Getting Started with

Historypin for Content Management

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- Equipment needed: Computer or laptop with access to the internet and an email account

Overview:

Historypin is a collaborative, community-based digital humanities tool for content management, virtual tours, and digital storytelling. Individuals and organizations can share images, maps, textual documents, and audio. They can also curate and collaborate on collections with their community.

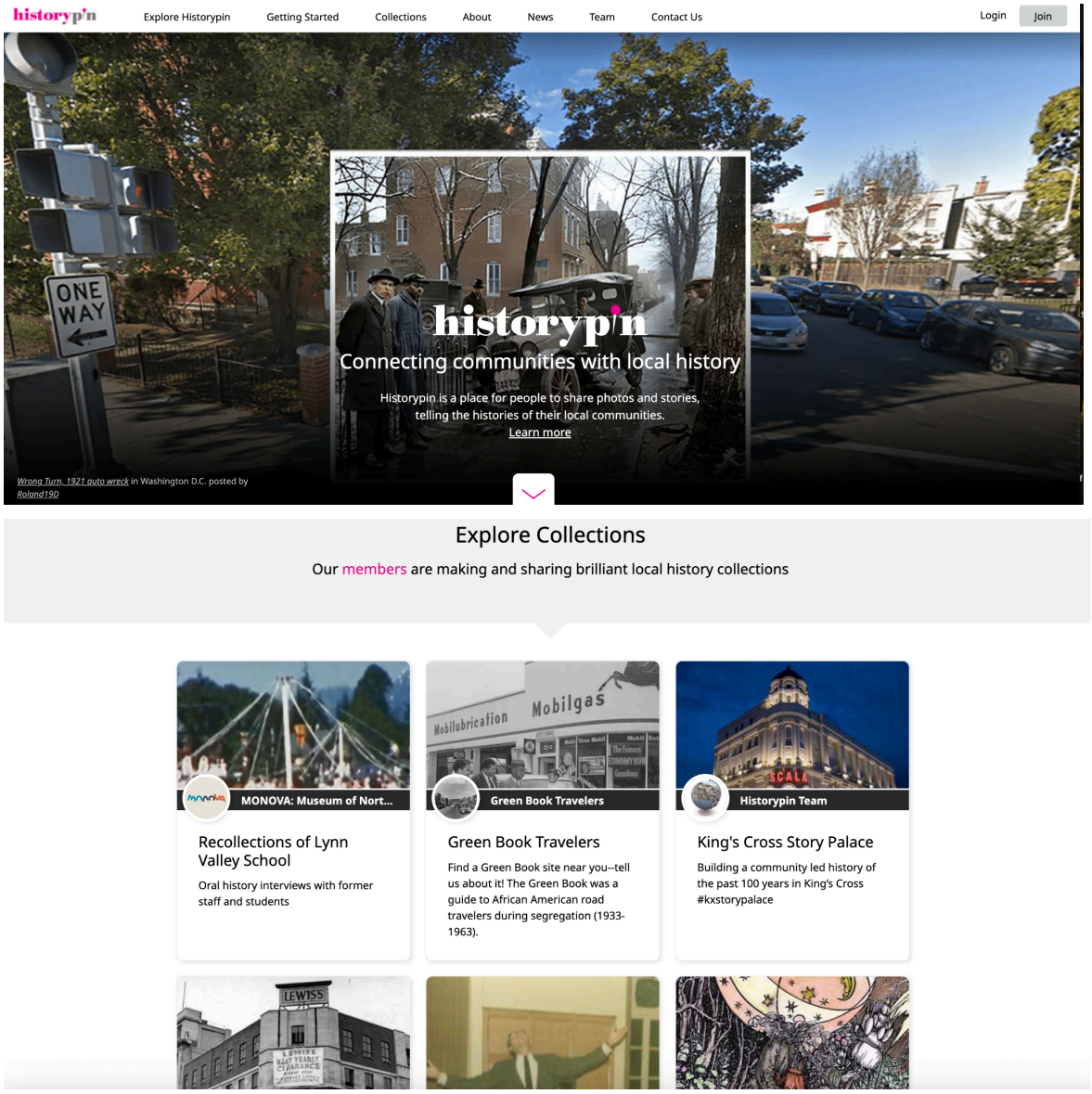
Vision Statement: “A world where every cultural organisation can engage and grow their community – to build understanding through stories. We collect, curate and structure stories to bring people together, one story at a time … and where it get really powerful is through the work we do to enable others.” -historypin.com

