U3A Photography Group

Lightroom Library Module

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Lr - The Library Module

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Part 2

- Live Demo

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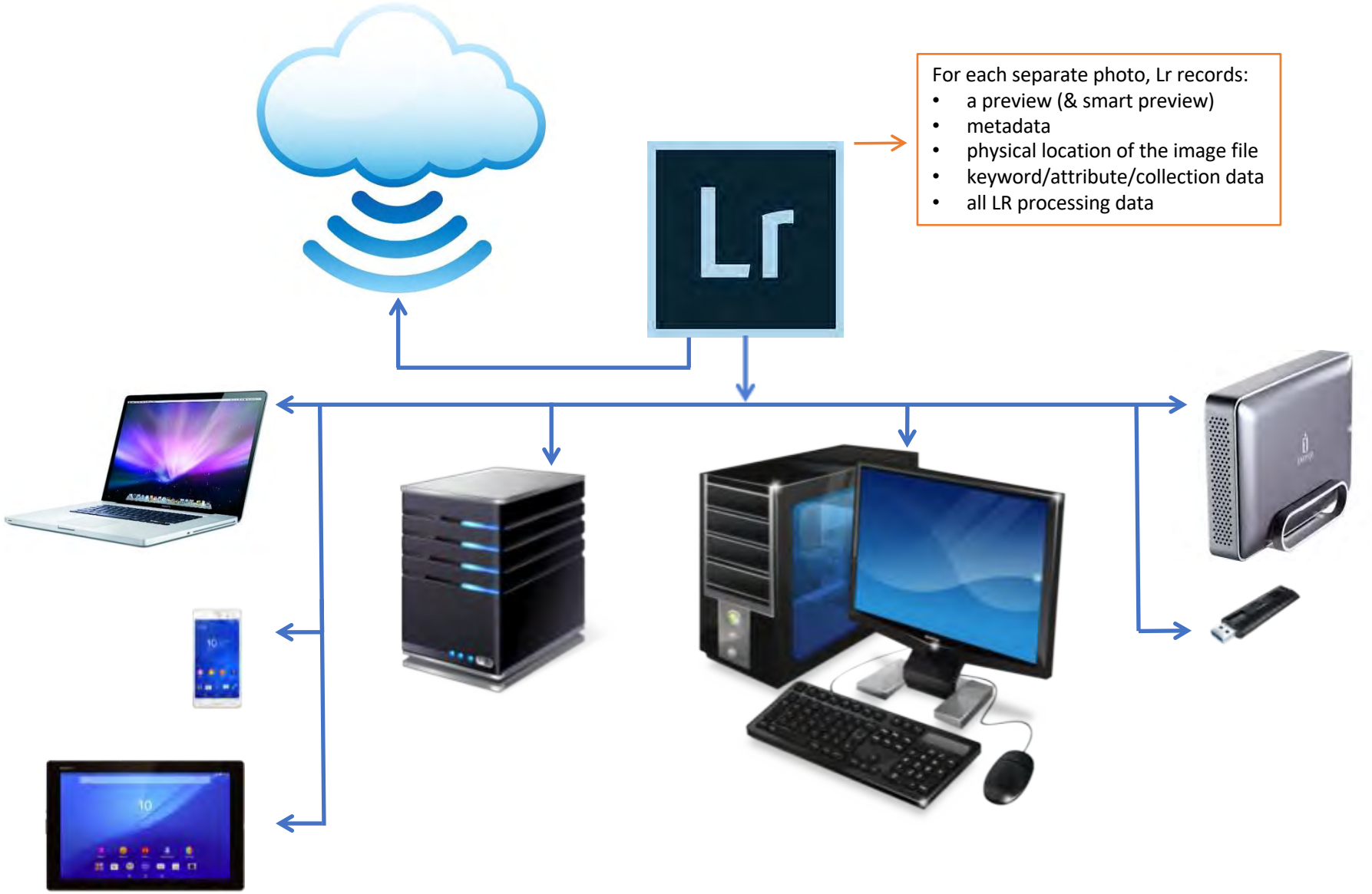
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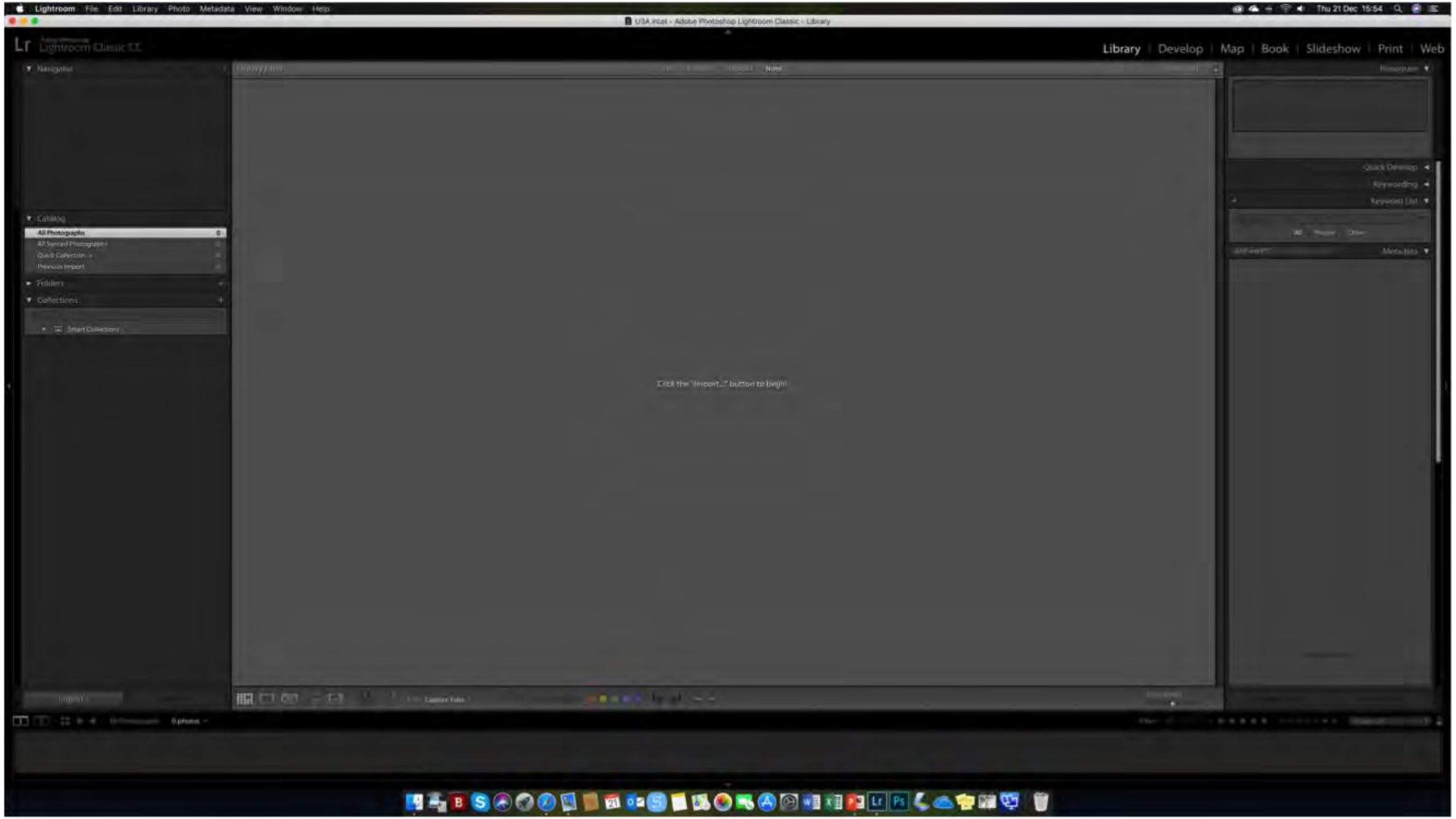
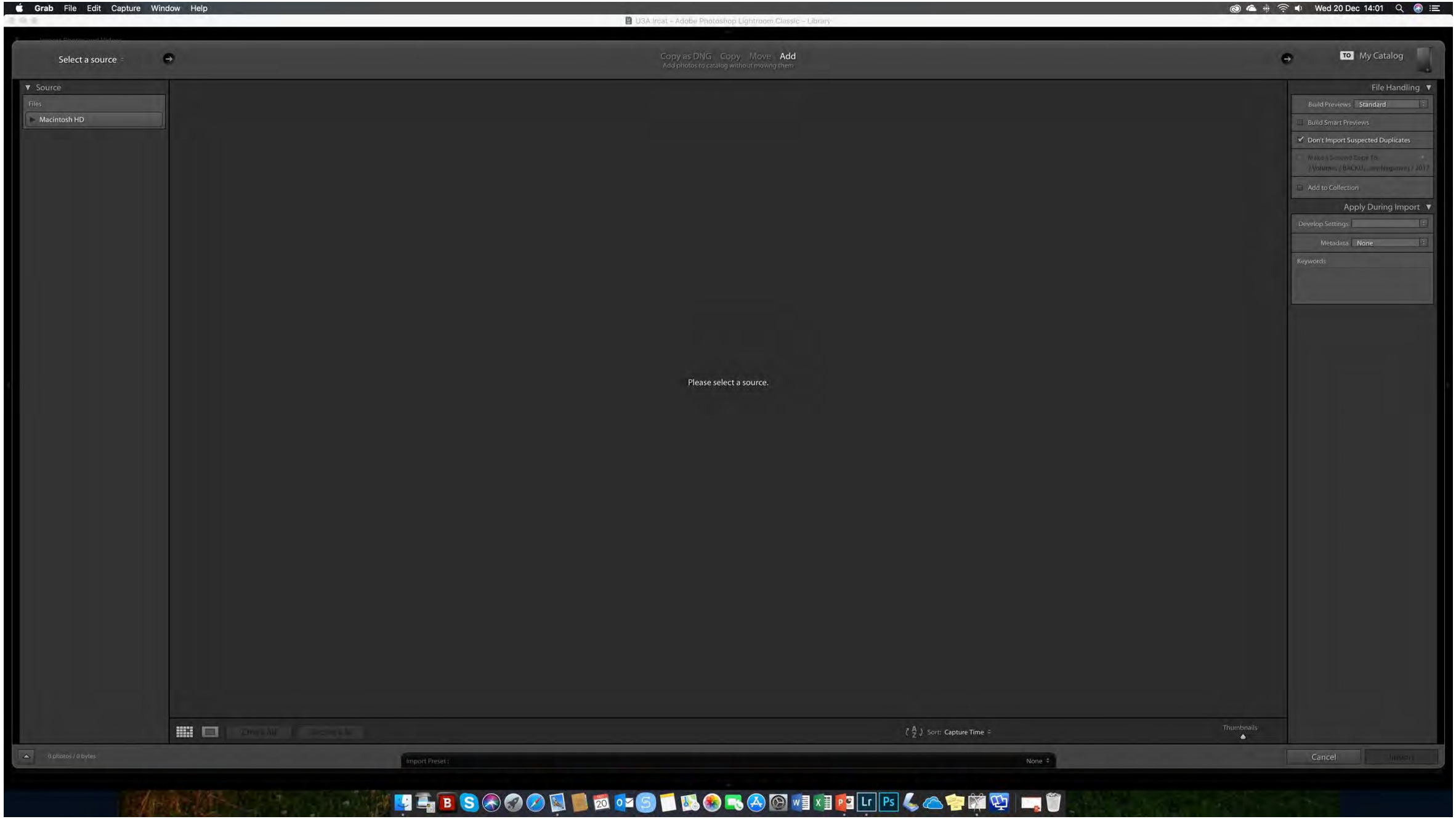
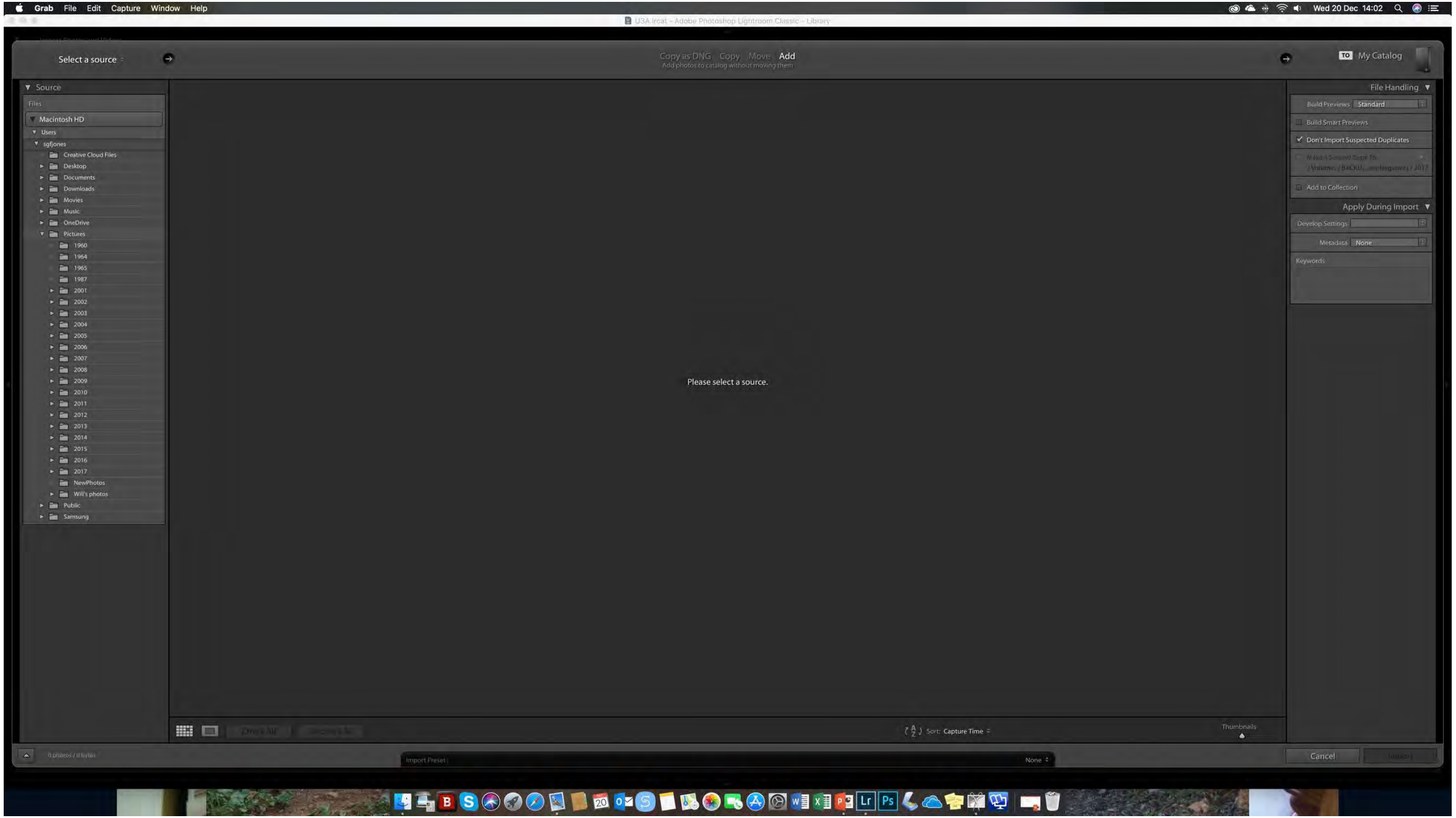


