

Exercise: Recording Names People and Places

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You've seen how to mark up the basic structure of a TEI document, but there is a lot more we could do.... Throughout this workshop we'll be progressively expanding the tagging, focussing in particular on the many proper names we find throughout the text.

The TEI offers a generic `<name>` element, a `<persName>` element for personal names, a `<placeName>` element for names of places, and an `<orgName>` element for names of organizations. Your task is a simple one: hunt down as many as you can of the names in an issue of Punch and disambiguate them.

As you probably noticed, Mr Punch tends to put people's surnames into small caps, and also occasionally italics or bold, so this is not such an impossible task. Be careful though – he doesn't always do this (Miss C E Collet in the first paragraph is a case in point).

- Open the file `sample-0.xml` in Oxygen. Make sure that this file is valid against the `tei-ipp.rnc` schema.
- Now Look at each `<hi rend="sc">` and decide whether you want to replace it with a `<persName>` or a `<placeName>`, or leave well alone.
- Add `<persName>` or `<placeName>` tags to any other person or place names you recognise as such.
- Particularly in Toby's Report from Parliament, you will see several people referred to by their title or position. For example, 'the Premier' is a reference to Asquith, the 'Leader of the House' is Lord Crewe, and the 'Chancellor', 'Chancellor of the Exchequer' etc. are all ways of referring to Lloyd-George. We suggest you mark these, and similar, as `<persName>` elements too, for reasons which will become apparent in due course.

Information about some of these people is readily available online from sources such as Wikipedia or the Oxford Dictionary of Biography. For example, the mysterious Miss C.E. Collet is described in the DNB at <http://www.oxforddnb.com/view/article/39079>; and 'Bombadier Wells' is documented in Wikipedia at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bombadier_Billy_Wells. Sometimes of course it's Mr Punch's sense of humour which prevents us from identifying the person intended (suggestions for 'Dude Alexander' are welcomed); but often the person referred to is just not documented in any online resource we've been able to find (for example the elusive Harry C. Wise).

You'll also notice that the same person may be referred to several times. In the rest of this exercise you will start creating single place where information about each person can be stored, and linking each references in the text to it.

1. Make a `<listPerson>` element in the appropriate place in the `<teiHeader>` of your document. It should appear inside a `<particDesc>` element, inside a `<profileDesc>`, inside the `<teiHeader>`.
2. Now start adding `<person>` elements to the list. Give each one an identifying code (you can make these up any way you like, but they must be unique). As a minimum we suggest you record for each person their full name (using `<persName>` or any of its components), their date of birth (using `<birth>`) and their date of death (using `<death>`). You should be able to track down quite a lot of the people referred to in this article by searching online at Wikipedia or in the DNB entry; to save time we've also prepared a crib for you.

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3. Now link your existing `<persName>` elements, either to the `<person>` element, or to the online reference that describes them.

- For example, if you want to link Miss Collet to her DNB entry, you would add the URL given above:

```
<persName
  ref="http://www.oxforddnb.com/view/article/39079"
  xmlns:tei="http://www.tei-c.org/ns/1.0">Miss
C. E. Collet</persName>
```

- If on the other hand you want to provide your own description for her, you would first create it as a `<person>` element like this:

```
<person xml:id="COLLET"
  xmlns:tei="http://www.tei-c.org/ns/1.0">
  <persName>Clara Elizabeth Collet</persName>
  <birth when="1860-09-10">Islington, London.</birth>
  <death when="1948-08-03">Sidmouth, Devon.</death>
  <note>
    <ref
      target="http://www.oxforddnb.com/view/article/39079">Wikipedia en-
try</ref>
  </note>
</person>
```

and then link the reference in the Punch text to this description like this:

```
<persName ref="#COLLET"
  xmlns:tei="http://www.tei-c.org/ns/1.0">Miss
C. E. Collet</persName>
```

4. Try to do at least half a dozen! Remember to save your file (you'll use it later) and remember to check that it's still valid TEI! When you're done, we suggest you save the file under a different name: `sample-1.xml` for example.