Cost: Free to join and add content

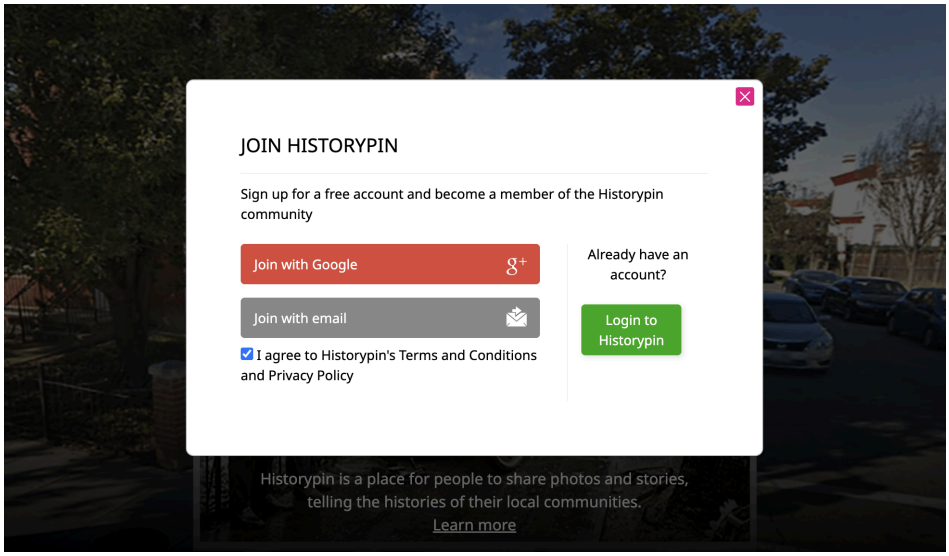
This guide follows the perspective of a Mac user. Please be aware that other operating systems may vary.

Downloading and Creating an Account

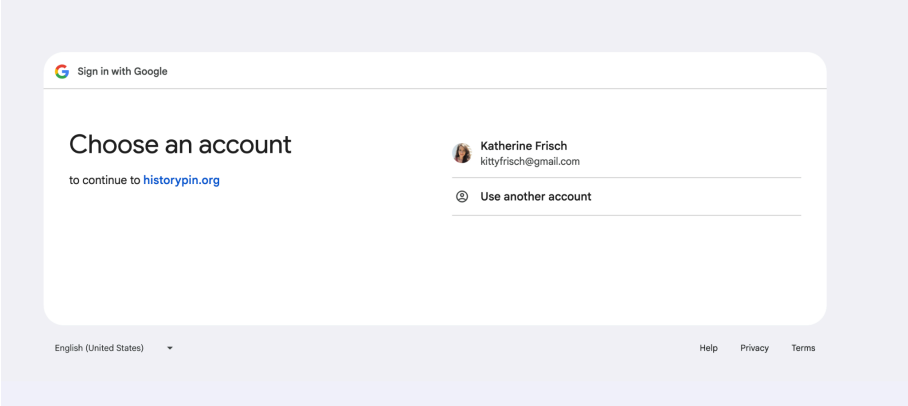
1. Create a free account on Historypin.org
2. Click on the gray Join button in the top right corner

