

Digital Edition Publishing Cooperative for Historical Accounts and the Bookkeeping Ontology

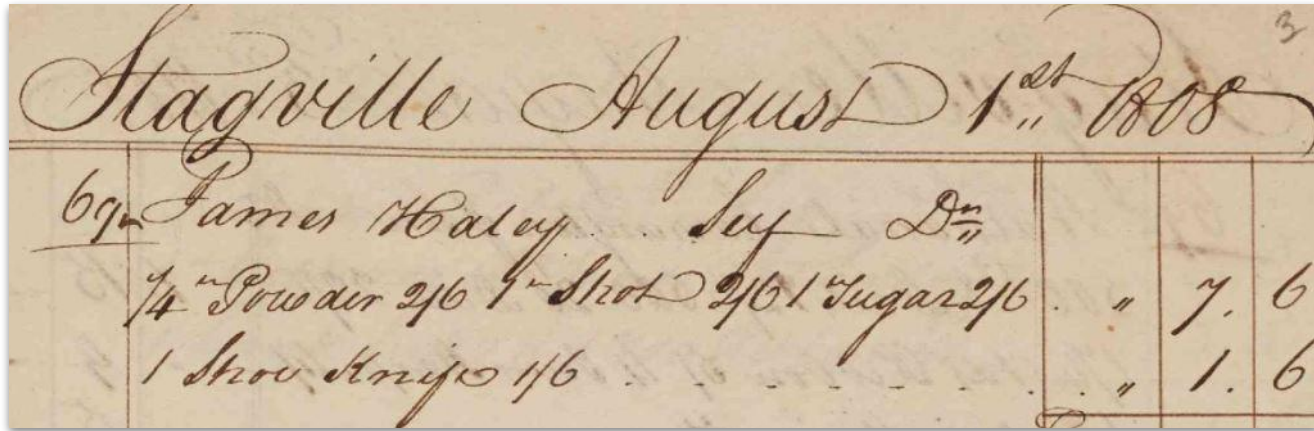
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Digital Edition Publishing Cooperative for Historical Accounts

- Preliminary work for NHPRC/Mellon Implementation proposal
- Offer publication and access for historical accounting records.
- Editors would be able to upload their transcriptions from multiple formats (Excel, Drupal, XML/TEI).
- Data is hosted in GAMS and is converted to RDF for reuse.
- As outputs, DEPCHA would offers visualizations and information retrieval.

Historical Accounts

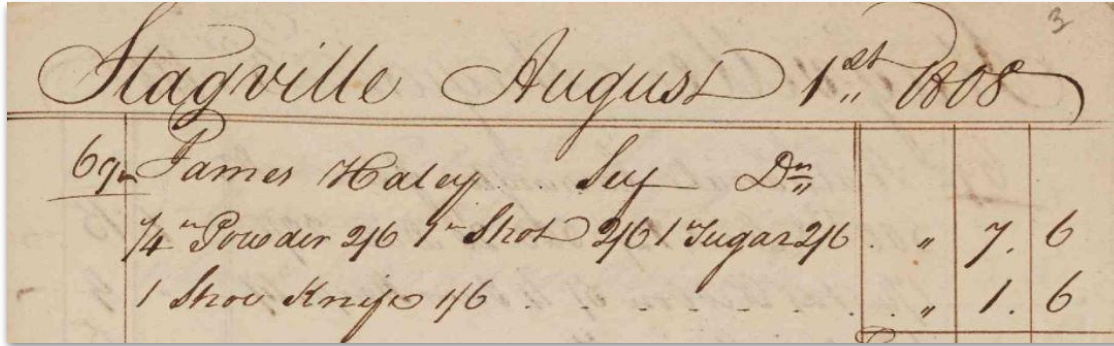


Stagville August 1st 1808

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1/4 Powder 2/6	1/4 Shot 2/6	1 Sugar 2/6	"	7.	6
1 Shoe Stripes 1/6			"	1.	6

- Research questions: network of customer, what goes together, economic dependencies, free/enslaved ?
- Rich and highly structured data sets over long periods, where the aggregation of individual information is of interest
- Textual - quantifiable - semantic

Stagville Financial Papers (1767-1892)



