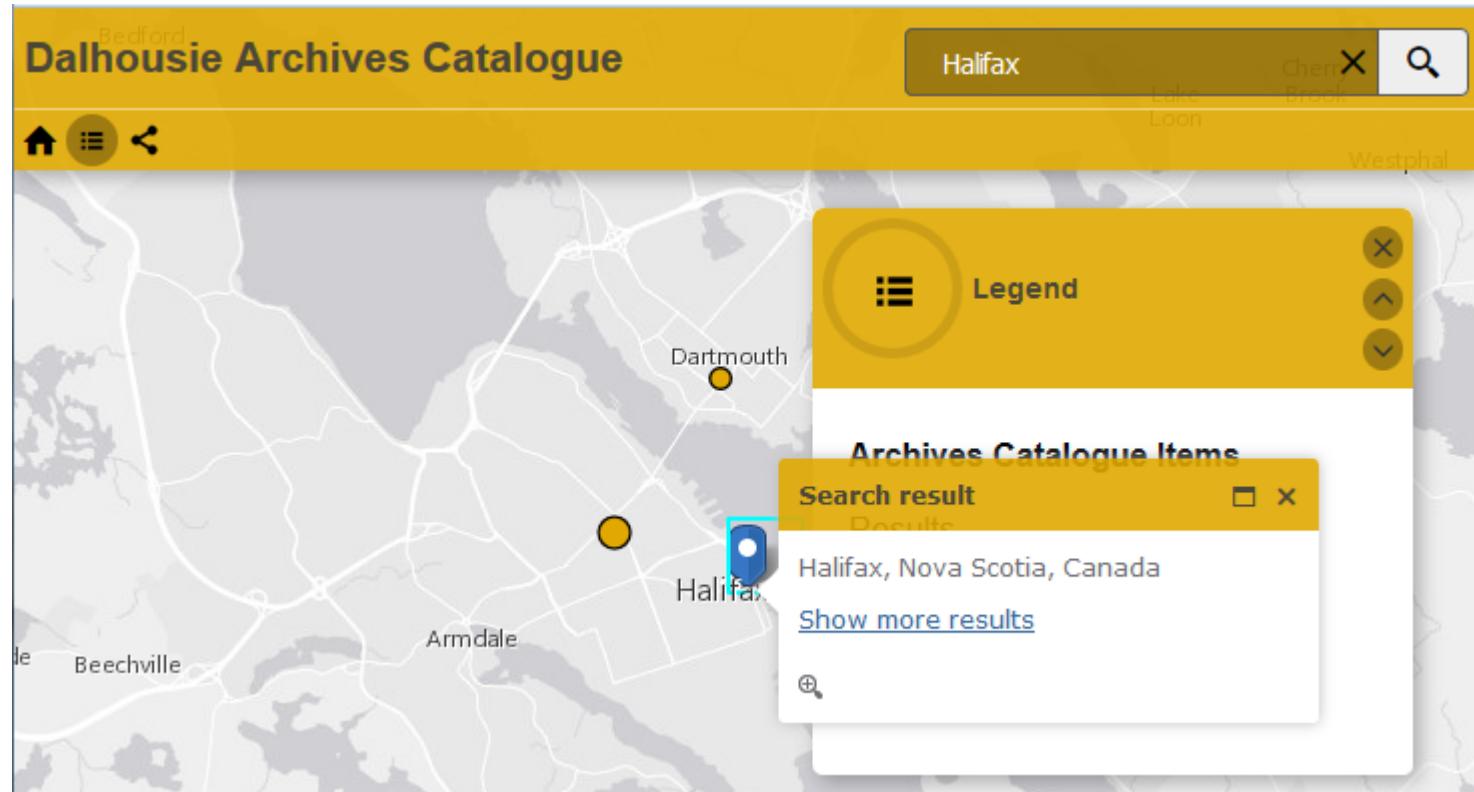
Sort by: Alphabetic ▾

7 results directly related  Exclude narrower terms

Atlantic Opera Society fonds



# ISSUE #3: MAP SEARCH RESULTS VS. PLOTS



# ISSUE #4: IDENTIFYING GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS

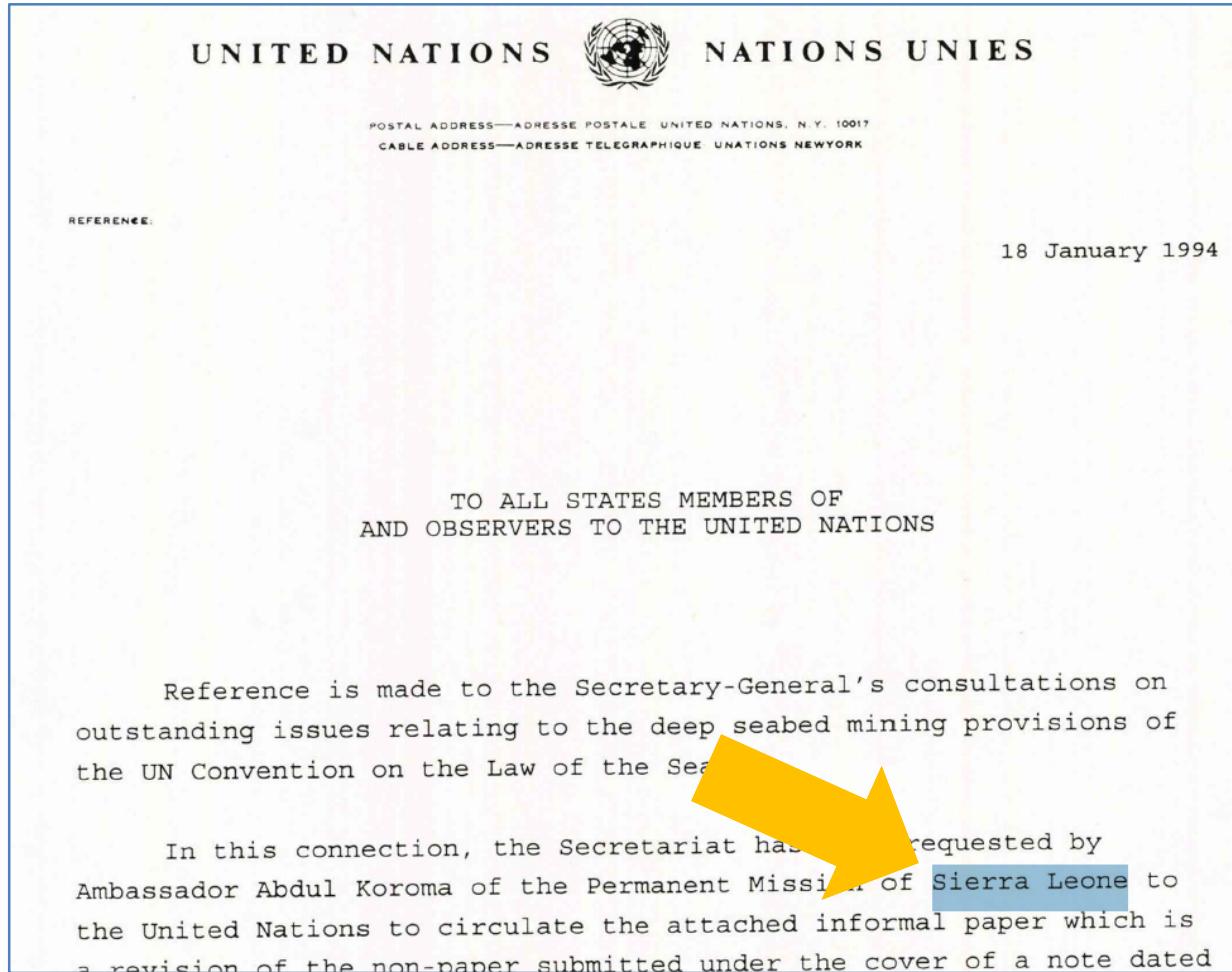


MS-2-781, PB Box 16, Folder 70 -  
Photograph of two women in front of  
rock arch along the Bay of Fundy



David K. Joyce Minerals: "This is a rock arch that we came upon, unexpectedly, when we rounded a corner in the bluffs."

# ISSUE #5: SELECTING GEOGRAPHIC HEADINGS



MS-2-744, Box 323, Folder 18 - Boat paper and nonpaper : [informal discussion documents]

# NEXT STEP: STRUCTURE GEOGRAPHIC HEADINGS

Treeview List Search

PLACES

▼ Canada

▼ Nova Scotia

Cape Breton Island (N.S.)

Debert (N.S.)

Louisbourg (N.S.)

Osborne (N.S.)

...

Nova Scotia

Canada > Nova Scotia

Taxonomy

Source note(s)

Hierarchical terms

Places

- Library of Congress Subject Headings

Nova Scotia: BT Canada

Nova Scotia: • NT Cape Breton Island (N.S.)  
• NT Debert (N.S.)  
• NT Louisbourg (N.S.)  
• NT Osborne (N.S.)  
• NT Port Royal (N.S.)

