Old Traces, New Links: Representation of Taiwan Baotu in OpenStreetMap

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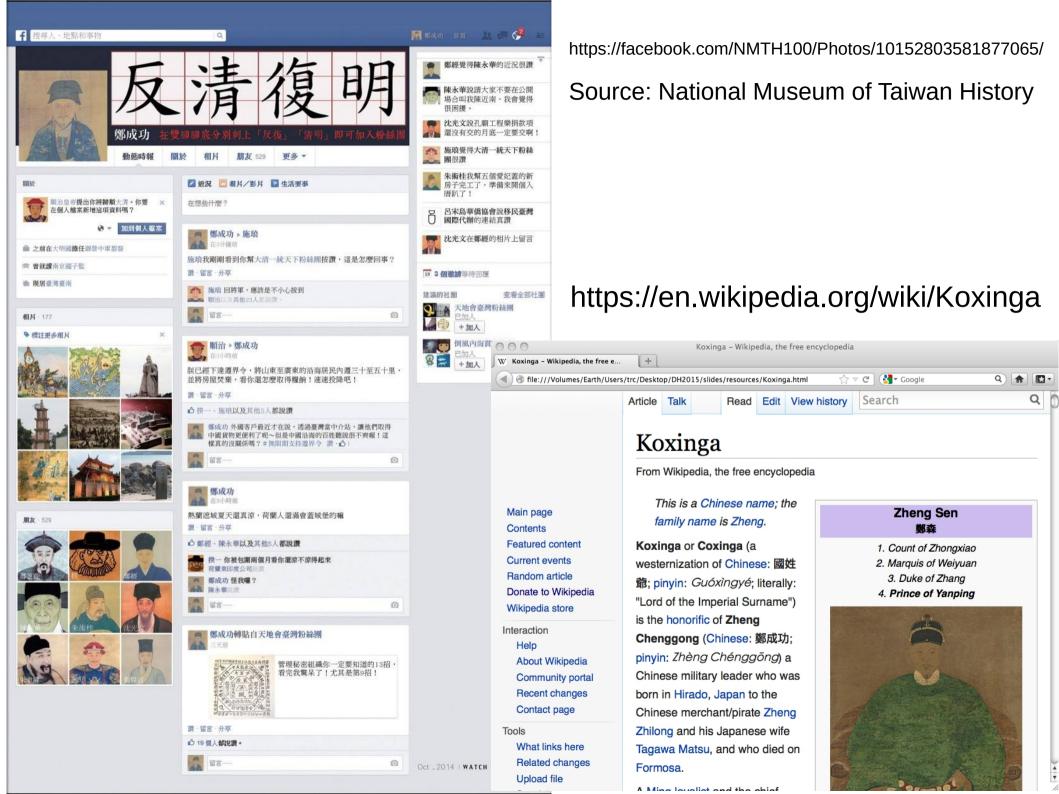
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Being Digital

- process accurate
 - transfer from physical artifacts to digital forms
- object computational
 - extract entities from data for analysis
- use transformative
 - disseminate and repurpose without restriction

"Facebook of the Dead"