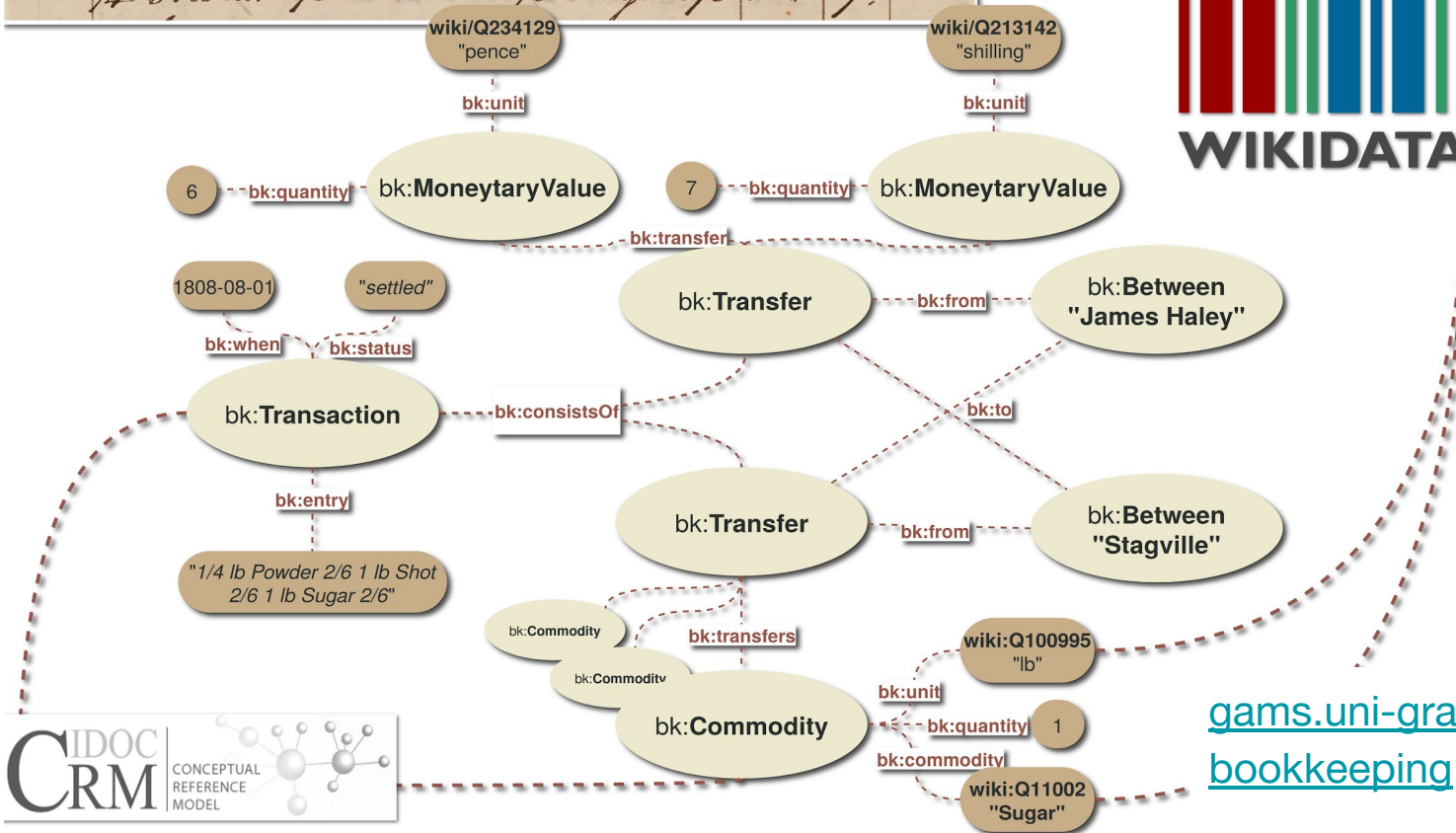
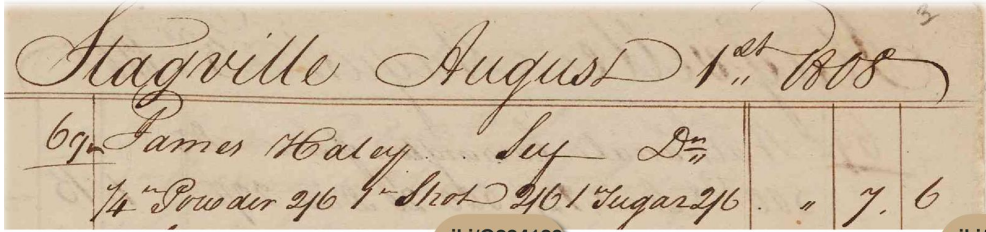
Stagville August 1st 1808