19 Results for Nova Scotia



# NEXT STEP: ADD COORDINATES

Tokyo (Japan)

Japan > Tokyo (Japan)

Places

35.6833° N, 139.6833° E



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Taxonomy

Code

Source note(s)

Hierarchical terms

• Library of Congress Subject Headings

Tokyo (Japan): BT Japan

Treeview List Search

PLACES

▼ Japan

Tokyo (Japan)

SUBJECT

All

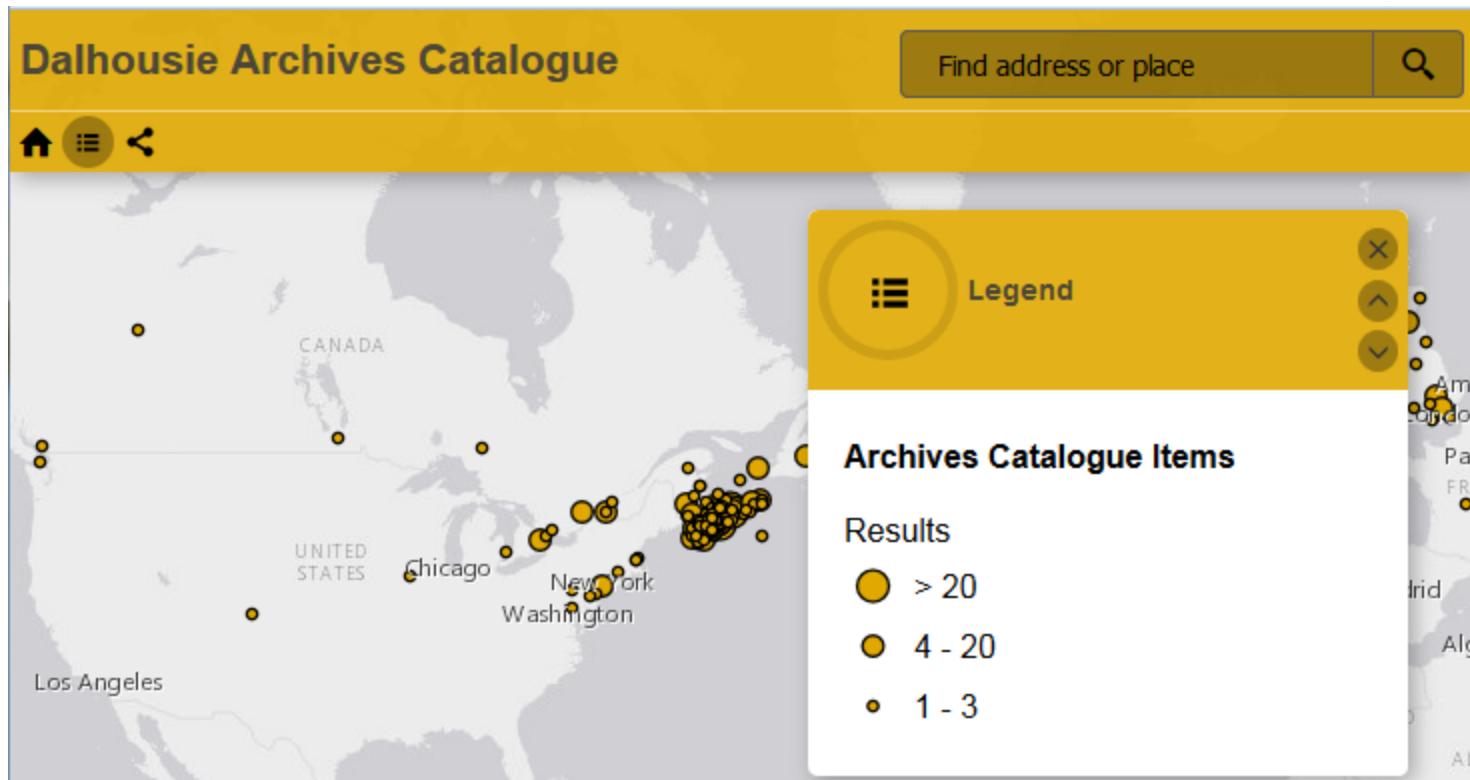
LANGUAGE

Unique records 5

English 5

5 Results for Tokyo (Japan)

# NEXT STEP: UPDATE MAP



# NEXT STEP: AUTOMATION?

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# IMAGE CREDITS

Slide 14: Screenshot of Dal Archives XML provided by Dal Gillean of Artefactual Systems

Slide 25: Photograph of two women in front of rock arch along the Bay of Fundy, MS-2-781, PB Box 16, Folder 70, Byron Ulric Hatfield Photograph Collection:

<http://findingaids-stage.library.dal.ca/photograph-of-two-women-in-front-of-rock-arch-along-bay-of-fundy>

Slide 25: Photograph of rock arch, David K. Joyce Minerals website:

[http://www.davidkjoyceminerals.com/pagefiles/activities\\_detail.asp?ProdID=arch](http://www.davidkjoyceminerals.com/pagefiles/activities_detail.asp?ProdID=arch)