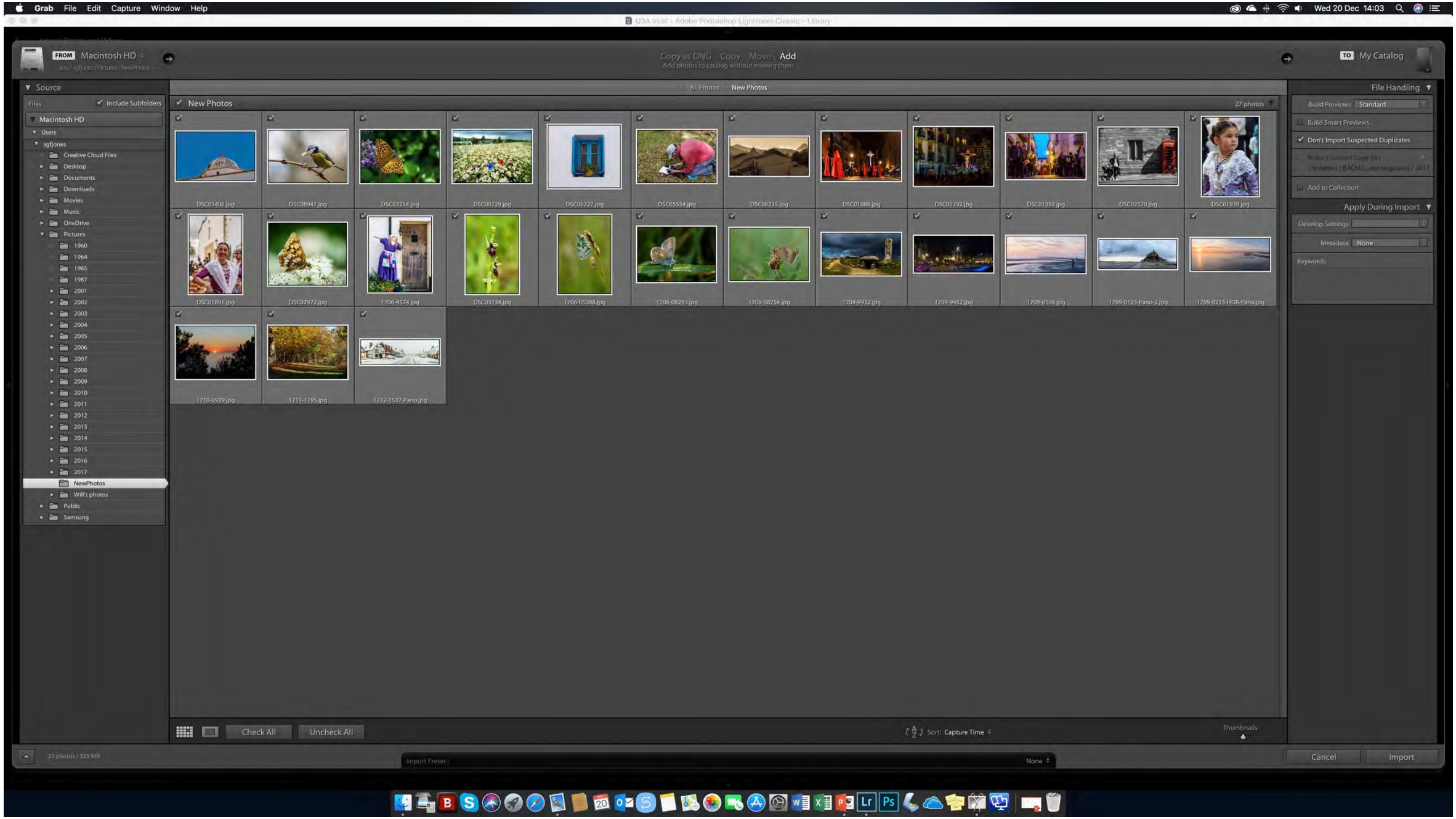
Where are the photos (e.g. which folders) that you want to import into Lr.



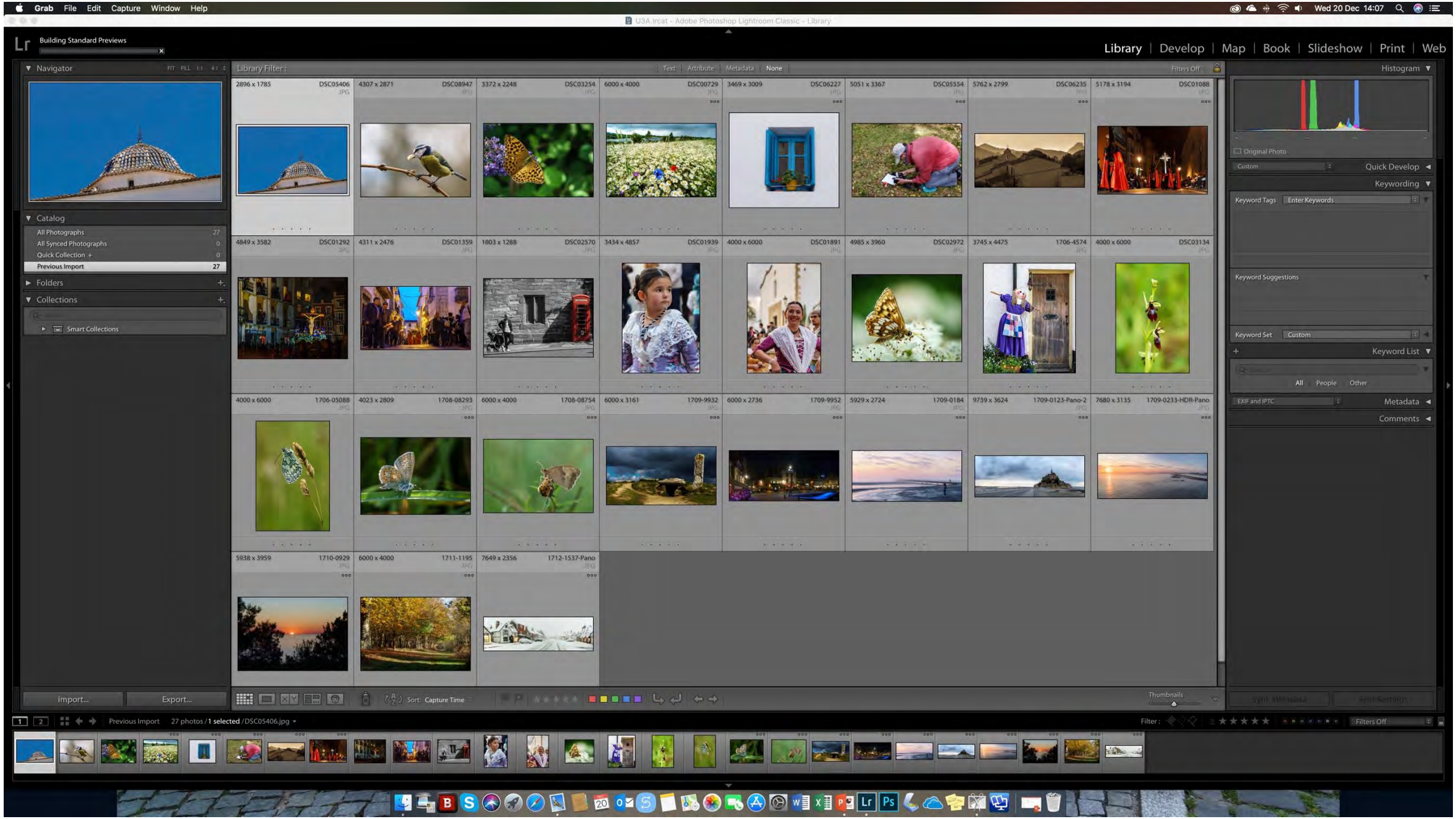
Here I have expanded the “Mackintosh HD” icon to show my folder structure and I will select the “NewPhotos” folder.



