Enslaved | Peoples of the Historical Slave Trade

Place Metadata

Record and Fields

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Record Background

The following metadata fields capture information about the **PLACE** or location where an **EVENT** that led to the registration or recording of data about participants in the historical slave trade happened.

PERSON data, described in another document, is connected to an **EVENT** in which the individual participated. Each **EVENT** record should be linked to a **PLACE** record that describes the location where the **EVENT** occurred. **SOURCE** will capture information about the primary and/or secondary documents that are the sources from which all records were extracted.

Enslaved.org will map **PLACE** records to Modern Country, which will be used for search and to promote browsing data and filtering search results.

PLACE Record

Information about a single **PLACE** where an historical slave trade **EVENT** happened.

* Strongly Recommended Field

Name
Place Type
Place Identifier

Fields for *Enslaved.org* Linked Data Platform (Discovery Hub)

1. **Name*** -- Label or name given to the place
   a. Some names will be proper names for courts or could be more informal like the name of a port

2. **Coordinates** -- A specific set of points on the Earth's surface defined by latitude and longitude
   a. Use http://www.latlong.net/ for coordinate pairs.
   b. Recommended formatting
      i. Latitude,Longitude (no spaces), for example: 41.255678,-13.435335
      ii. For multiple pairs, put SpacePipeSpace " | " between pairs, for example: "41.255678,-13.435335 | 8.980603,38.757761"
         1. Point = 1 coordinate pair
         2. Multiple coordinate pairs can be a line or a polygon
            a. Line = 2 or more coordinate pairs with different coordinates in the first and last positions
            b. Polygon = 3 or more coordinate pairs with the SAME coordinates in the first and last positions

3. **City** -- Name of the city, town, or village where the **EVENT** happened
   a. Additional cities or other locations referenced or noted in the intellectual content of the source document(s) can be recorded in the Event Description field, as appropriate
   b. Sample data: Havana | Rio de Janeiro | Salvador da Bahia

4. **Province** -- Name of the province or state where the **EVENT** happened. Includes colonies and islands
   a. Additional states or other locations referenced or noted in the intellectual content of the source document(s) can be recorded in the Event Description field, as appropriate
   b. Sample data: Bahia

5. **Country** -- *Verbatim* name of the nation where the **EVENT** happened
   a. Additional countries or other locations referenced or noted in the intellectual content of the source document(s) can be recorded in the Event Description field, as appropriate
   b. This does NOT record the place of where source documents were created or published

6. **Description** -- Brief textual account or narrative explanation about this location

7. **Place Identifier*** -- Unique reference for each **PLACE** in the dataset
    a. References to place should use a unique identifier because Name (of place) is not always unique
    b. *Enslaved.org* strongly recommends listing Place Identifier in the Place Associator field of related **EVENT** records
    c. In some instances, **PLACE** may be connected to the **PERSON** record, depending on the organization and focus of the dataset

8. **Place Type*** -- Generic category or class of location -- distinct from the place's spatial aspects; used to group together similar places such as ports or courts (select one)
    a. See the current version of the **Enslaved.org Controlled Vocabularies** documentation for the most up to date terms and definitions

9. **Region** -- Identifies a geographic area or possibly a body of water that encompasses this **PLACE**
    a. Used to promote browsing data and filtering search results by broad and more granular geographic areas and oceans or seas
    b. Development of controlled vocabularies for this field will continue in Phase 2 of *Enslaved.org* to promote search and data retrieval

Change Log V.2

The following list describes changes made to the Enslaved.org Place Metadata between Version 1 (July 19, 2019) and Version 2 (March 24, 2023).

Required Field designation
- Dropped designation

Strongly Recommended Field designation
- Removed Coordinates
- Added for three fields: Name, Place Type, and Place Identifier