

MANUSCRIPTS ONLINE - Page Components for Mickey & Mallory v1

1. Architecture

The site architecture for *Manuscripts Online* will mirror the architecture and functionality of its existing sister site, *Connected Histories* (see <http://www.connectedhistories.org>):

1. *Homepage* - containing a short introduction, the Quick Search interface and latest news.
2. *Search* - containing all search options, with similar functionality to Connected Histories
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 - |--> 2.1. *Search Results* - with similar functionality to Connected Histories
3. *Resources* - containing a list of all searchable resources
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 - |--> 3.1. *Resource Page* - a text page describing an individual resource
4. *Workspace*
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 - |--> 4.1. *Login*, 4.2. *Register* or 4.3. *Saved Searches and Forum Threads*
5. *Forum* - a facility for users to discuss their research and discoveries (requiring registration)
6. *API* - a text page for access to API documentation and examples.

2. Primary Pages

Designs should be developed for the following primary pages:

1. Homepage
2. Search
3. Search Results
4. Resources
5. Resource Page

3. Homepage

- Title banner (as for all pages)
- Primary links (as per section 2 above)
- Introductory information
- Tooltip help
- Quick Search box with the following components:
 - Keyword input box
 - Special Characters keyboard (***)
 - "Include variant spellings" switch/checkbox
 - "Search Types: Person, Place, Keyword" with radio buttons
 - "Source Date:" date-range entry (more discussion needed)
- A visual resource navigator.
- Tag cloud or other dynamic content (to be discussed)
- Twitter and social networking provision
- Advertising and login facility for the Forum?
- "Latest Resources" news sections
- JISC logo
- No institutional logos. Institutional information to be given in a text form only, eg. at bottom of the screen. The institutions are University of Sheffield, University of Leicester, University of Birmingham, University of Glasgow, University of York and Queen's University Belfast.

4. Search

- Instructions to the user
- The following input boxes: "Keyword", "Person", "Place".
- Input boxes to include: a) special character keyboard, b) "Include variant spellings" switch/checkbox and c) checkboxes for "English", "Latin" and "Anglo Norman"
- Filtering section (as in Connected Histories) for the following filter groups:

- "Dates" containing three filters: "Source Date", "Cited Date" and "Coverage".
- "Language" (?)
- "Type of Source"
- "Format of Source" (?)
- "Access"

5. Results

- At the head of the search results: "You searched for <keywords>"
- A link called "Reveal variant spellings" which will show a pop-up box containing a short list of clickable words and possibly a small amount of prose text.
- Tooltip help
- Google-style clumping formula for the results
- For each result, show:
 - thumbnail
 - collection title
 - document title
 - how many results for the individual collection/resource
 - "View more" link
 - "View all" link
 - checkbox for downloading/bookmarking each individual result
 - access key (eg. subscription only).
- The Results page needs to include a widget similar to "Download options" on Connected Histories".
- Facets feature, repeating the filtering boxes visible on the Search page.

No adverts with this site!