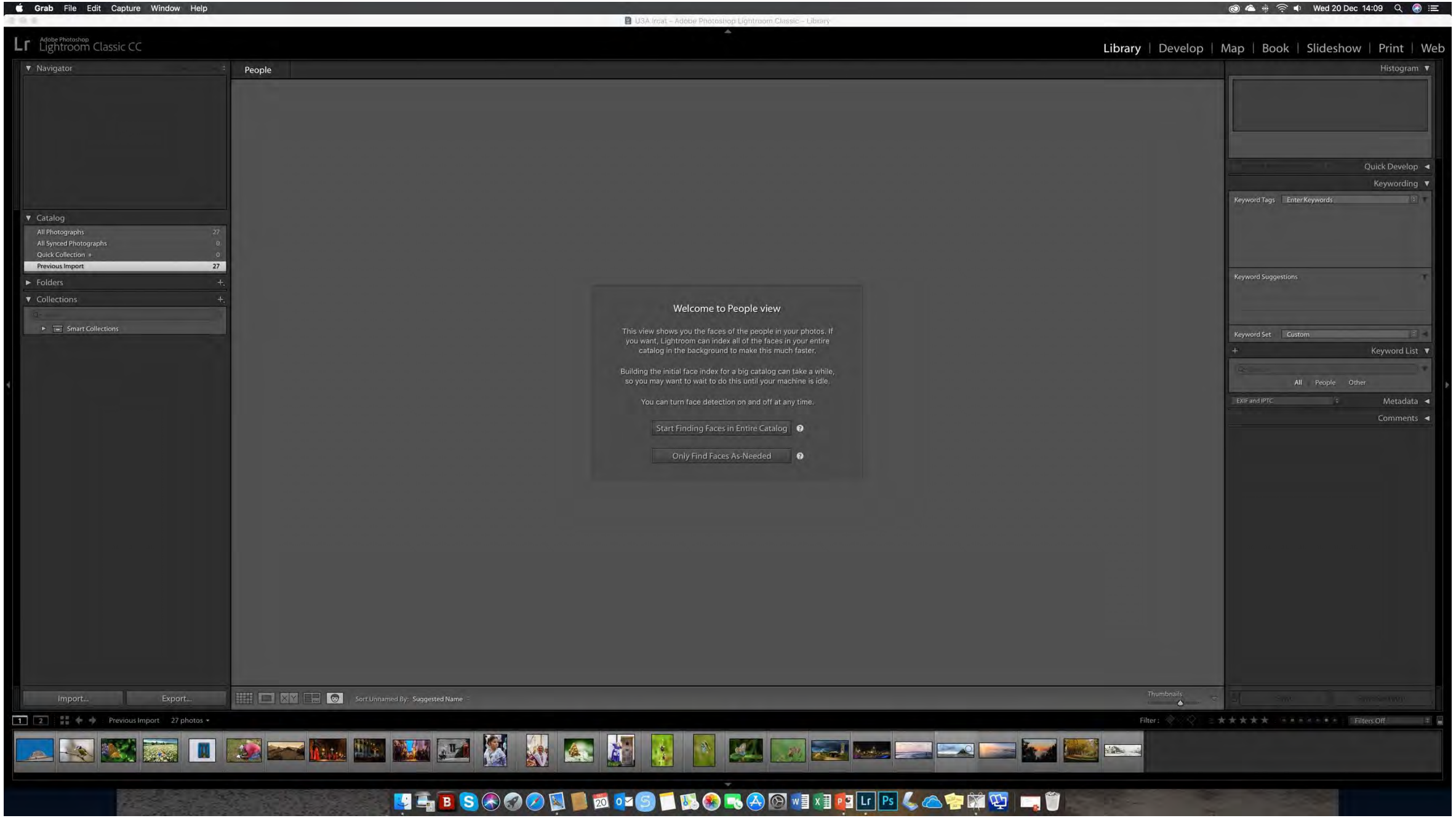
Lr has found 27 photos in the “NewPhotos” folder.



Now, Lr has imported these photos into its catalogue.



Lr has a built-in face-recognition system.



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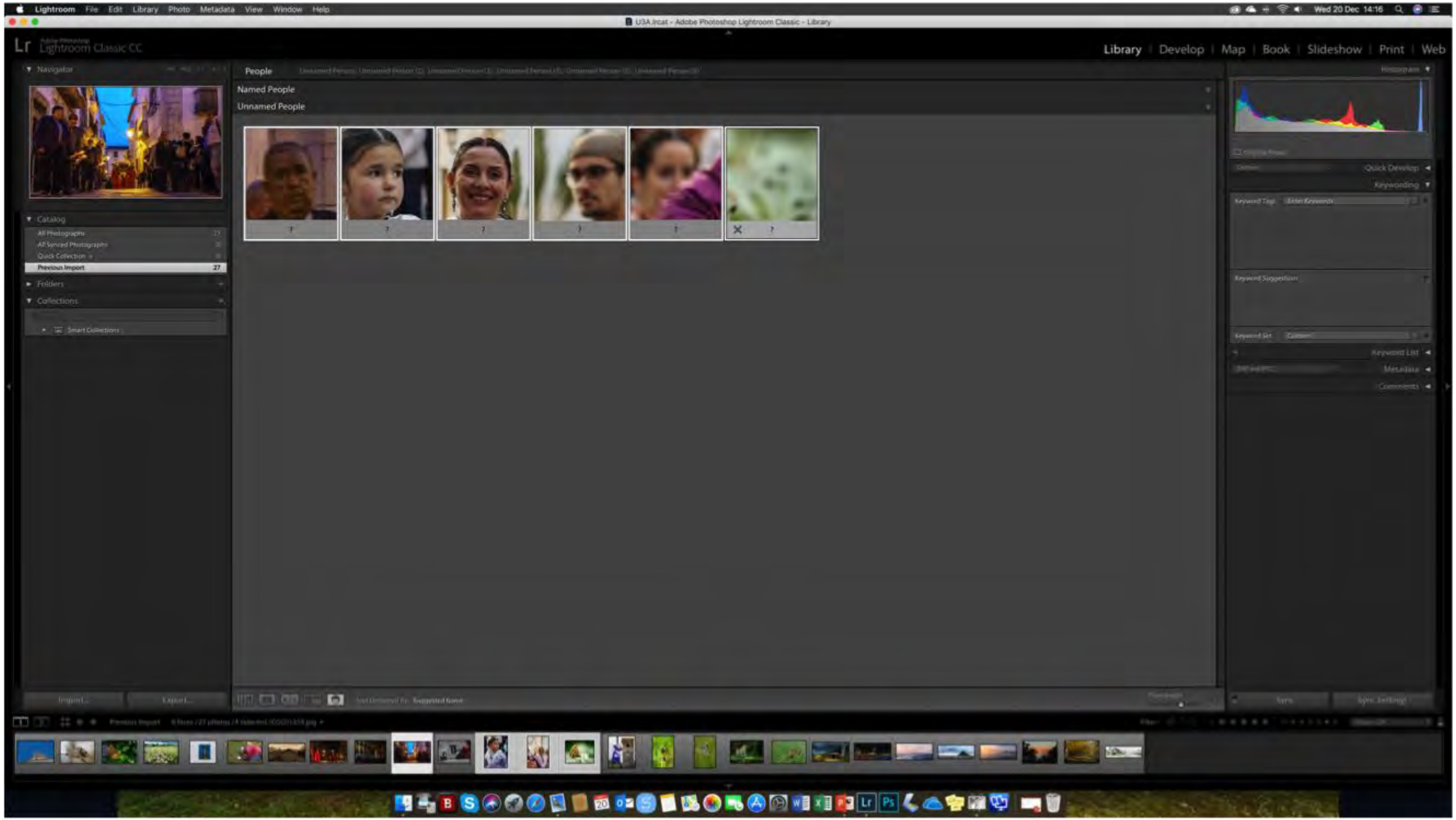
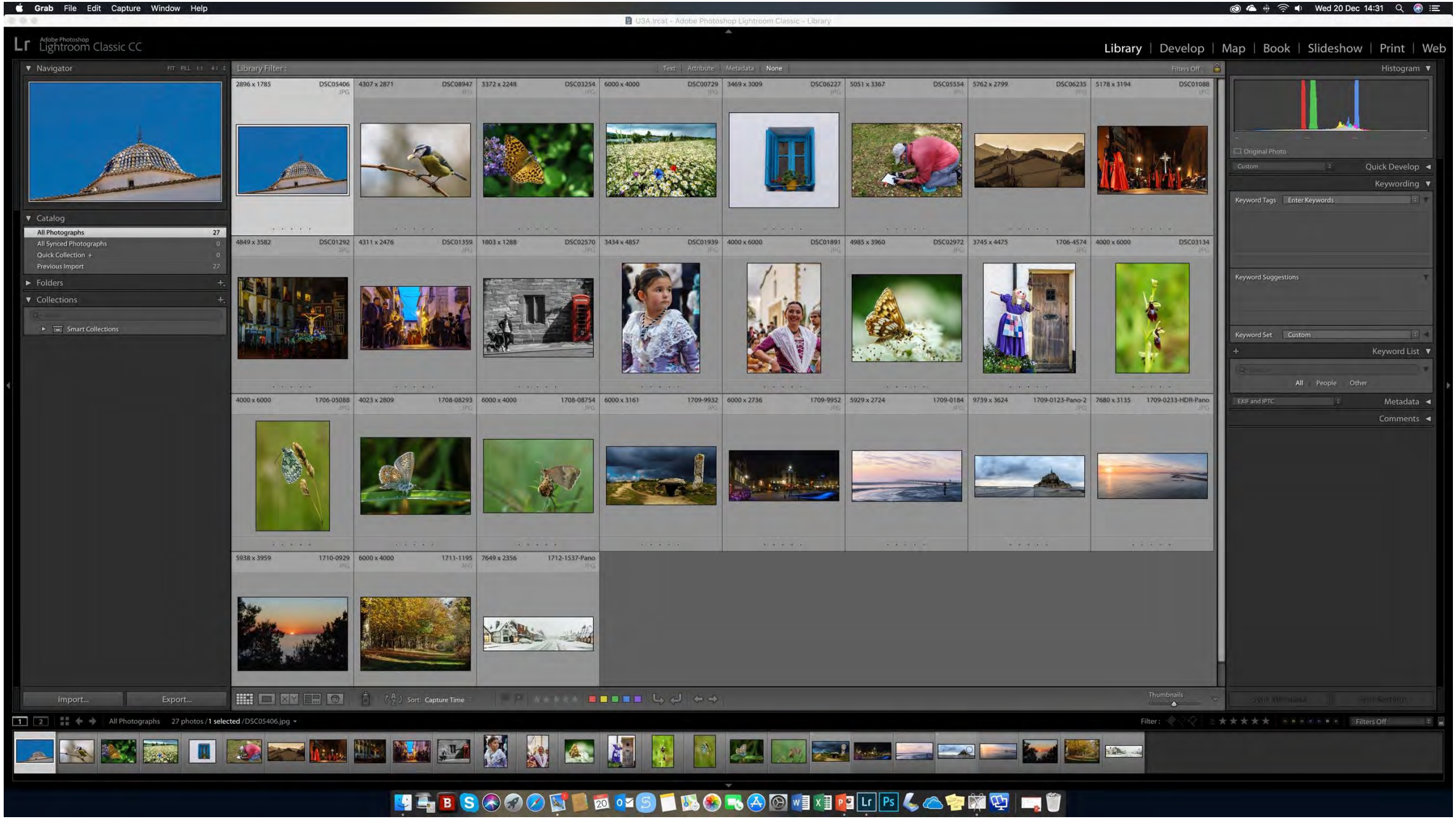
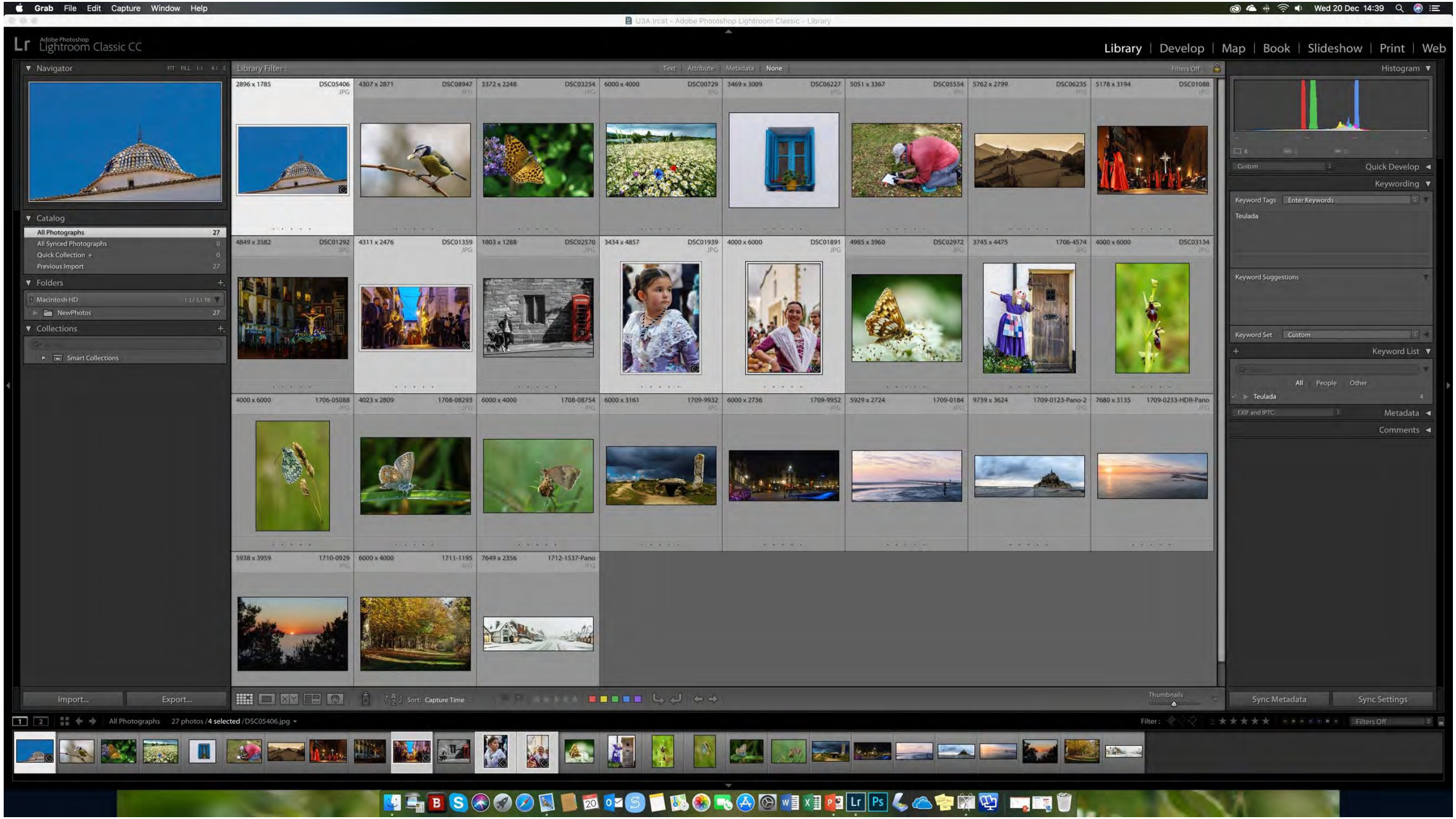
I do not want to “name” any of these people - or the flower, so I shall tell Lr to cancel their suggestions on these photos.



