



Subject Indexing and AIM25

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**A unified guide to archives
and manuscript collections
in HE institutions and
learned societies in the
London area.**



AIM25 Objectives

- **Comprehensive coverage – subject collections and institutional records**
- **Collaboration with M25 Consortium of HE libraries**
- **Regional base**
- **Integrated within the National Archives Network**



AIM25 Partners

- **16 HE Survey Partners**
- **20 Full HE Partners**
- **11 External Partners**



Current position

- **5800 descriptions**
- **104,000 access points**
 - **Subjects** **62,429**
 - **Personal** **12,105**
 - **Corporate** **11,106**
 - **Places** **19,173**



Current position

- **Project funding ended Oct 2002**
- **Partners still adding and editing descriptions**
- **KCL and ULCC providing editorial and tech support**



London Signpost

- **Extension of project beyond HE sector**
- **30 partner pilot in progress**
- **HLF bid to be submitted March 2004**



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Perspective:

- project manager + 3-4 project archivists using and customising Unesco
- first sustained experience of subject indexing



Coverage:

- diverse archives in around 50 institutions
- institutional holdings, and a wide variety of deposited collections
- ranging across many subject specialisms



Methodology:

- indexing high level descriptions
- indexing scope and content of collections



Addition of terms:

- new NPTs mapped to existing Unesco preferred terms
- automatic
- or new preferred terms linked manually by the project archivists into the Unesco hierarchy



Sources for additions:

- other thesauri
- in-house systems from repositories
- further additions by project archivists

Centralised editorial process:

- consultation among project team, coordinated and recorded by one project archivist

Proportion of added terms:

- some 70% of subject terms were Unesco terms, with the remainder added from other sources



Issues:

- coverage of Unesco variable
- omissions
- structural problems



Issues:

- total number of terms
- degree of specificity
- consistency about addition of terms



Issues:

- historical context
- UK usage
- position in hierarchy



Issues:

- usefulness of added terms
- indexing formats



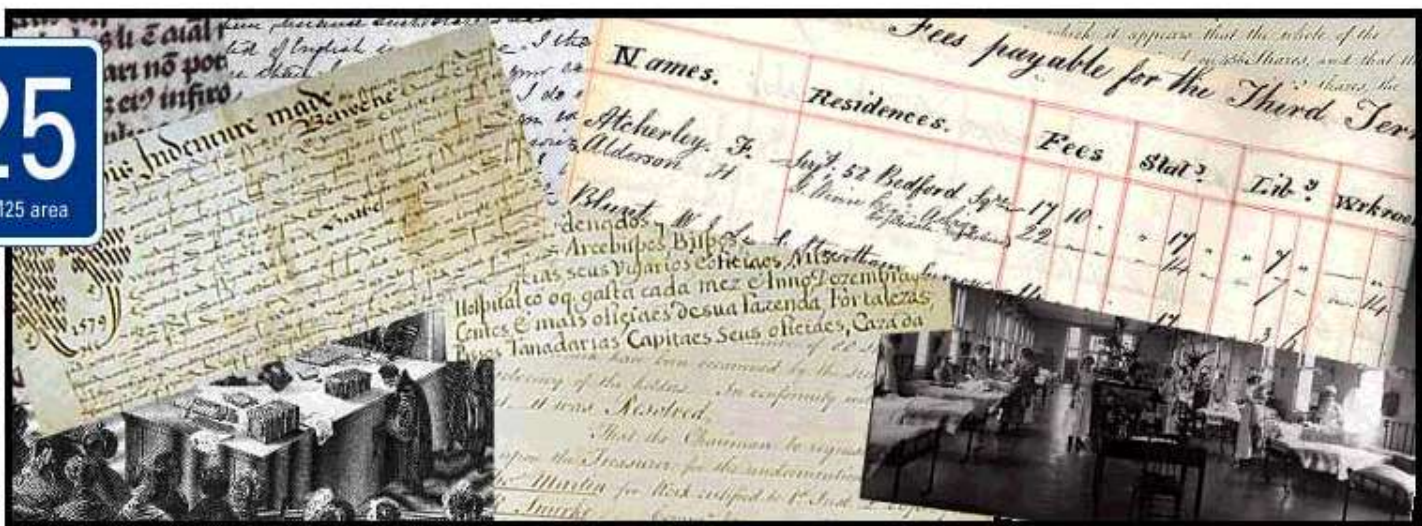
Demonstration:

- <http://www.aim25.ac.uk>

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Rslp
Research Support Libraries
Programme



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AIM25 is a major project to provide electronic access to collection level descriptions of the archives of over fifty higher education institutions and learned societies within the greater London area.

