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FROM THE CHAIR

This is the time of year when the days grow shorter, birds migrate to the south, and MAGERT officers start thinking about the ALA Midwinter Conference. The Midwinter Conference is traditionally devoted to committee meetings and planning sessions, rather than to programs aimed at a wider audience. This makes for a more cozy and informal atmosphere than the giant Annual Conference held in summer. It is an excellent time for people who want to become more active in MAGERT to attend committee meetings and investigate where they might best fit in. Our new committee on small map libraries should be of particular interest to those who devote only a portion of their time to working with maps.



A copy of the Midwinter schedule will be included in the next *base line* and will be posted on our Web site. There are not a lot of inexpensive accommodations in central Philadelphia, and those who plan to attend should get their reservations in as early as possible.

Philadelphia is an interesting city, and contains much to see and do. Hopefully we will not be hindered by several feet of snow, as happened at the last memorable ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia. The city boasts several libraries with fine collections of historical maps. Plans are being developed for MAGERT members attending the conference to tour one of them and possibly hear a presentation on the mapping of Philadelphia.

— *David Allen*

FROM THE EDITOR

Beginning this month we're melding the "New Maps" column with "New Books and Atlases" to form a "New Maps and Books" column, being handled by Fred Musto at Yale University. Be sure to tell Fred about any publication that you want to bring to the attention of the MAGERT membership. And, please send me anything else that you find informative or amusing concerning maps or geography (see the historical notices regarding USGS and Postal Service mapping in this issue). We've got a few photos from the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, and we hope to see you in Philadelphia.

— *Mark Thomas*

MAGERT HONORS AWARD, 1998

Vi Moorhouse, Senior Map Cataloger at the Government Printing Office, is the 1998 recipient of the MAGERT Honors Award. The award is presented annually to a librarian for outstanding service to map librarianship.

Ms. Moorhouse has worked with maps since 1983, the year that maps were brought into the Depository Library Program. Her colleagues define her dedication to GPO and the Library Program as "legendary." She is known for accepting the most difficult maps to catalog, and doing them well. Her productivity, commitment, intelligence, and good humor have made her invaluable to GPO and the map community.

Vi Moorehouse,
of the Govern-
ment Printing
Office, receives
the 1998
MAGERT Honors
Award at the
MAGERT Recep-
tion at the ALA
Annual Confer-
ence in Washing-
ton, while GPO
colleagues con-
gratulate her.



Ms. Moorhouse was honored at the 1998 MAGERT reception at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC, on June 26th. Nearly one hundred map librarians, GPO staff, and Vi's friends attended. MAGERT chair Karl Longstreth presented the award. In his remarks he noted that when Vi was notified that she was the award winner her first comment was that the award really belonged to GPO for giving her all these wonderful maps to catalog.

The MAGERT Honors Award Committee, on behalf of the membership, congratulates Ms. Moorhouse and extends our very best wishes to a most deserving librarian.

— *Melissa Lamont*

ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

Map Cataloging Discussion Group

June 28, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Chair Kay Johnson at the Washington Courtyard by Marriott. The discussion began with the consideration of the cataloging records for two items which each consisted of ArcView software with cartographic data and accompanying instructional material. One had been cataloged as cartographic material in type "e," while the other was done in type "o" as a kit. (See Figures 1 and 2.) The primary aspect of these items is cartographic, as digital map data are included. But the cataloging of these items may depend on the type of institution doing the cataloging, as Betsy Mangan of the Library of Congress pointed out.

ArcView itself is considered to be a computer file. The accompanying materials include textual items for instruction in the use of ArcView, and also some items, at least in *ArcView for Schools and Libraries*, that may not be specifically geared toward ArcView. School librarians may find this material more useful as a kit and would tend to catalog and keep the materials together. If the item were to be cataloged as a unit, the individual parts could be specified in the holdings record.

Figure 1. Some elements of the OCLC record for *ArcView GIS (Cartographic Material)*

Type: e
245 00 ArcView GIS #h [kit]
250 Version 3.0 for Windows
520 Geographic information system with various components designed for interactive geographic exploration in schools, libraries, and museums.
505 0 ArcView: GIS for everyone, version 3.0 for windows, c1992-1996 (1 CD-ROM) – ESRI data & maps, vol. 1, c1996 (1 CD-ROM) – ArcView GIS : the Geographic information system for everyone : using ArcView GIS (vi, 350 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.) – Avenue : customization and application development for ArcView : using avenue (viii, 260 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.) – ArcView GIS installation guide (iv, 26 p. ; 23 cm.) – What's new in ArcView GIS version 3.0 (vi, 36 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.) – 3 product documentation pamphlets.
650 0 ArcView (Computer program)
650 0 Geographic information systems #x Software.
650 0 Digital mapping #x Software.
650 0 Maps, Statistical #x Software.
710 2 Environmental Systems Research Institute (Redlands, Calif.)
740 02 [9 entries]

Figure 2. Some elements of the OCLC record for *ArcView for Schools and Libraries (Kit)*

Type: o

245 00 ArcView for schools and libraries ‡h [kit]

246 30 ArcView

250 [Macintosh version]

520 Geographic information system with various components designed for interactive geographic exploration in schools, libraries, and museums.