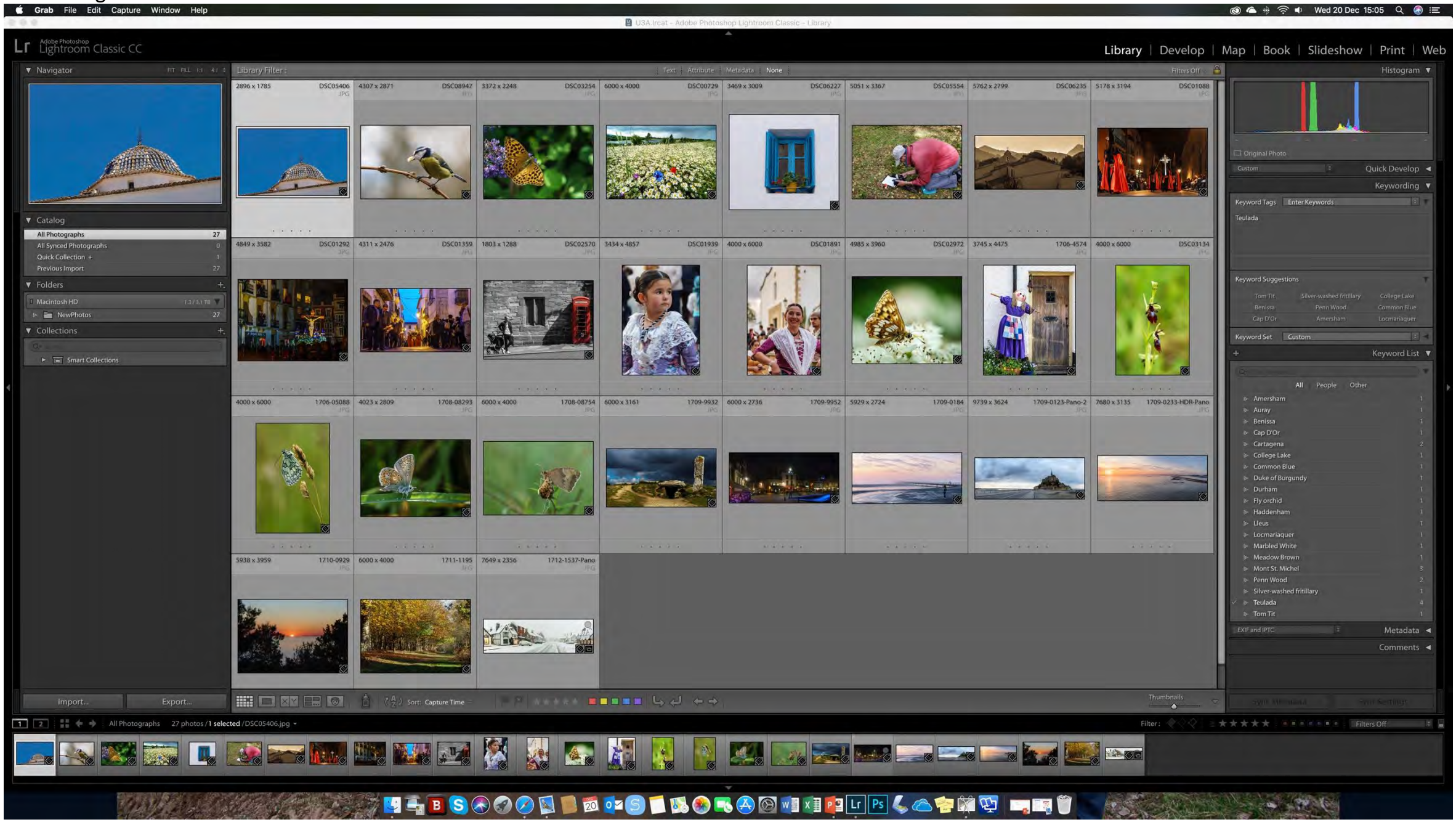
Back to our basic screen of imported photos.



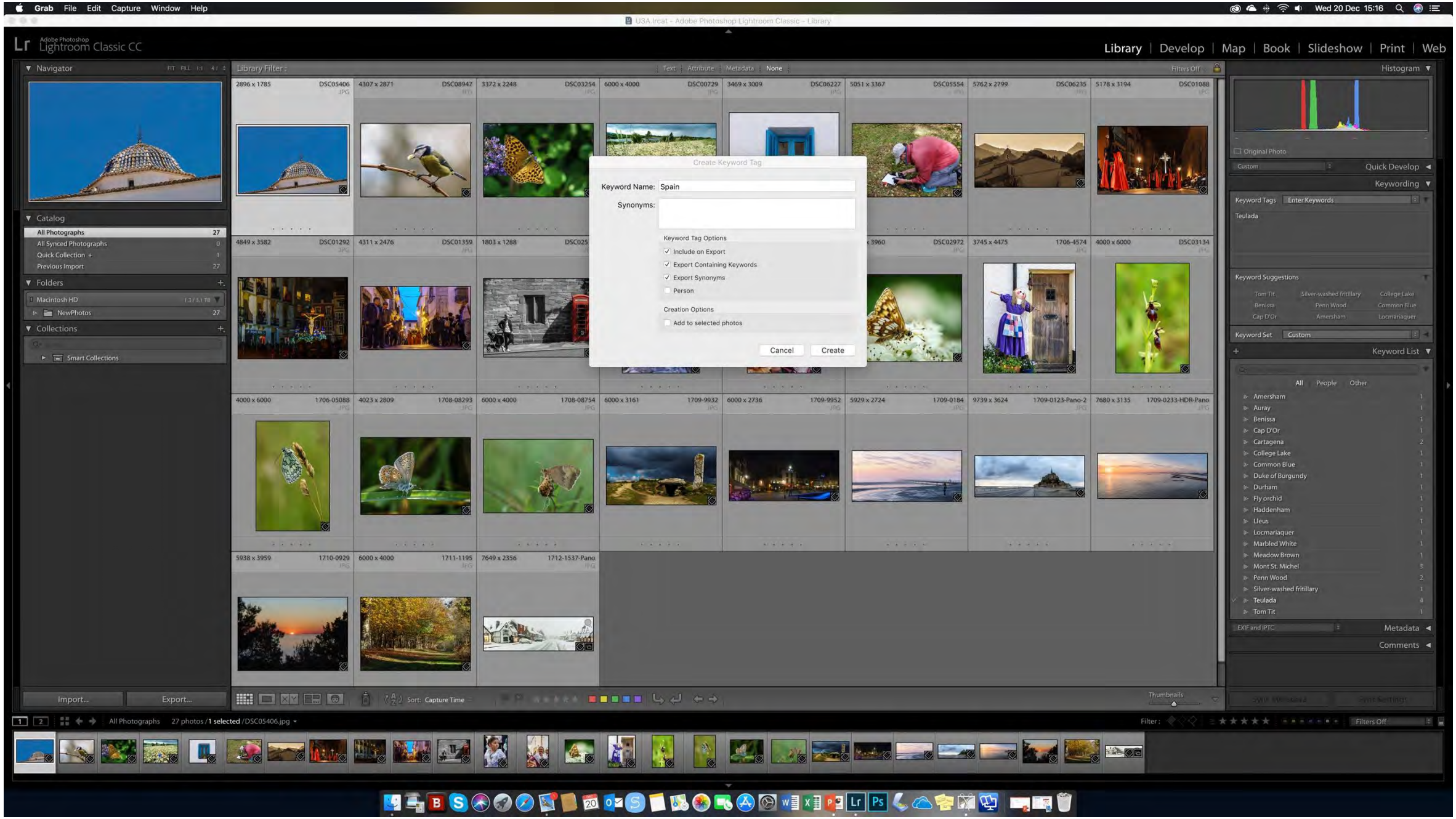
I have added the keyword “Teulada” (the village name where the photos were taken) to the four highlighted photos.