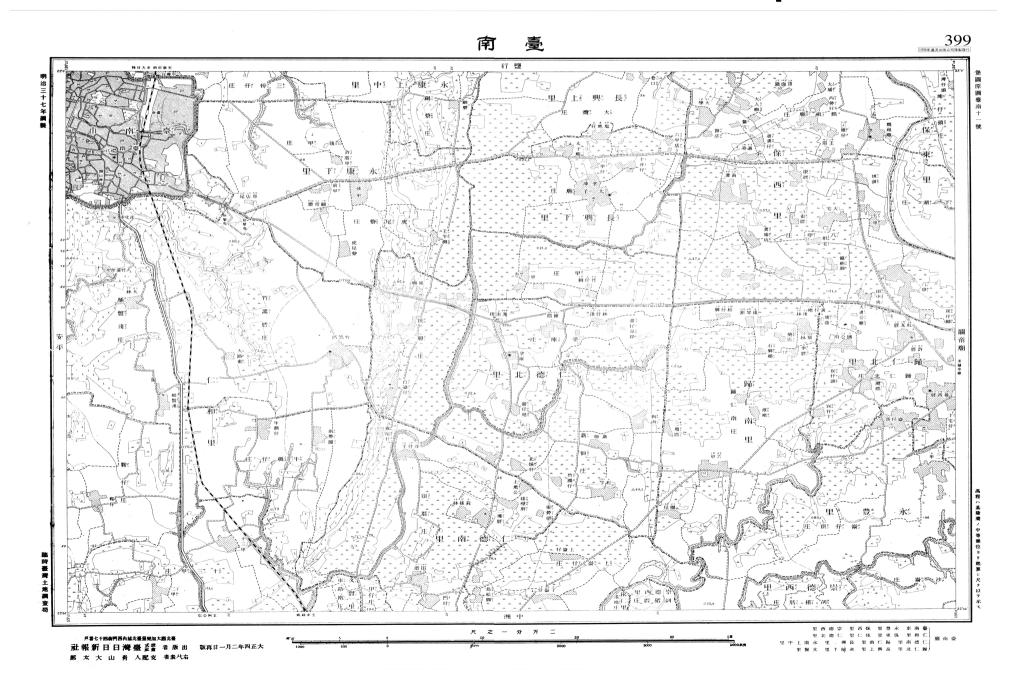
- Transferring from a printed biography to a collection of image and text files
- Extracting personal names, interpersonal relationship, and social events from a text collection for social network analysis
- Representing the social networks in some new ways



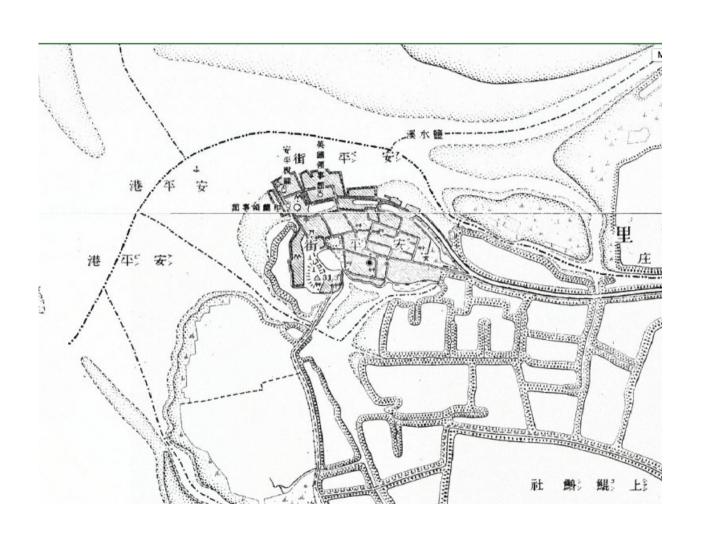
Taiwan Baotu in OpenStreetMap

- Taiwan Baotu(台灣堡圖), 1906, 1920
 - a set of 457 topographic maps of Taiwan, when the island was ruled by Japan
 - incl. place names, land use, transportation networks, landmarks, and other information
- OpenStreetMap (OSM), 2006
 - free software with collaborative mapping data
 - a mendable tool kit for one's own mapping needs
- Taiwan Baotu in OSM
 - accurate, computational, and transformative

