A bilingual resource for museum cataloguers – coming soon!

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Nomenclature and Parks Canada Classification Systems

- Nomenclature used by both U.S. and CDN museums cataloguing human history collections.
- Parks Canada system used in some CDN museums
Nomenclature Task Force (including reps from CHIN and Parks Canada) agreed to harmonize (merge) the standards. CHIN took on this harmonization project.

CHIN also created a complete French-language version!
Nomenclature – Soon available online!

- CHIN will launch a website in 2018 that will allow museums to consult Nomenclature freely.

- At launch, the new Nomenclature website will include:
  - the entire *Nomenclature 4.0*;
  - the harmonized Parks Canada system;
  - new French equivalents for all Categories, Classes, Sub-Classes, Terms, Definitions, and Notes;
  - Bibliographic references relating to each Category and Class;
  - Illustrations for many Terms
### Nomenclature for Museum Cataloging

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Nomenclature for Museum Cataloging

Browse Hierarchy

Expand Tree

- Category 1: Built Environment Objects
- Category 2: Furnishings
- Category 3: Personal Objects
- Category 4: Tools & Equipment for Materials
- Category 5: Tools & Equipment for Science & Technology
- Category 6: Tools & Equipment for Communication
- Category 7: Distribution & Transportation Objects
- Category 8: Communication Objects
- Category 9: Recreational Objects
- Category 10: Unclassifiable Objects
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Browse Hierarchy

Category 1: Built Environment Objects

Expand Tree

Category 1: Built Environment Objects

- Building Components
- Site Features
- Structures

Your Selection

Category 1: Built Environment Objects

Definition: Objects originally created to define space for human activities or to be used as components of space-defining objects.

Parks Canada Code: 01

Bibliographic References for this Category
Nomenclature for Museum Cataloging

Browse Hierarchy

Top > Category 1: Built Environment Objects > Structures

Expand Tree

Category 1: Built Environment Objects

Structures

- Agricultural Structures
- Ceremonial Structures
- Civic & Social Structures
- Commercial Structures
- Defense Structures
- Dwellings
- Hydraulic Structures
- Industrial Structures
- Institutional Structures
- Outbuildings
- Transportation Structures
- Other Structures

Your Selection

Class: Structures

Definition: Objects originally created to provide or define a space for human activities. Structures may be permanent, portable, climate-controlled, or open-air, and can be used for a variety of purposes including ceremonial, agricultural, recreational, commercial, cultural, civic, industrial, and social. Architectural samples integral to buildings such as wall sections, as well as separable, distinct, and interchangeable components, such as doorknobs or window sashes, are included in Building Components.

Parks Canada Code: A030

Bibliographic References for this Class
Nomenclature for Museum Cataloging

Browset Hierarchy

Top ➔ Category 1: Built Environment Objects ➔ Structures ➔ Ceremonial Structures

Expand Tree

- Category 1: Built Environment Objects
- Structures
- Ceremonial Structures
  - Baldachin
  - Mausolee
  - Structure, Funerary
  - Structure, Religious
  - Teahouse

Your Selection

Sub-Class: Ceremonial Structures

Definition: Structures originally created for ceremonial activities such as conducting religious services or preparing or housing the remains of the dead. Such structures may also provide space for devotional activities, such as those associated with holy objects, or offer shelter for transformative practices or traditional rituals such as tea ceremonies. This sub-class does not include structures for human habitation or for ceremonial activities conducted by social organizations.

Parks Canada Code: A020

Bibliographic References for this Sub-Class
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Top > Category 1: Built Environment Objects > Structures > Ceremonial Structures > Structure, Religious

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Category 1: Built Environment Objects
- Structures
  - Ceremonial Structures
    - Structure, Religious
      - Chapel
      - Church
      - Kiva
      - Meetinghouse
      - Mosque
      - Pagoda
      - Shrine
      - Synagogue
      - Temple

Your Selection

Preferred Term: Structure, Religious

Alternate Term: [none for this term]

French Equivalent: Structure Religieuse

Non-preferred Term: [none for this term]

Note: [none for this term]

Added in: Prior to 2010 (Version 3.0)

Parks Canada Code: [none for this term]
Nomenclature for Museum Cataloging

Browse Hierarchy

Category 1: Built Environment Objects > Structures > Ceremonial Structures > Religious Structure > Church > Cathedral

Your Selection

Tertiary Term: Cathedral
Preferred Term: Cathedral
Alternate Term: [none for this term]
French Equivalent: Cathédrale
Non-preferred Term: [none for this term]
Note: May also use ... [cross reference suggestion or usage note]
Added: Prior to 2010 (Version 3.0)
Parks Canada Code: [none for this term]
Agreement between CHIN and Rowman & Littlefield:

- In January 2020, CHIN will be allowed to make Nomenclature freely available under and Open Data Commons license (ODC-by)

- CHIN will be able to offer Nomenclature as a free downloadable file

- Plans to supplement Nomenclature with information from the Getty AAT and links to other established LOD resources – possibly reciprocal links

- CHIN plans to release Nomenclature as Linked Open Data - possibly as RDF download, SPARQL endpoint, and/or API
Call for Participation

- Your museum can help with Nomenclature development:
  - by submitting terms for consideration (see the Nomenclature Community website to submit terms)
  - by participating in special terminology development projects in your museum’s area of expertise
Canadian Working Group for Nomenclature

- Ensure French equivalent added when new English terms added
- Ensure that alternative Canadian spelling is included
- Encourage Canadian museums to submit candidate terms
- Participate in special terminology development projects
- Help assess and provide English equivalents when terminology is submitted in French
- A small group of people with unique skills will begin work soon
Thank You!

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