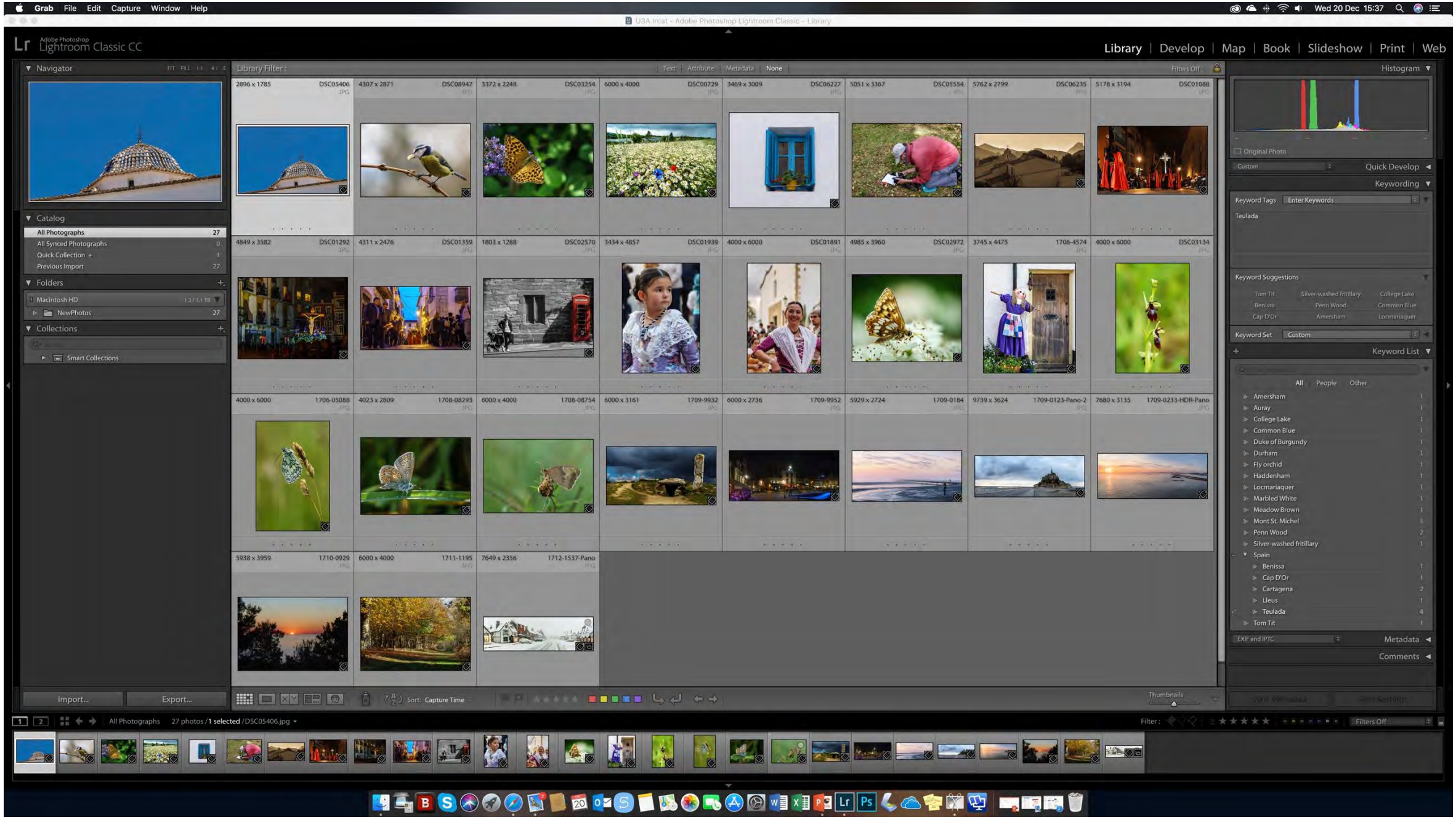
I have added one keyword to each of the photos - you can see the keywords (& number of photos assigned to each) in the list on the right of the screen.



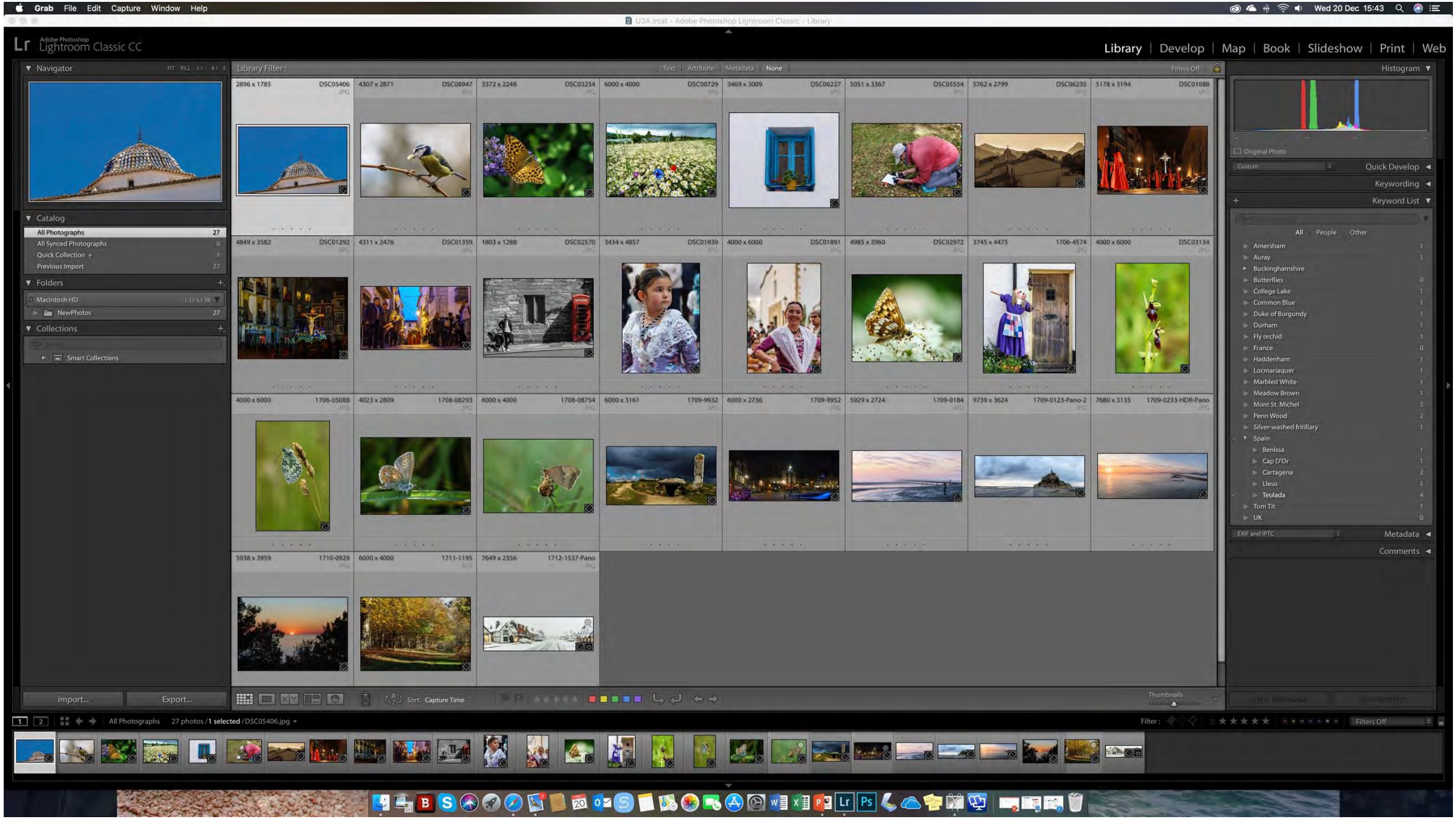
Here I am adding a new Keyword by clicking the “+” sign alongside the “Keyword List”.



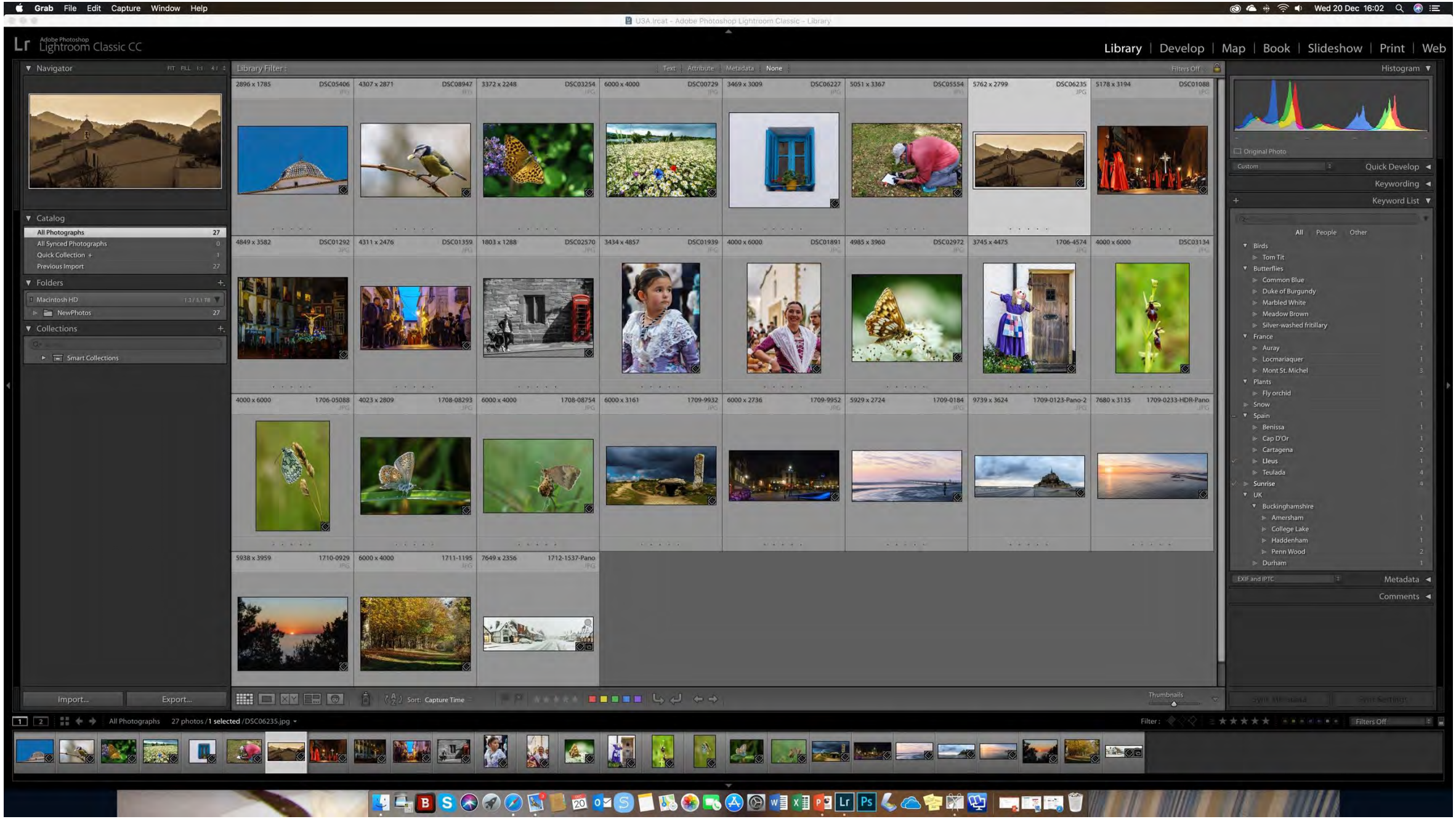
Now I've created a "Spain" keyword, I've dragged and dropped the Spanish place names into the "Spain" keyword folder.