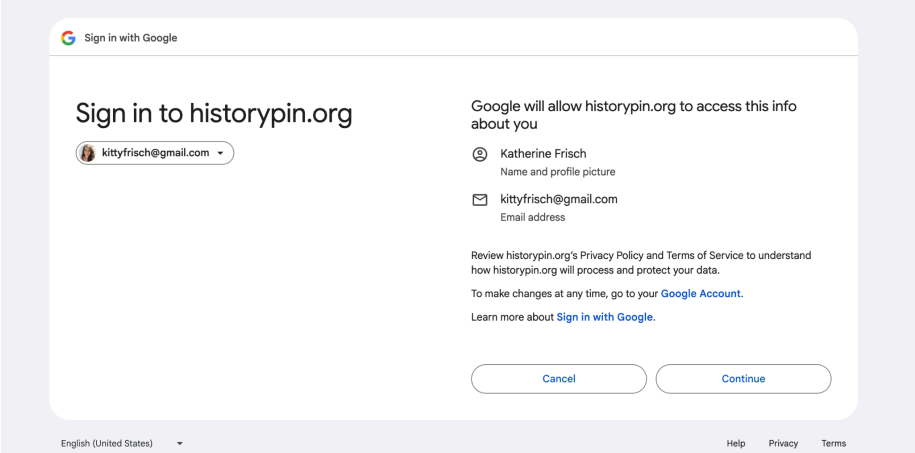


3. Join by logging in with your Gmail account or email account. Previously, the site only allowed users to join with a Gmail account, but it has since added a sign-up with any email address feature to accommodate those without a Gmail account.

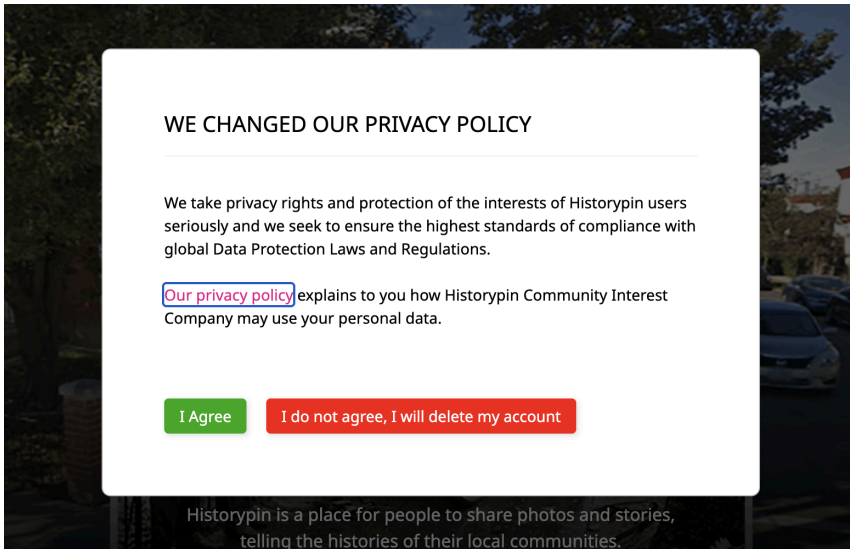


4. Check to agree to the terms and conditions
5. If you choose to sign in with Gmail, your name, profile picture, and email address will be shared with Historypin.
6. Once your Gmail account is linked, click on continue.