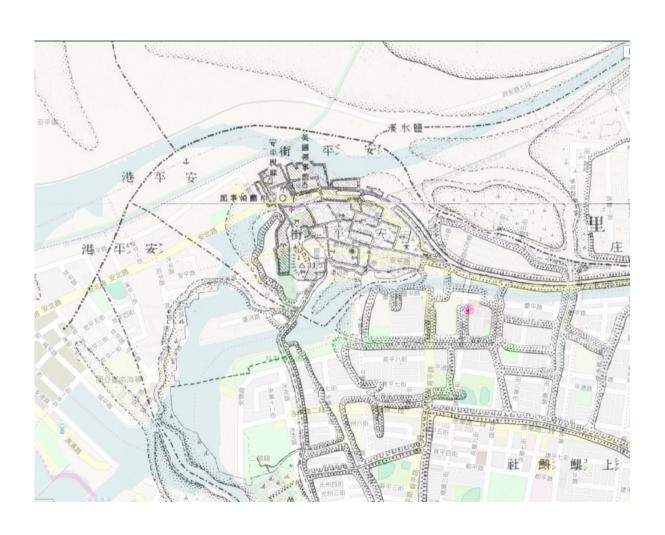
Scanned Historical Map



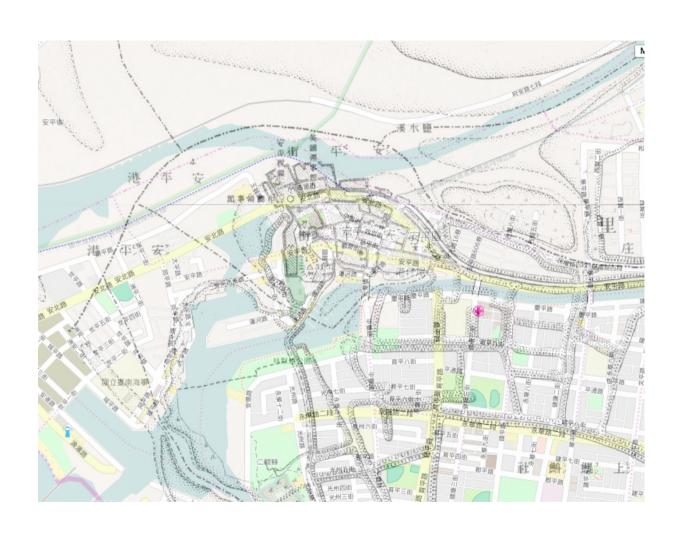
Overlaying Approach (alpha=1)



Overlaying Approach (alpha=0.6)



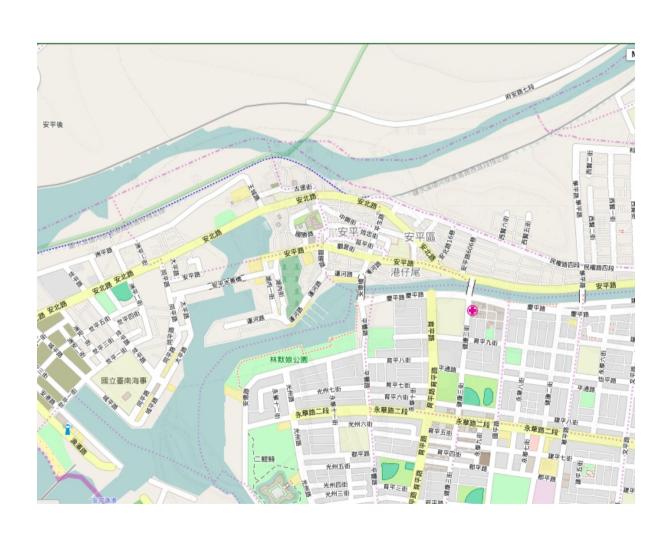
Overlaying Approach (alpha=0.4)



Overlaying Approach (alpha=0.2)



Overlaying Approach (alpha=0)



