

**PACSL/CLIR Hidden Collections Processing Project, 2009-2012**  
**Post Processing Research Value Rating Evaluation**

Prior to writing the finding aid, processors should complete a post processing Research Value Rating (RVR) evaluation. The process of reassessing the collection's RVR will aid in collection description, and validate the survey's rating.

<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Repository:</b>	
<b>Collection:</b>	
<b>Processors:</b>	
<b>Post processing RVR:</b>	

A collection is considered valuable to researchers to the extent that it includes relatively rare, extensive or detailed information on topics that have received considerable prior attention, are gaining currency, or have apparent potential to attract significant researcher interest. A topic may be of very high, moderate, slight or negligible interest. The intrinsic interest of the collection itself may also count as a topic. Depending on the rarity, extensiveness, and detail of a body of material, the documentation on a topic may be very rich, rich, moderately rich, incidentally valuable, or slight.

The Research Value Rating is determined by adding the ratings of the topics best or most substantially represented (**interest ranking**) in each collection to the ratings of the **quality of documentation** on those topics in the collection.

<b>Determine Interest and Quality of Documentation Rankings</b>			
<i>Processors should talk to repository staff to determine how frequently over the past five years researchers sought materials on topics documented in the collection. Using knowledge acquired through processing the collection, processors should consider: how rare the information available on a particular topic(s) in the collection is (there could be multiple topics in the collection, even topics that the collection was not necessarily created or retained to document); how extensive the information in the collection is; how deep or detailed it is; and whether anything is missing (span of years, papers or documentation of key players, etc.).</i>			
<b>Assign Interest Ranking Value</b> <i>Circle one.</i>	Very High: 5	<b>Assign Quality of Documentation Value</b> <i>Circle one.</i>	Very Rich: 5
	High: 4		Rich: 4
	Moderate: 3		Moderately Rich: 3
	Slight: 2		Incidentally valuable: 2
	Negligible: 1		Slight: 1

<b>Research Value Rating (RVR)</b>
<i>Add the values assigned for the Interest and Quality of Documentation rankings to determine the post processing RVR. RVR can range from a high of 10 to a low of 2. Transcribe the RVR into the space above.</i>

<b>Comments</b>
<i>Briefly described the factors that led to your decisions.</i>