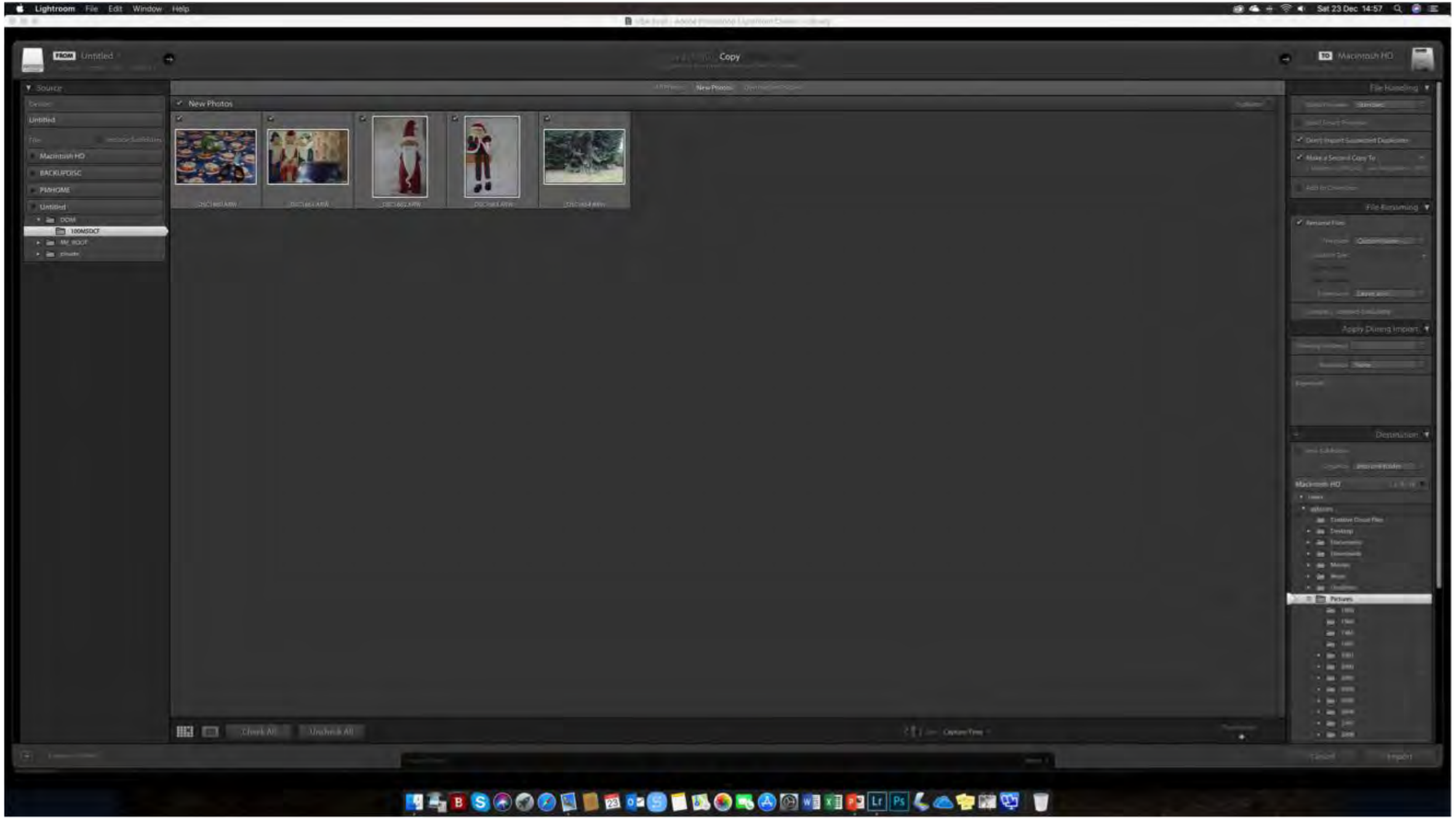
This is the same as the last slide except I have closed the “Keywording” box.



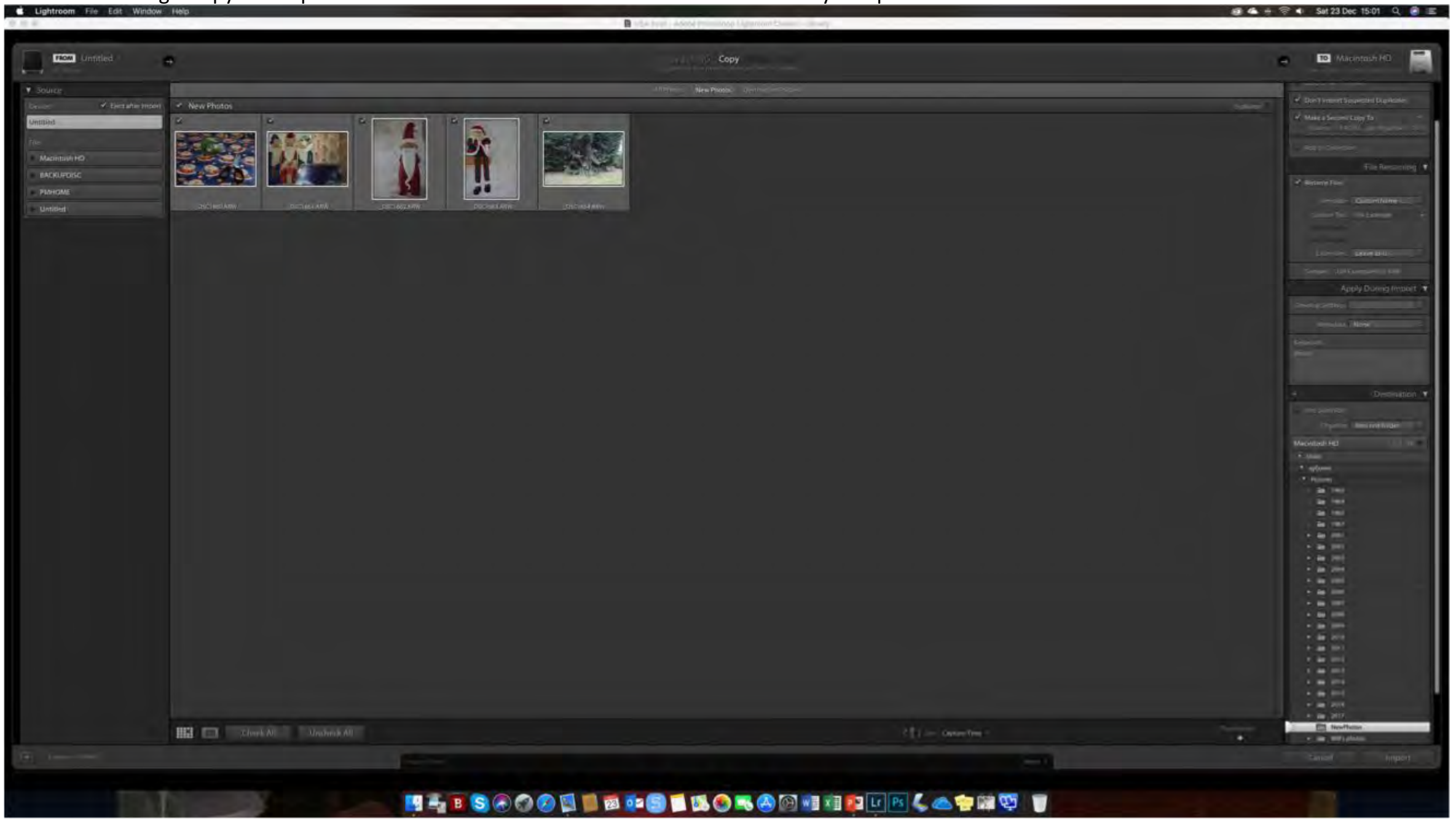
Now I have added an hierarchy of keywords.



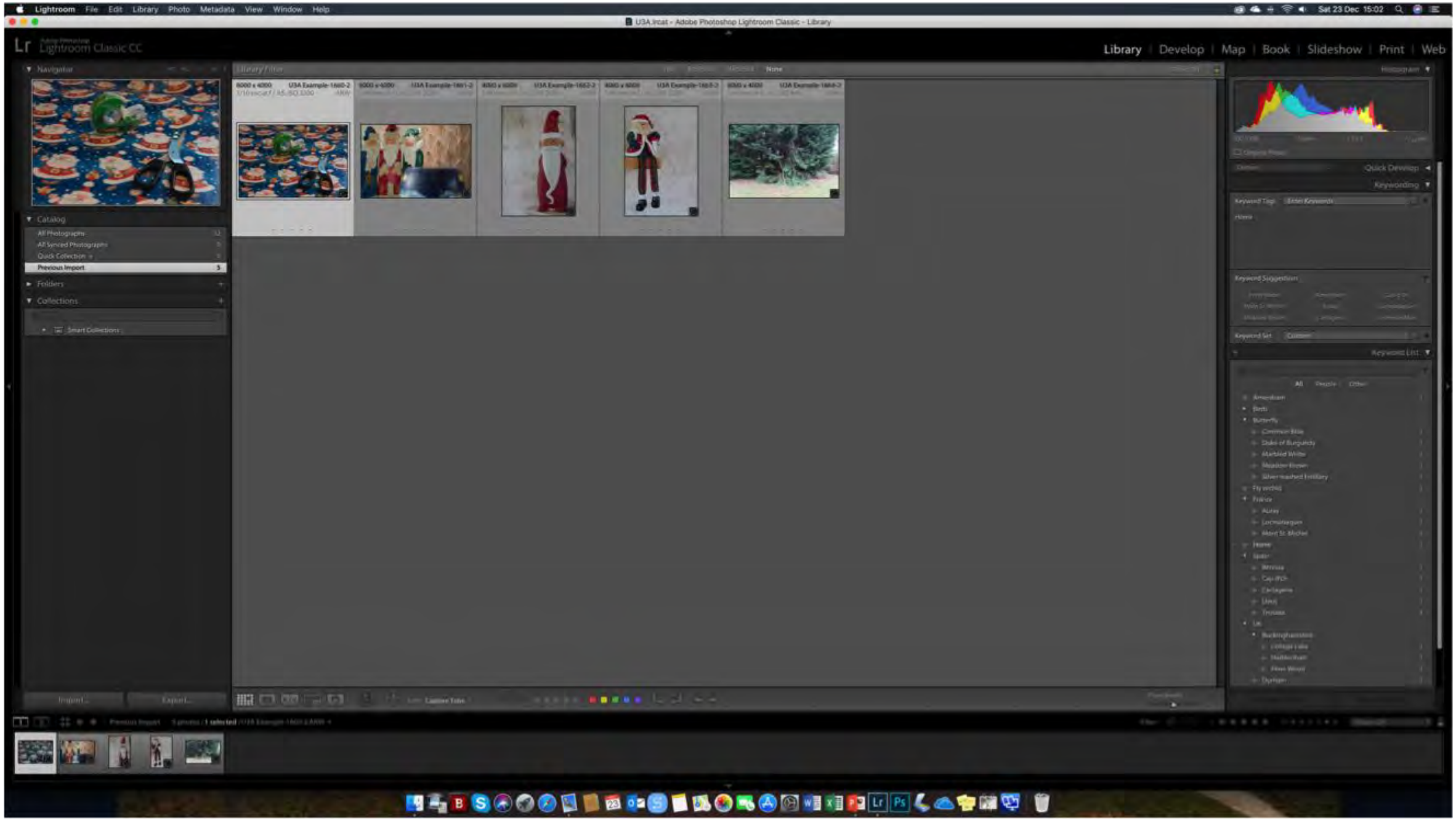
Here are four photos to be imported from a direct connection with a camera.



