What is “Data”? Collaborations Between Special Collections and Research Data Services

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About The Dallas Death Map

- Deaths between 1915-1920
- 500+ views since October 2019

Sourcing Data

- Data were collected from Texas Death Certificates
- Information from newspaper articles and inquest records were used for verification and supplementation

Mapping Event Points

SPCO Roles

- Comparing historical addresses & maps to contemporary street names/numbers
- Using City Directories and other supplementary materials for research
- Provide historical and local context for the dataset

RDS Roles

- Converting the manual plotting in Google Maps to a dataset with coordinates
- Coding deaths into distinct categories
- Making data machine-readable
- Design and customization of the interactive map

Framing Data

- Not quantitative
- Data as information
- Records as data

Highlighting Trends and Clusters

Tools Utilized

- UTA MOU Workbook bit.ly/utamou
- CARTO carto.com
- Drupal website libraries.uta.edu

Future Plans

- Add maps of Fort Worth & Arlington
- Regular data deposits in the Mavs Dataverse

The Dallas Death Map

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