This work is **in progress**; new descriptions are being added regularly. A number of descriptions have not yet been supported by additional index entries. Their indexing will follow later in the course of the project. Please visit often to see the latest additions.



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- NT1 [Political parties](#) [U]
- RT [Government](#) [U]
- UF National politics, Domestic affairs

Political doctrines [U]

- NT1 [Anarchism](#) [U]
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- NT1 [Anti-slavery](#) [A]
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MT 2.70 Biology

BT1 [Anatomy](#) [UH] [Linked terms](#)

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[Ability grouping](#) [U]

MT 1.25 Educational management

BT1 [Educational grouping](#) [U] [Linked terms](#)

[Aboriginals](#) [U] USE [Indigenous populations](#)

[Abortion](#) [UH]

MT 4.40 Family

BT1 [Birth control](#) [U] [Linked terms](#)

BT2 [Family planning](#) [UH] [Linked terms](#)

RT [Contraception](#) [UH] [Linked terms](#)

RT [Maternal and child health](#) [U] [Linked terms](#)

RT [Medical ethics](#) [U] [Linked terms](#)

RT [Pregnancy](#) [UH] [Linked terms](#)

[Absenteeism](#) [U] USE [Leave](#)

[Abstracting and indexing services](#) [U] USE [Bibliographic services](#)

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Key to thesaurus abbreviations

U = UNESCO thesaurus term

H = Human Services and Health thesaurus term

B = British Education Thesaurus term

L = LCSH term

P = Public Record Office term

S = SOAS Missionary thesaurus term

A = AIM25 term

Educationally retarded [U] USE Slow learners

Egyptology [U]

MT 3.25 History

BT1 [Ancient civilizations](#) [U] *Linked terms*

BT2 [Ancient history](#) [U] *Linked terms*

BT3 [Historical periods](#) [U] *Linked terms*

RT [Ancient scripts](#) [U] *Linked terms*

RT [Archaeology](#) [U] *Linked terms*

Elections [U]

MT 6.15 Politics and government

BT1 [Electoral systems](#) [U] *Linked terms*

BT2 [Internal politics](#) [U] *Linked terms*

NT1 [Parliamentary elections](#) [A] *Linked terms*

Electoral systems [U]

MT 6.15 Politics and government

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NT2 [Parliamentary elections](#) [A] *Linked terms*

NT1 [Womens suffrage](#) [U] *Linked terms*

NT2 [Suffragettes](#) [A] *Linked terms*

RT [Parliamentary systems](#) [U] *Linked terms*

Electric power [U]

MT 2.65 Natural resources

BT1 [Energy resources](#) [U] *Linked terms*

RT [Electric power stations](#) [U] *Linked terms*

RT [Electrical engineering](#) [U] *Linked terms*

RT [Hydroelectric power](#) [U] *Linked terms*

Electric power stations [U]

MT 6.60 Equipment and facilities

BT1 [Scientific facilities](#) [U] *Linked terms*

NT1 [Nuclear power stations](#) [U] *Linked terms*

NT2 [Nuclear reactors](#) [U] *Linked terms*

RT [Electric power](#) [U] *Linked terms*

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Thesaurus-assisted search

11 Match(es)

Your search was:

Egyptology

Your search matched 11 record(s). Numbers 1 to 11 are listed here. Use the navigation links to look at later or earlier matches if more than one page of results is shown. Results are listed alphabetically by institution name and collection title.

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#	Title	Abstract
1	Institute of Classical Studies: Bent Diaries	Diaries and notebooks of James Theodore and Mabel Virginia Anna Bent, 1883-1898, comprising: Mabel Bent's diaries of visits to the Greek Islands,...
2	School of Oriental and African Studies: Arkell, Anthony John	Papers, 1887-1947, largely dating from after c1919, of Anthony John Arkell, comprising reports, articles and notes, and chiefly concerning the archaeo...
3	University College London: Edwards Letters	Seven letters to Miss Worrall. Some are undated....
4	University College London: Edwards Papers	Six letters to Miss Cave and one drawing. Some are undated....
5	University College London: Murray Correspondence	The collection consists of letters to Margaret Murray; letters to other members of the Murray family; letters to unidentified correspondents; letters ...
6	University College London: Murray Lecture Notes	Egyptology lecture notes and syllabuses....
7	University College London: Petrie Letters	Correspondence with John Cobden...