In this slide you can see that I am adding a new keyword “Home” to all the photos being imported, I am re-naming the photos and I am making a copy of the photos in the camera into the “NewPhotos” folder on my computer.



These 5 photos have now been imported.



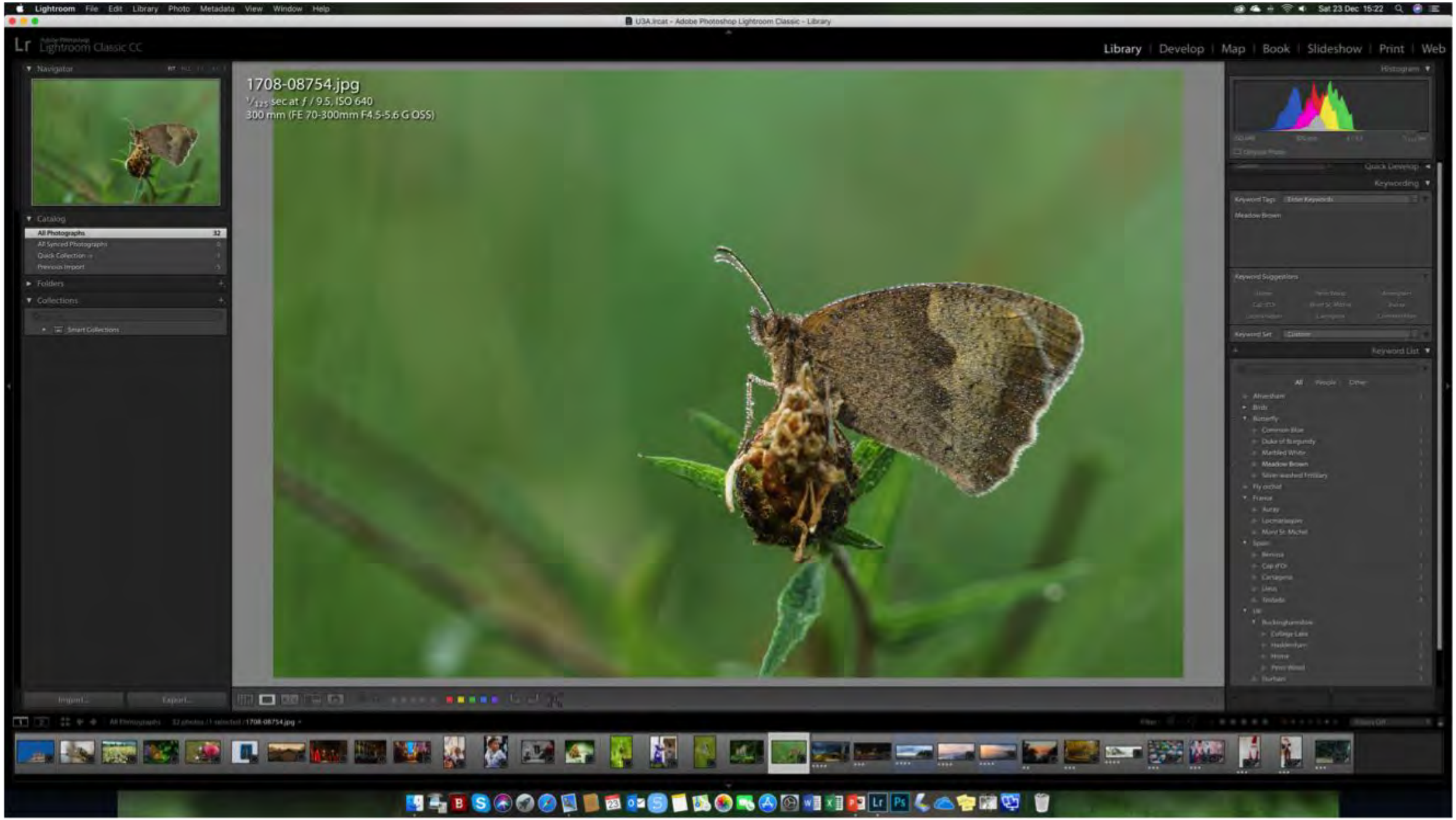
All photos now imported and I've moved the "Home" keyword to Buckinghamshire.

Lr can help you find photos by giving them a "star rating", flagging or colour-coding them. Let's look at star ratings:
I give a rating for "normal-good" standard photos of 3 stars.

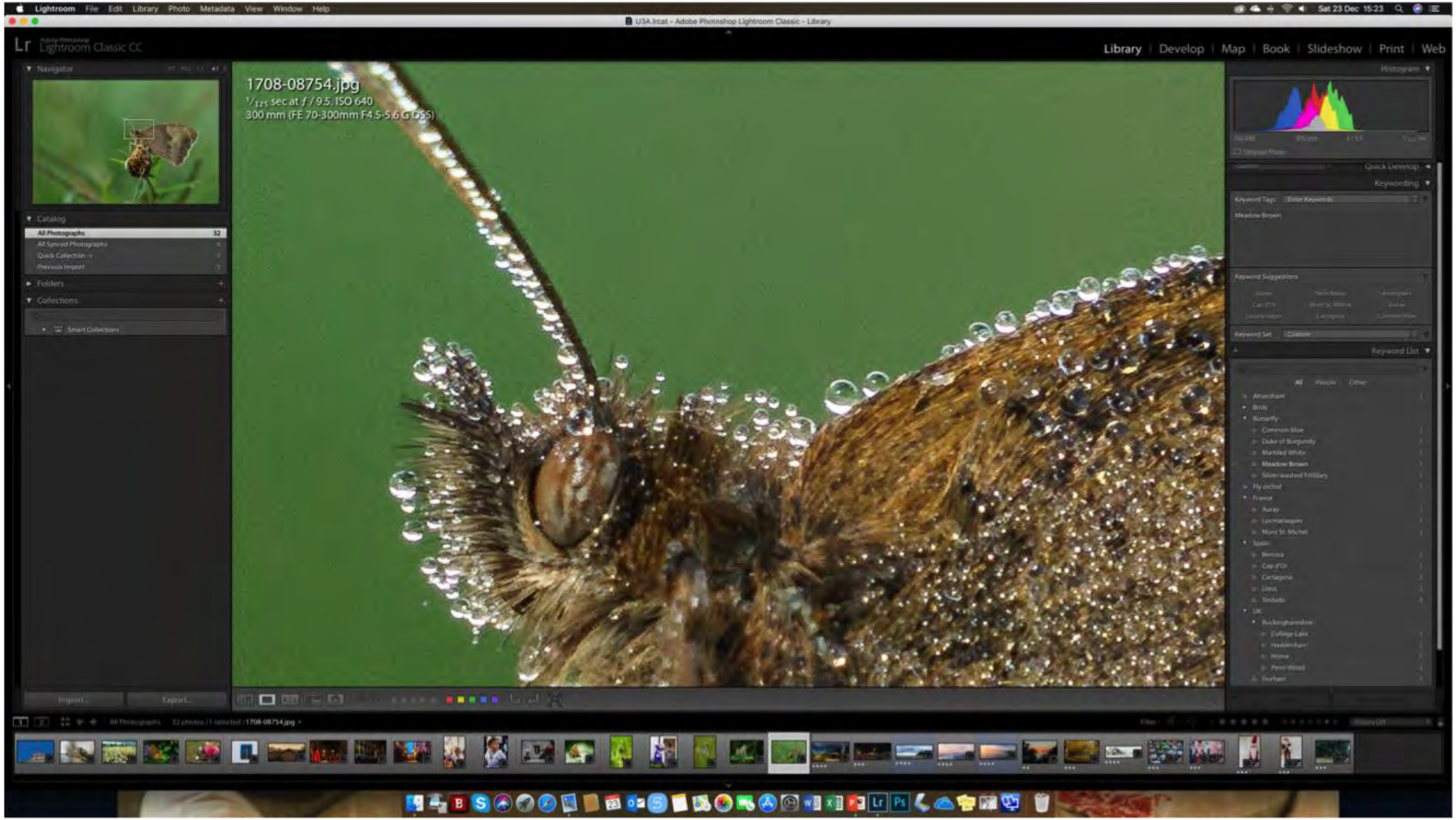
Pressing “1 - 5” on the keyboard adds a star rating to the highlighted photo. Pressing 6-9 adds a colour coding. Add purple by mouse-click only. You can have a star AND colour rating. I have rated this 3 stars.

I have rated several photos but now want to examine in detail this butterfly photo to decide what rating to give it.

Double-clicking a highlighted thumbnail expands the photo to fill the frame.