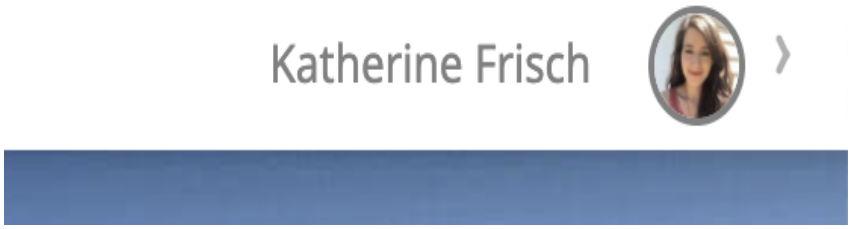


7. You must agree to the privacy policy to finalize your account registration.

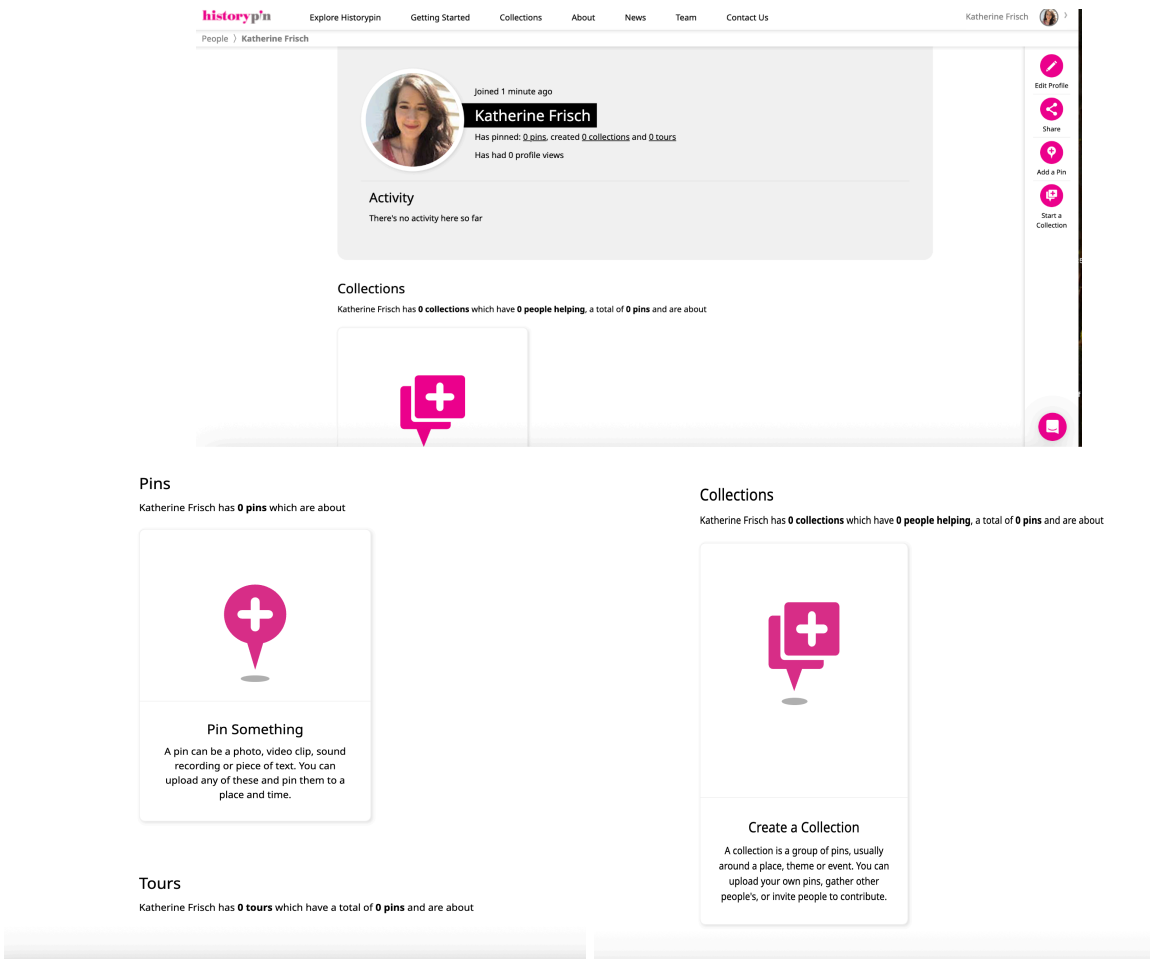


8. Congratulations! You have made an account with Historypin. Now the real fun begins….



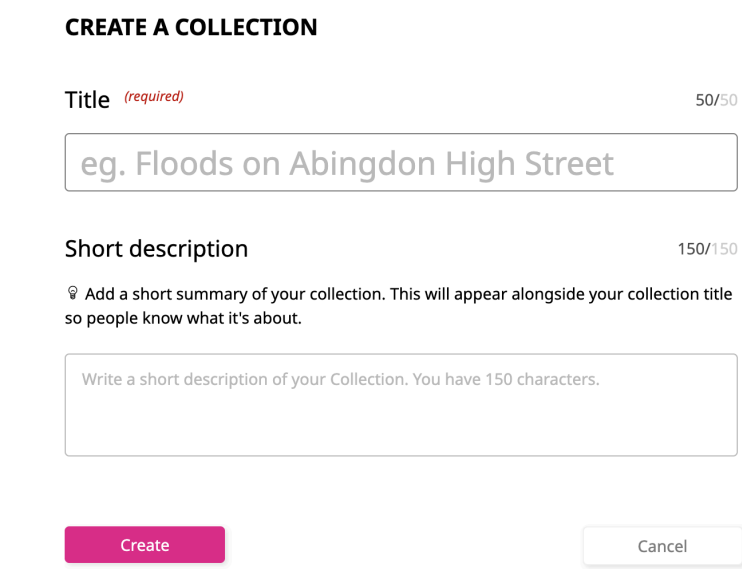


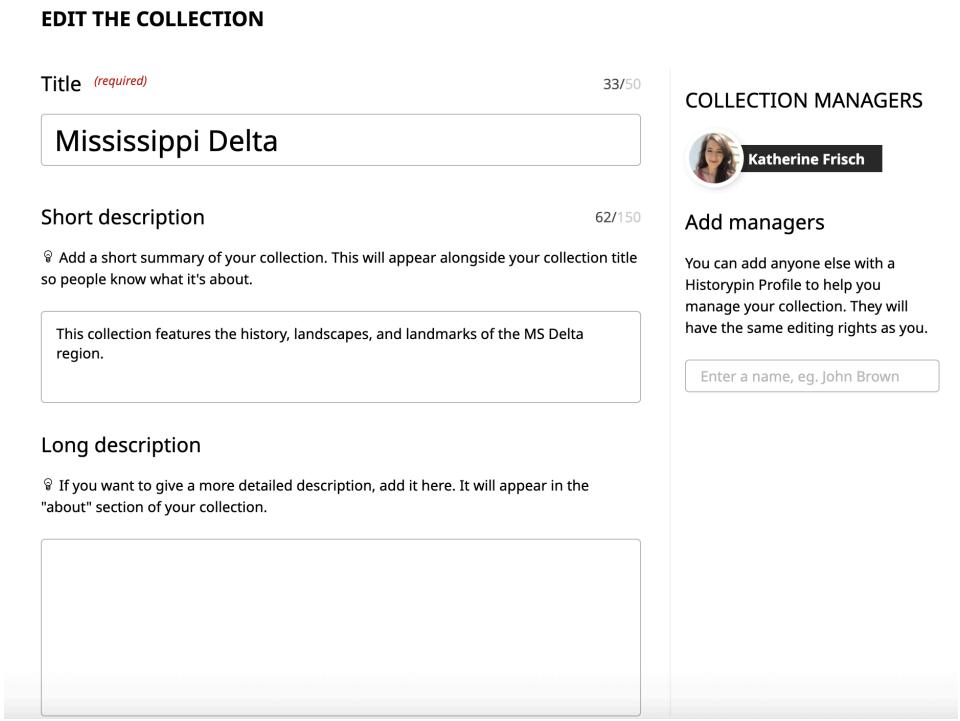
9. Click on your name highlighted in pink in the top right corner
    a. Click on My Profile
    b. You will see your picture and name at the top of the page. Everything else should look blank. From here, you can edit your profile if needed, using the top pink button on the far right side panel. You can also start a collection or add a pin by scrolling down or using the panel on the right.
    c. To start a collection, please proceed to the next step.



