Women Poets of the Romantic Period:
University of Colorado Boulder’s PCC Wikidata Pilot Project

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PCC Participants Meeting

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Women Poets of the Romantic Period (CU Boulder): https://cudl.colorado.edu/luna/servlet
- first and early editions of poetry by women writers of the British Romantic Period (1770-1839)
- 425+ volumes; written by women of every class of society

Stainforth Library of Women's Writing (Santa Clara): https://stainforth.scu.edu/
- digitized version of Francis Stainforth’s (1797-1866) private library catalog
- 7100+ editions, 2800+ writers

While some of the writers in these collections are very well-known, many are women who have been left out of literary and book histories.
WPRP and Wikidata

- CU Boulder team’s involvement with WPRP originated as a NACO/VIAF authority record project
  - greater exposure for the little-known women poets

- Evolved into a convergence of all our identifier work
  - NACO/VIAF, ISNI, Wikidata

- Folded into PCC’s Wikidata Pilot

- Creating new NACO and ISNI records as needed

- Creating new Wikidata entities

- Adding NACO, VIAF and ISNI identifiers to existing Wikidata items

- Adding URLs to WPRP and the Stainforth Library of Women's Writing collections to all Wikidata items
Results
(initial cohort of 200 poets)

• 51 new NACO records (ca. 25% of cohort)

• ca. 50% needed new or revised ISNI records

• 86 new Wikidata items, 39 enhanced with identifiers (ca. 60% of the cohort)

• added Wikidata ID to NACO 024
Meet Cousin Clara!
(Q89132109)
Outcomes

- Pilot participants
  - Anna Ferris, Carole Griffin, Donna Hamilton, Jim Kalwara, Emily Semenoff, Chris Long

- Greater Web presence for the poets, WPRP, and the Stainforth Library

- Trained trainers for larger-scale Wikidata projects involving more participants

- Hands-on linked data experience for our staff
Possibilities for Future Work

- Add more details to project’s Wikidata items?
  - would aid querying and reveal relationships
  - coordinate a Wikidata edit-a-thon involving students?

- Work on the remaining set of women poets?
  - create a more robust template?

- Create Wikidata items for their works?

- Creating/enhancing Wikidata items for CU Boulder faculty
Links

Project Page:

Dashboard:

Thank you!