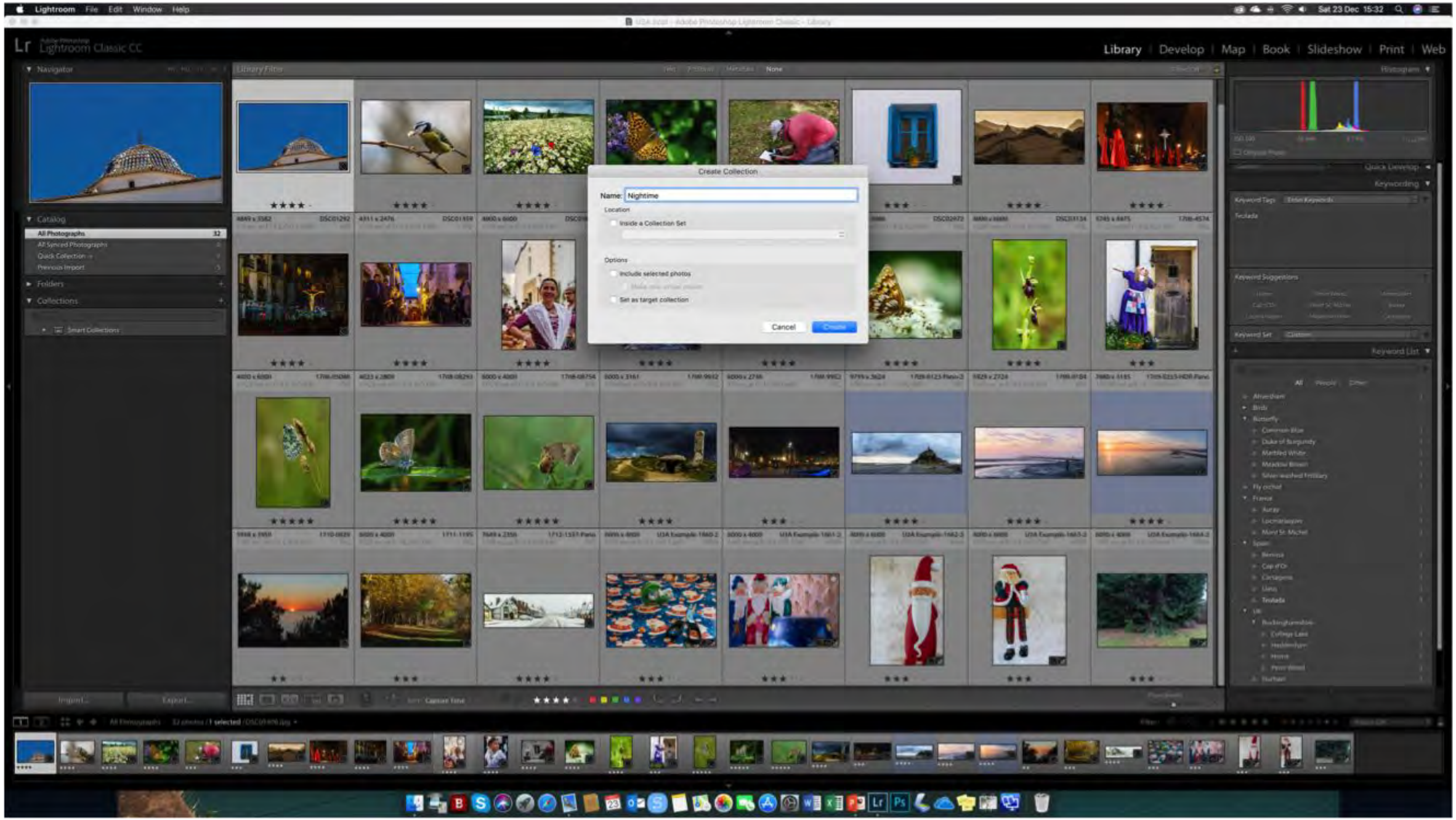


You can magnify the image further.



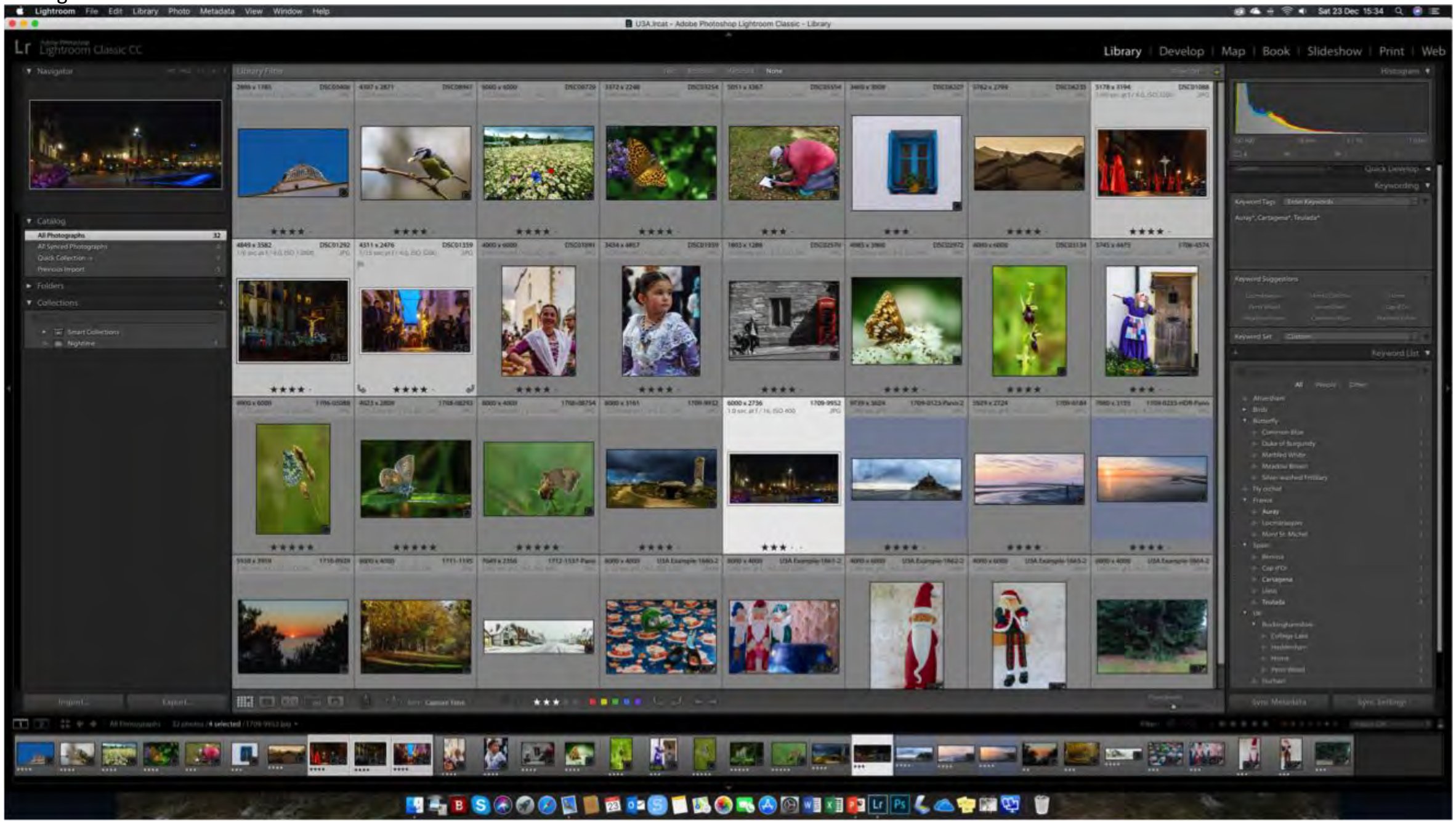
I gave that butterfly photo a 5 star rating and I've finished rating all the other photos. Now we will look at "Collections".

Clicking the “+” button next to the “Collections” heading in the left panel, allows you to make a new collection.



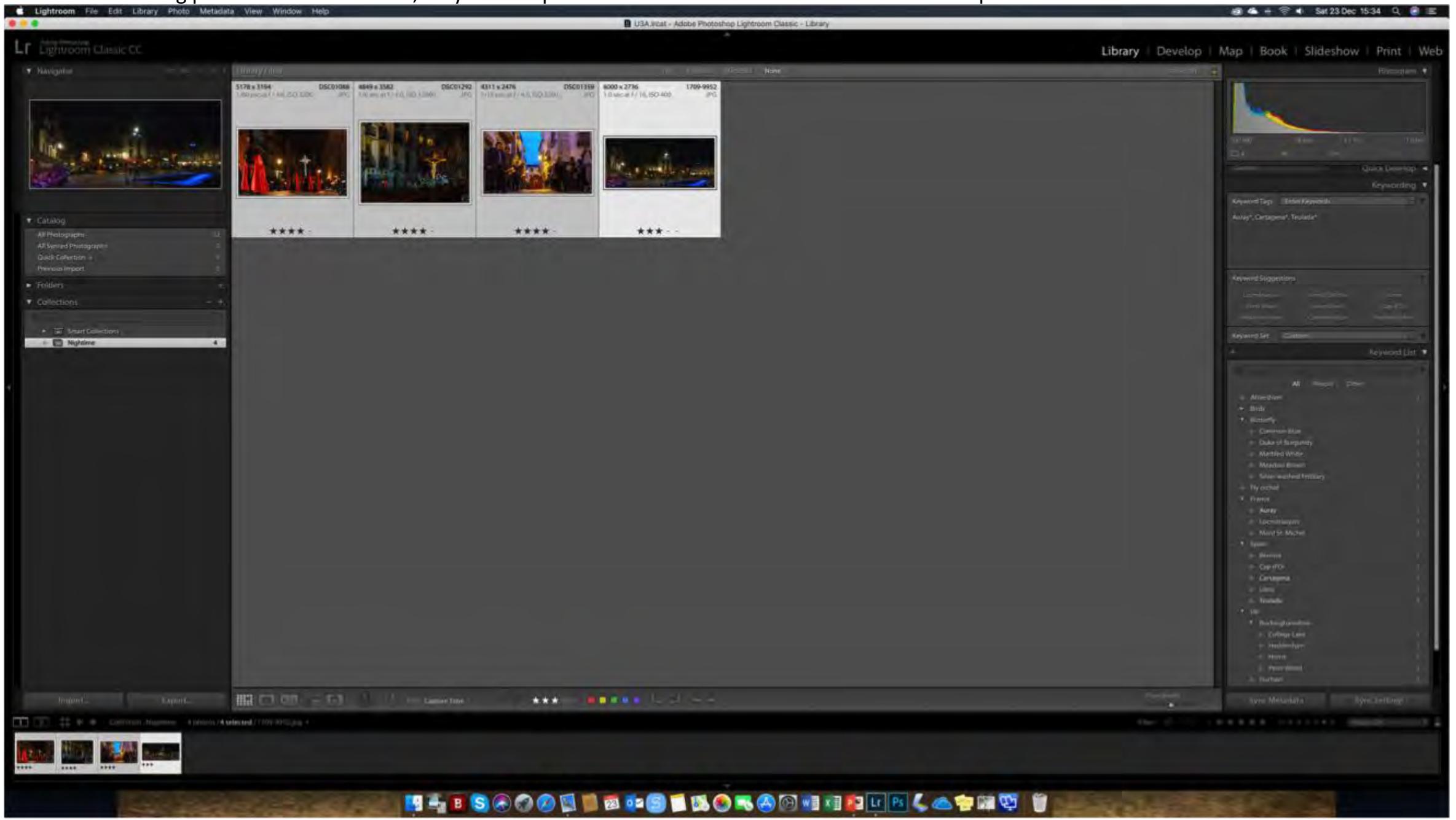
I've made a new collection and to add photos to it, just drag the photo you want and drop it onto the name of the new collection - here "Nightime"

Instead of dragging-and-dropping one photo at-a-time, here I am highlighting all 4 photos and I will drag-and-drop all four in one go.



Now clicking on the Nightime collection name shows all the photos in that collection.

Note that deleting photos from this screen, only deletes photos from this collection - it does not delete photos from Lr.



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- Live Demo

I keep all my photographs and the Lr catalogue and settings files on a 4 TB portable hard drive.

I regularly back-up these files on my desktop computer at home and to the cloud.

The Live Demo is of my entire Library comprising over 42,000 photos.