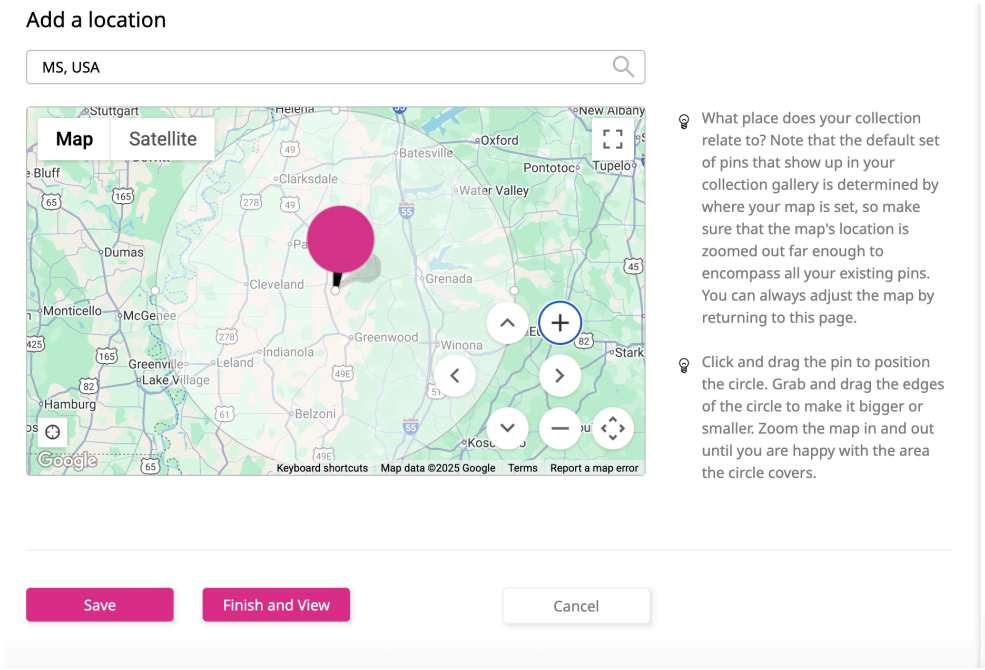
Start a New Collection

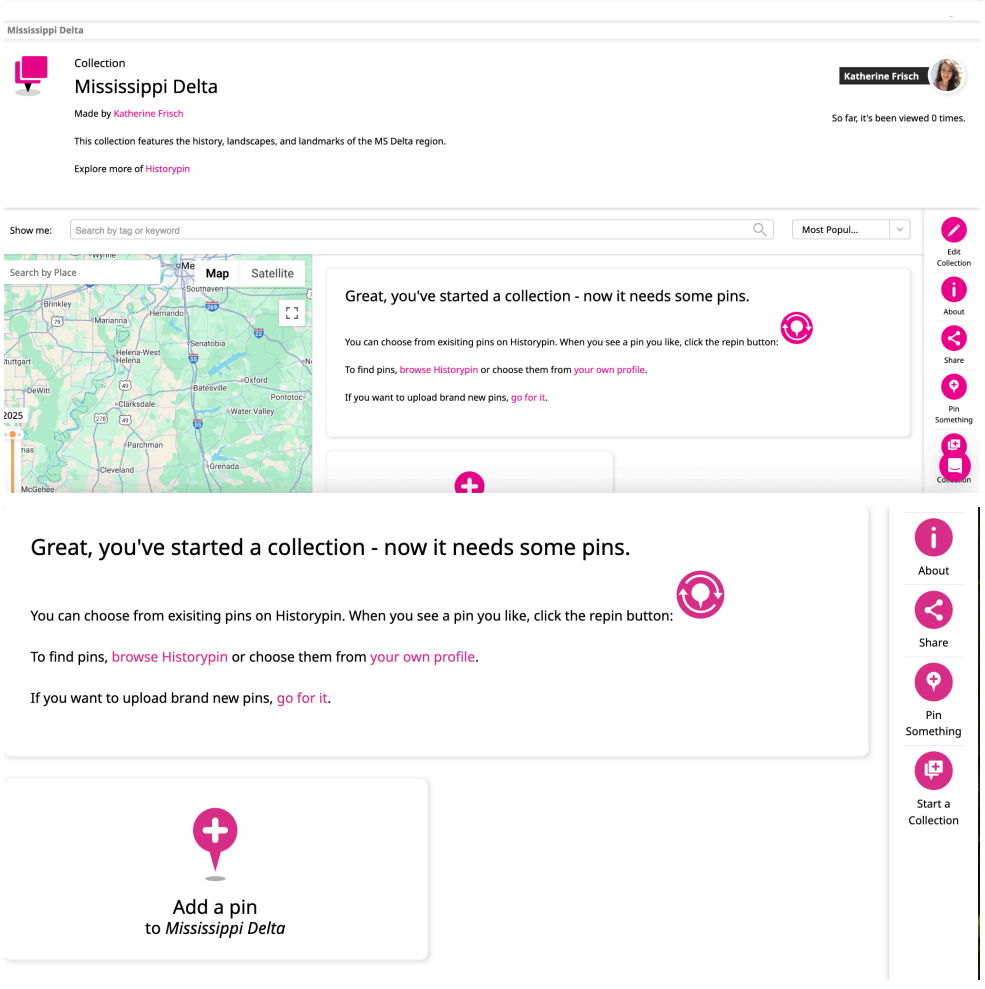
1. To start a new collection, click on the create a collection by scrolling down or by using the start a collection button on the right panel.
2. A pop-up window will appear, prompting you to:
    a. Title the collection
    b. Add a description, short or long
    c. Add the location
    d. Add a manager if needed; otherwise, you will be the sole editor.





