

E-mail Archives at the British Library Acquisition, Appraisal and Collaboration

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What We're Going to Discuss

- A quick overview of how e-mail collections are acquired, processed and appraised
British Library
- How ePadd has influenced our work-flows around e-mail, and how we're still experimenting with it.
- How we hope to raise the profile of e-mail collections through international collaboration

Born Digital Processing at the Library

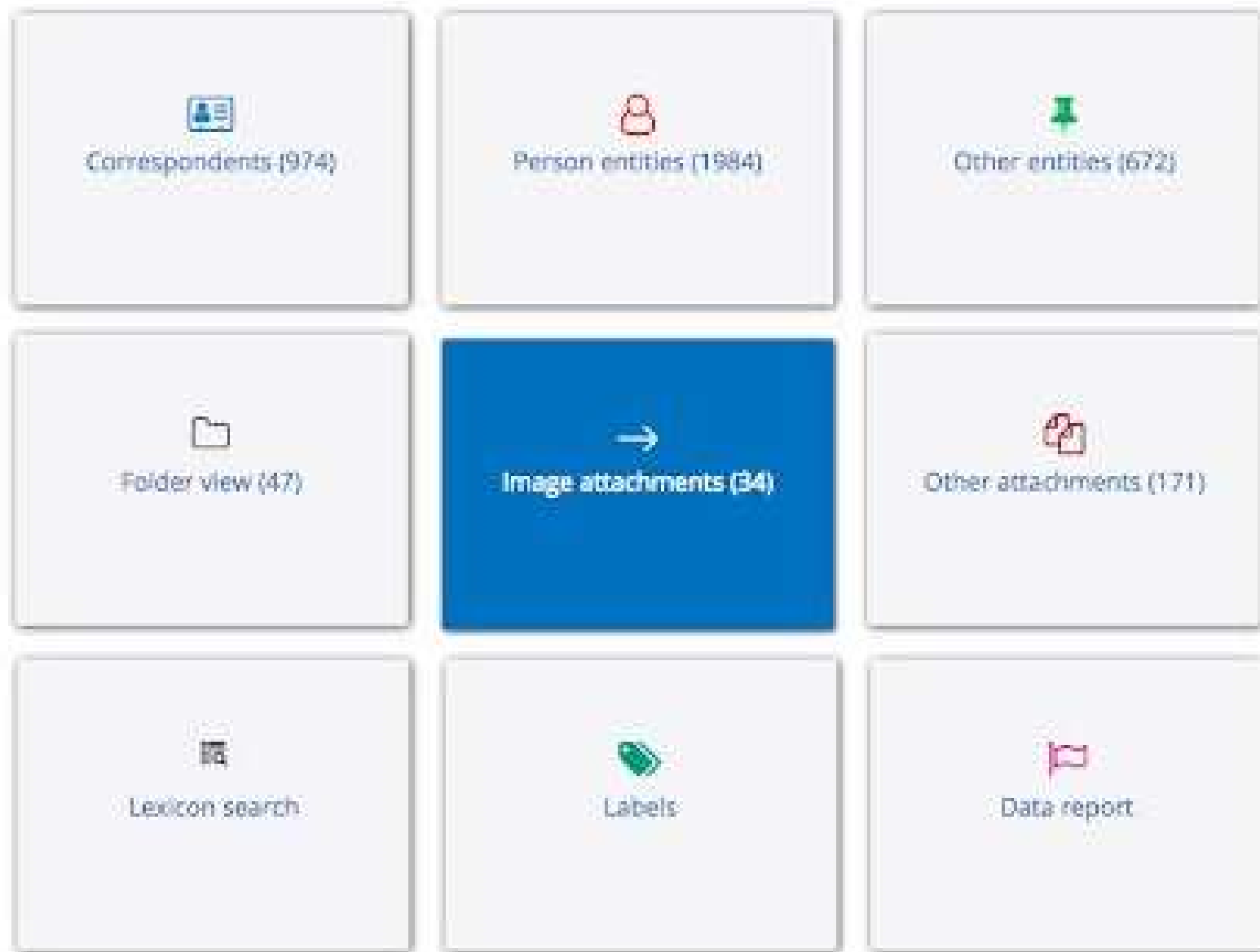
- Our workflow aims to preserve and back-up data forensically.
- Appraisal works exclusively with 'Extracted Captures'.
- Access to restricted copies is provided via a dedicated terminal in the Manuscript Reading Room.

The Challenges Posed by E-mail

- E-mail is a highly distributed service involving several actors that play different roles to accomplish end-to-end mail exchange.
- E-mail is threaded, so therefore not totally amenable to the same logic of 'deliverable units' as other born-digital materials.
- E-mail is increasingly rich – including attachments, images, links, calendars etc.

How can ePadd Help Us?

- ePadd is exceptionally easy to use for non-technical researchers and donors and able to reproduce the threaded, multimedia nature of contemporary e-mail.
- ePadd makes possible a universal environment which would save training time for archivists, curators and researchers having to learn and re-learn bespoke systems.
- Lexicon search and Entity recognition makes making GDPR decisions easier



Limits of ePadd

- ePadd's 'Lexicons' are a powerful and adaptable tool for e-mail processing, but human expertise is still required.
- What do we lose by emphasising 'usability'?
- How will the Discovery module work in practice for researchers?

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EPADD Appraisal

Import Browse Search Export Save

Email Archives of Robert Creeley
Lexicon: general

Award (Test)
award | prize | medal | fellowship | certificate

Family (Test)
father | dad | dada | daddy | pa | papa | pappa | pop | old-man | mother | ma | mama | mamma | mom | momma | mommy | mammy | mum | mummy | father-in-law | mother-in-law | brother-in-law | sister-in-law | stepfather | stepmother | husband | wife | son | boy | daughter | girl | sister | brother | cousin | grandfather | grandmother | grandson | granddaughter | ge

Academics (Test)
teaching | learning | research | university | college | school | institute | education | fellowship | professor | graduate | tenure

Publications (Test)
book | chapter | article | draft | submission | review | festschrift | poetry | prose | writing | blog

Professional Activities (Test)
Conference | conferences | association | academy | presentation | service | committee | "task force"

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SAVE LEXICON

Correspondents

- Penelope Creeley (1825)
- Will Creeley (1441)
- Hannah Creeley (697)
- Charles Berns... (654)
- truthout (548)
- More...

Sender

- Owner (17297)

Accessions

- MSS.2005-341 (36635)

SORT BY ▾

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Date: Jan 1, 1904 6:34am

From: Elizabeth Willis <ewillis2@...>

To: Robert Creeley <creeley@...>

Subject: ...:



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... Providence ...

Peter ...

Hailey ...

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>... Mass Pike, ...

... Holyoke, ...

... (Northampton ...)

(... Morgan, ... Madison ...)

... Wellesley, ... Stanford Street ...

Shared Discovery Site (Work in Progress)

- The Shared Discovery Site is an in-progress expansion of the Discovery Module currently used at Stanford University, including collection and message level metadata from multiple repositories.
- Better solutions will evolve out of collaboration between repositories and increased visibility to researchers
- It's good to talk about e-mail!