69 James Haley Self Dr			
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1 Shoe Knife 1/6			1 6

Stagville August 1st 1808

69 James Haley Self Dr.

Date	Item and price	L	s	d
	1/4 lb <u>Powder</u> 2/6 1 lb <u>Shot</u> 2/6 1 lb <u>Sugar</u> 2/6		7	6
	1 <u>Shoe Knife</u> 1/6		1	6
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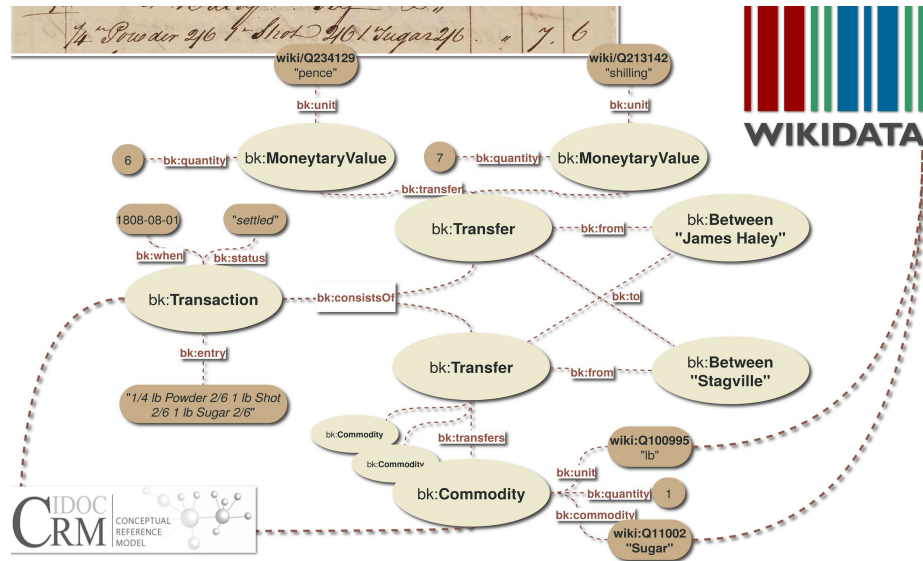


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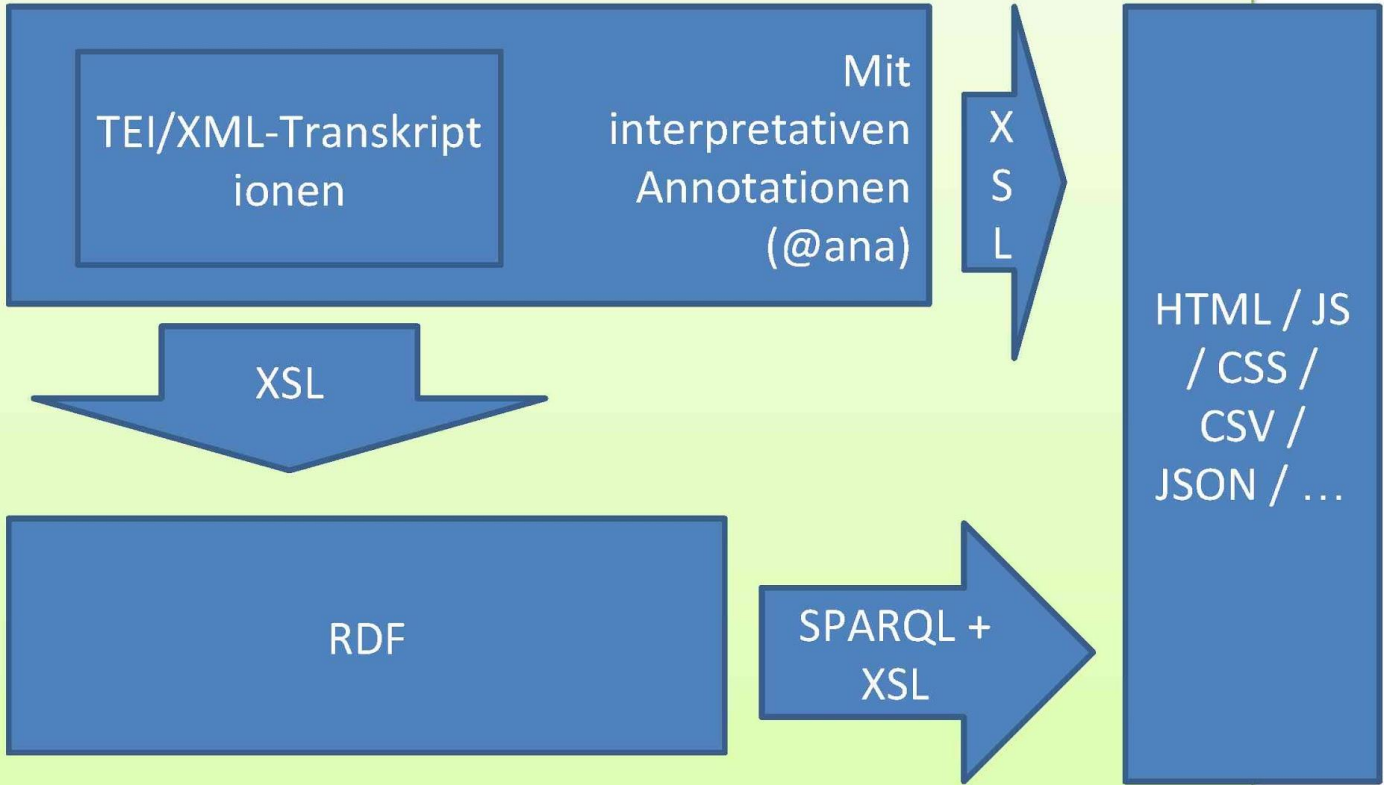
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Aims of the Bookkeeping Ontology

- **Controlled Vocabulary - Communication**
- **Hermeneutic Circle - Ontology Engineering**
- **Reasoning: Data Quality - Information Retrieval**
- **Longterm Preservation**

Prototype <http://gams.uni-graz.at/depcha>



GAMS

(FEDORA commons, Blazegraph, Cocoon, Saxon ...)