3. The description can be short or long. You do not need to fill out both fields.


Add a location
MS, USA
Map
Satellite
Keyboard shortcuts
Map data ©2025 Google
Terms
Report a map error
What place does your collection relate to? Note that the default set of pins that show up in your collection gallery is determined by where your map is set, so make sure that the map's location is zoomed out far enough to encompass all your existing pins. You can always adjust the map by returning to this page.
Click and drag the pin to position the circle. Grab and drag the edges of the circle to make it bigger or smaller. Zoom the map in and out until you are happy with the area the circle covers.
Save
Finish and View
Cancel


Mississippi Delta
Collection
Mississippi Delta
Made by Katherine Frisch
This collection features the history, landscapes, and landmarks of the MS Delta region.
Explore more of Historypin
Katherine Frisch
So far, it's been viewed 0 times.
Show me:
Search by tag or keyword
Most Popul...
Search by Place
Map
Satellite
Great, you've started a collection - now it needs some pins.
You can choose from exisiting pins on Historypin. When you see a pin you like, click the repin button:
To find pins, browse Historypin or choose them from your own profile.
If you want to upload brand new pins, go for it.
Edit Collection
About
Share
Pin Something
Start a Collection
Add a pin
to Mississippi Delta

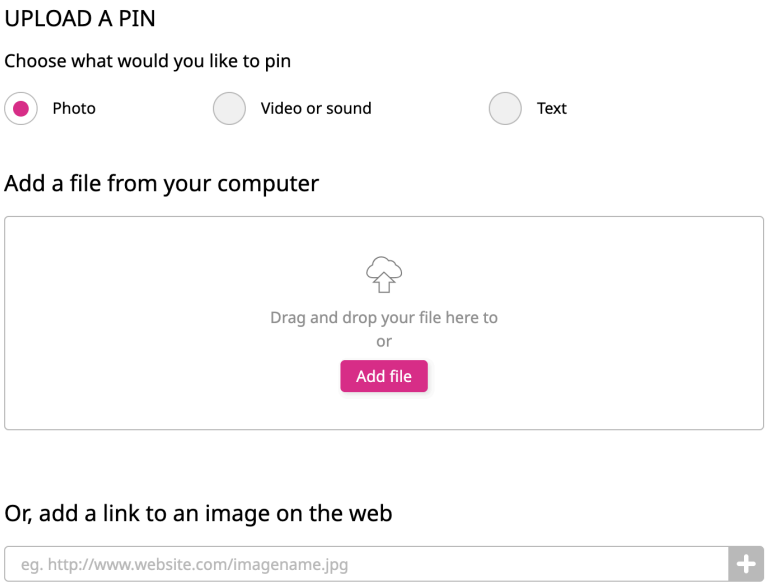
4. The location can be an exact point or a general area. Use the zoom and drag features on the map to encompass all of the pins you will be adding. This can be adjusted later if need be.
5. Now you are ready to add pins.