Comparison on Tainan Station Area

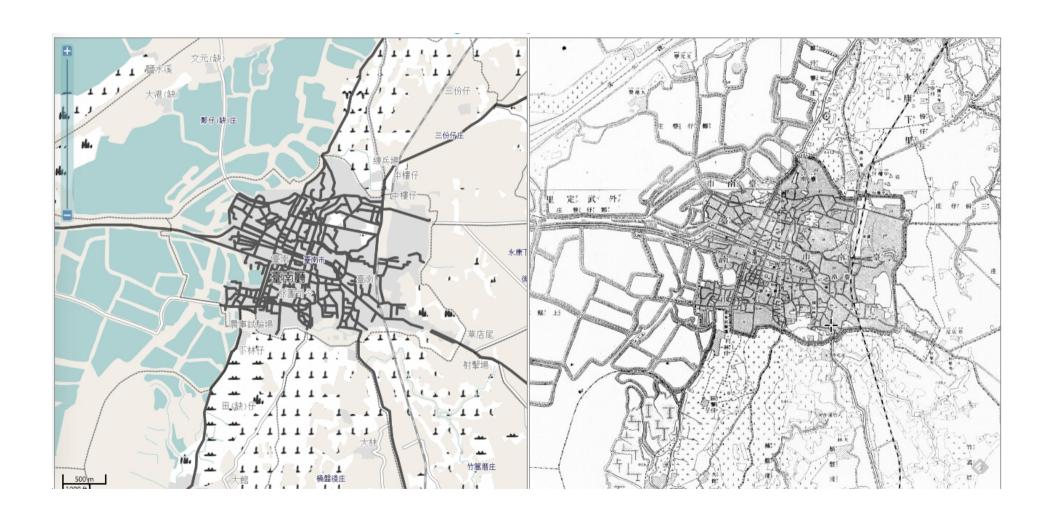


Comparison on Tainan Station Area









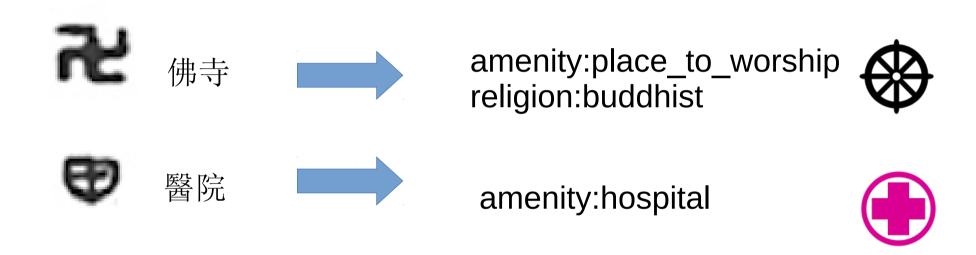


Why OpenStreetMap

- Brief introduction
 - A collaborative project
 - A map built by mappers (contributors) all over the world
 - Free/Open Source
- Why we use it
 - Complete architecture (storing, visualizing, rendering, etc.)
 - Flexible data format (XML)
 - Customizable map data and style
 - User-defined feature tags

Mapping Features

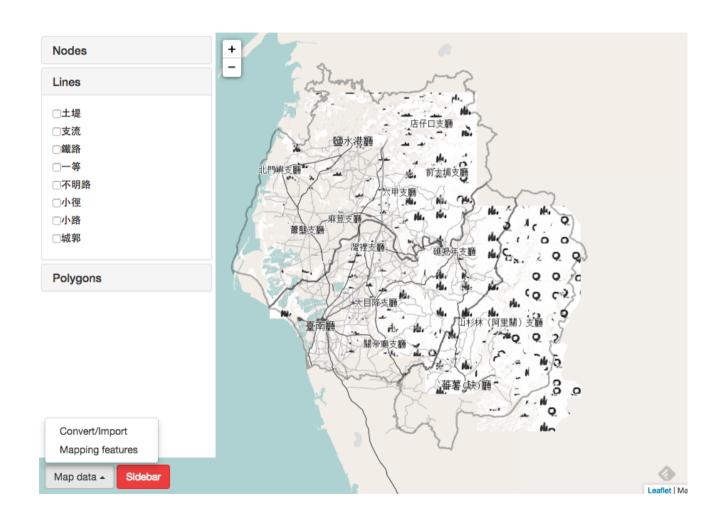
Redefining features already existed in OpenStreetMap