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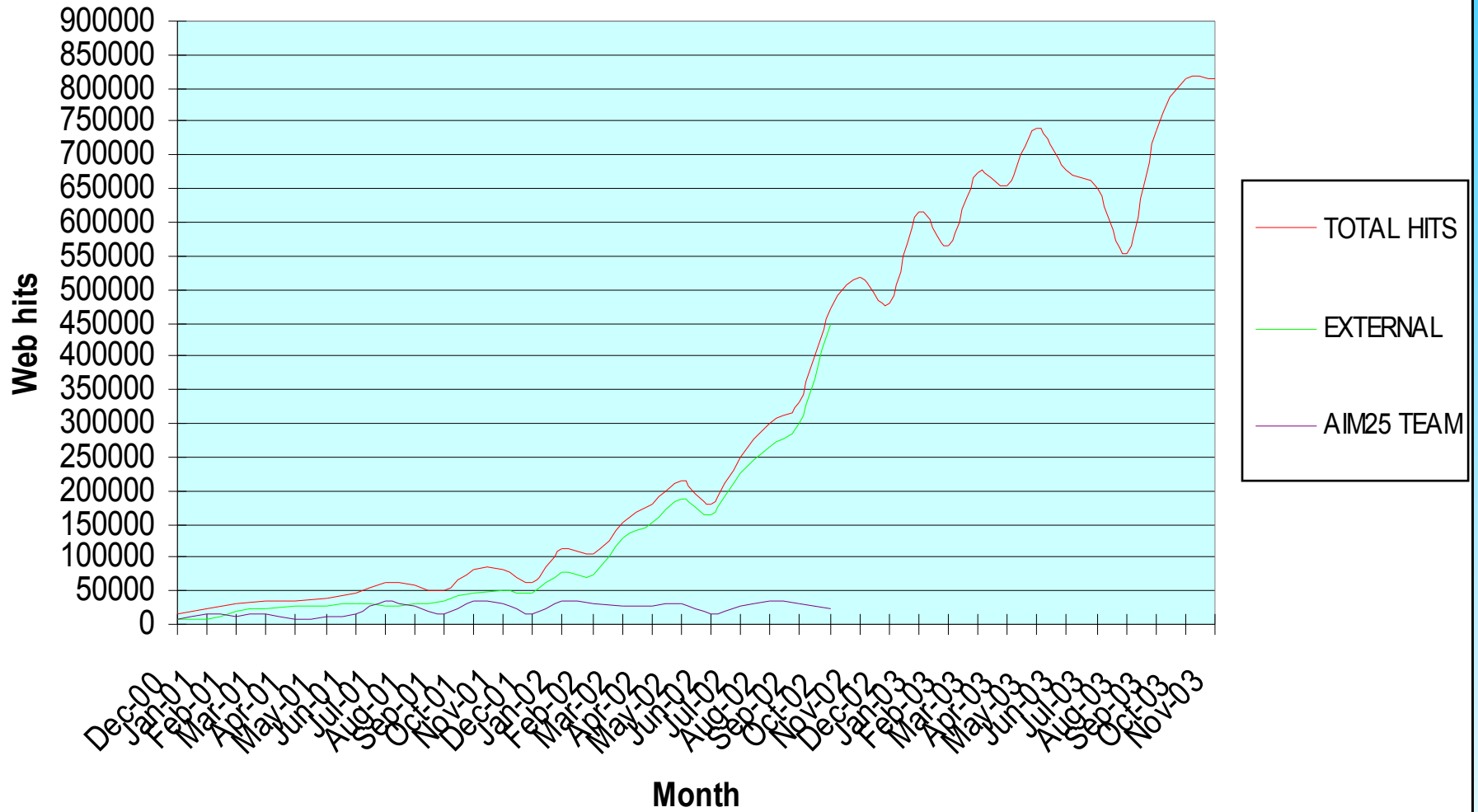
[Bent | James Theodore | 1852-1897 | traveller and archaeologist](#)
[Bent | Mabel Virginia Anna | d 1929 | traveller and writer](#)

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<i>Bad trip to Edgewood</i> - US Army drug testing, television documentary archive	13		37	3	1	3	1	35	86	
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<i>Death of Yugoslavia</i> television documentary archive	14		34		4			15	63	
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Analysis of Collection Description Hits, Oct-Nov 2003

Advanced Search/Thesaurus	51%
External Search Engines	30%
Open Archives Initiative (OAI)	10%
Browse	8%
Quicksearch	1%



Thesaurus Hits, Sep-Nov 2003

Subject	18%
Personal	31%
Corporate	44%
Places	7%



Conclusion:

- resource-intensive
- worthwhile