Add a Pin: Upload pictures

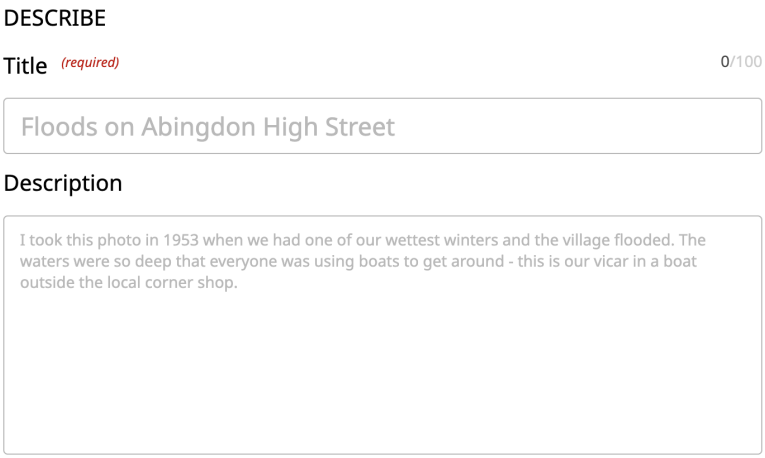
1. Add a pin/picture by clicking on the pin something feature on the right side panel, or scroll down to the add a pin button.
2. There is also an option to repin a picture from Historypin using the repin button below. This will add a pin from another collection to your collection.



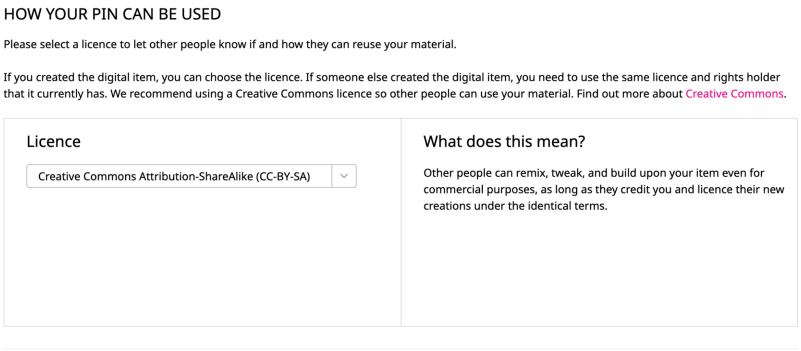
3. After clicking on add a pin, you will see a new window asking to pin a photo, video, or text. Pick the option that best describes your pin.
4. Upload by adding a file from your computer or by adding an image link from the web.



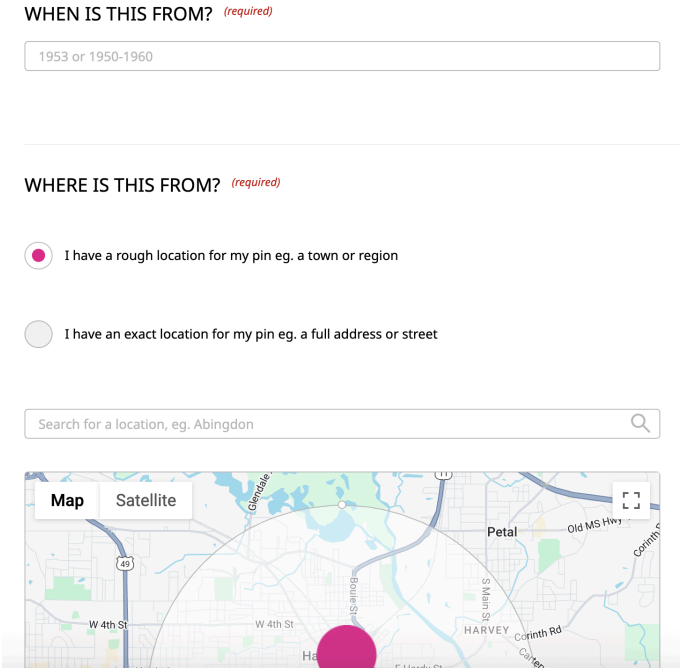
5. Next, you will need to title and describe your pin.



6. Choose your License or how you would like your pin to be used.



7. Add the date and location of the pin
    a. Date is in YYYY-MM-DD format



8. Add tags for searchability

9. Add to a specific collection or tour. Pins have to be related to at least one collection.
10. Save

Sharing and Exporting your Collection

1. To share or export your collection, begin by clicking the share button on the right side panel.
2. You will see two options
    a. Copy link
    b. Embed this profile
3. Copy the link or embed to share