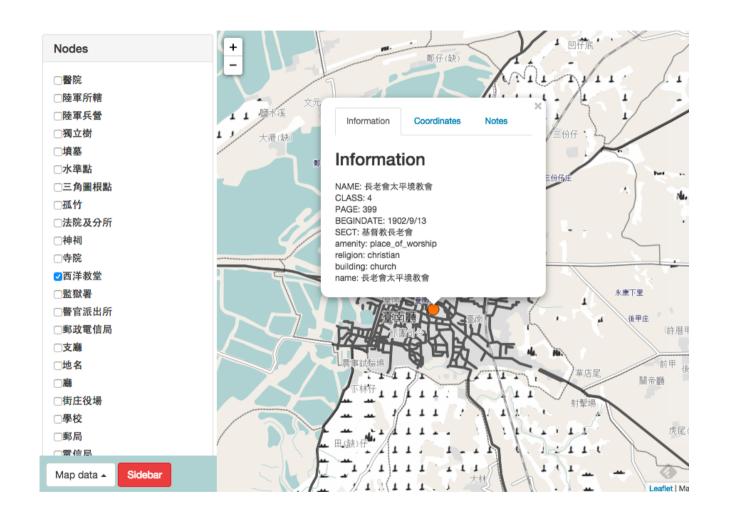
Features defined by ourselves



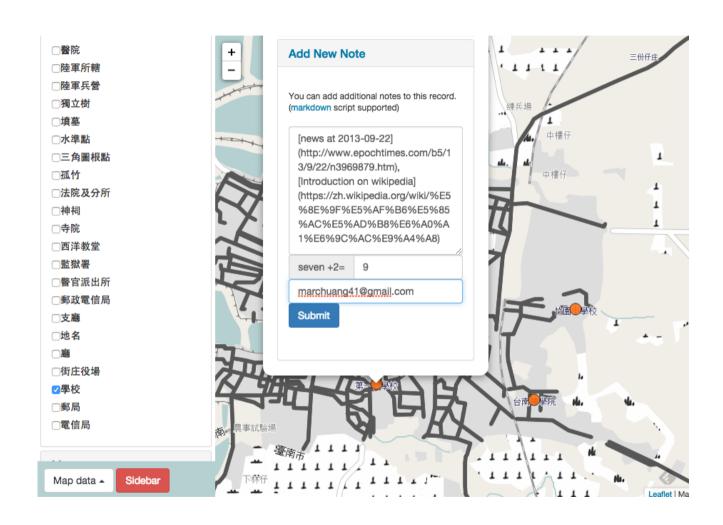
An Annotation Interface



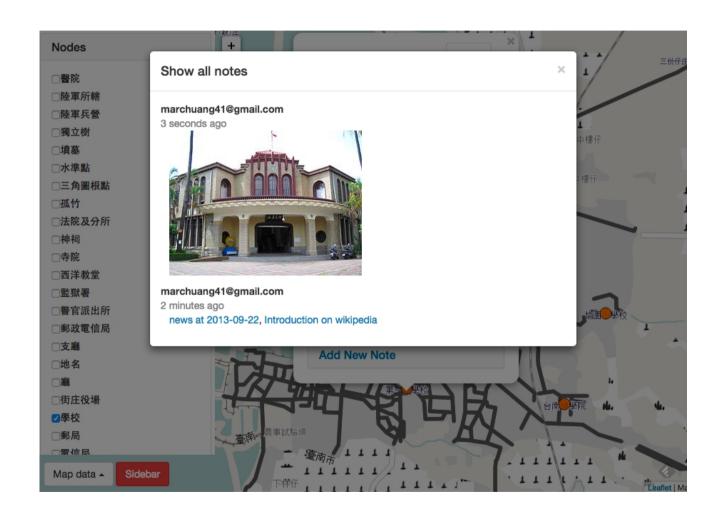
General Information



Users Can Add Notes (in Markdown)



All Notes



Summary

- An approach to preserving historical artifacts
- Representing historical maps as modern maps
- Connecting history-related information together

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