505 0 ArcView GIS, version 2.1a, c1992-1996 (12 floppy disks, 1 CD-ROM disc)—ArcView installation guide—Quick start guide, c1995—Product information folder—Introducing ArcView, c1994—Introducing Avenue: Avenue, customization and application development for ArcView, c1994—GIS in K-12 education, c1995—GIS approach to digital spatial libraries, c1995—Explore your world: GIS in K-12 education, c1995 (VHS videocassette, 17 min.)—GIS in Libraries: public access to GIS, c1994 (VHS videocassette, 17 min.)—Explore your world with a geographic information system, c1995 with poster—Getting

505 0 to know desktop GIS, featuring ArcView c1995 with CD-ROM disc—ESRI map book, vol. 11, Geography connects our world, 1995—Introduction to ArcView for schools & libraries: computer screen videos, c1995, 1 floppy disk for Windows with notes—Sample electronic atlas and screen show: geographic images for screen shows and presentations, c1995, 1 floppy disk with notes—ArcUSA 1.2M: coterminous U.S.: a comprehensive GIS database for use with Arc/Info and ArcView, c1992, 2 CD-ROM discs with guides—ArcWorld 1.3M: continental coverage: a comprehensive GIS database for use with Arc/Info and

505 0 ArcView, c1992, 2 CD-ROM discs with guides—ArcScene USA tour, c1992, 1 CD-ROM disc with guide—Digital chart of the world, for use with ESRI desktop software, ArcData, 4 CD-ROM discs (c1994) with printed materials—ArcView version 1.0 for Windows, c1990-95, 1 CD-ROM disc—Visit ESRI's new home on the Internet flyer—ArcData catalog—Contents list.

650 0 ArcView (Computer program)

650 0 Geographic information systems ‡x Software.

650 0 Digital mapping ‡x Software.

650 0 Maps, Statistical ‡x Software.

710 2 Environmental Systems Research Institute (Redlands, Calif.)

740 02 [23 entries]

But the textual materials, especially the ones not specifically intended for use with ArcView, could be separated out. So, in a research library, they would tend to be cataloged separately. The Library of Congress might deal with such an item by

breaking out the maps to be cataloged separately. A copy of the entire kit could be kept as an example. For LC's collection the accompanying material would not be retained.

The discussion moved on to look at notes in records for cartographic materials. How detailed should they be? Betsy Mangan offered that notes are for catalogers; researchers rarely use them. The contents note is keyword searchable in some systems, and thus useful even if no one reads them. Notes may be helpful to reference librarians, who may pass the information on to patrons.

Betsy noted that most map records from thirty years ago would take up one screen. Today's records can run to four or five screens. She asked, Do we need this? Jo Davidson (University of Georgia) pointed out that there were no guidelines on what to include in a map record thirty years ago. Susan Moore (University of Northern Iowa) noted that it is easy to strip down a record, but not very easy if you decide you want to add data long after the record has been created.

The importance of some specific elements was discussed. Scale and measurement are important today if one is intending to scan the map. The flatbed scanner at LC, for example, is 24 x 36 inches, so the dimensions of a map can tell you how many scans will be required.

Many notes are important for the identification of an item. Thirty years ago LC was one of the few institutions cataloging maps, and the only one sharing map cataloging records. Quoting numbers on a map is often very important for identification.

It was noted that the dimensions of the sheet should only be recorded if at least one dimension is twice as large as the same dimension of the map. The complexities of map measurement were brought home to Kay Johnson when she tried to train students to measure maps, and wound up giving up on the idea. Kay wondered if other libraries were doing this.

Kay also asked how to describe a "pop-up" map. Betsy didn't recall the term they had used at LC. The term "accordion map" came up, but that describes something different. Some folding and slitting techniques are important enough to be regarded as a feature of the map. Such details need to be described carefully to make sure another cataloger can tell if they have the same item. One can look at other records of maps by the same company, or even call the company if in doubt. One must balance the needs of the institution against the needs of the broader cartographic community. Researchers many years from now may want to know this information. For example, it may be useful for someone planning an exhibition. Could this be a candidate for a form/genre heading?

Speaking of genres, one participant came up with a number of genres of globes that did not make it onto the preliminary form/genre list. "Atlases" as a genre is not divided. Should there be subgenres under atlases? "National atlases" was one suggestion, but the committee who looked at this could not define it. Catalogers can't apply what they can't recognize. The genre list was sent mostly to geographers and researchers in the history of cartography. The committee that has been working on this wanted to know the value of these terms for researchers.

Terms like "Tourist maps," "Zoning maps," "Road maps," etc. combine subject and form. These will need to be changed. Why are these terms in LCSH at all? The Geography and Map Division (G&M) at LC preferred a separate publication, but LC decided that all form/genre headings must be a part of LCSH. G&M did insist upon stating that these are form headings for maps and atlases in order to preserve a controlled list.

What form does one use for electronic atlases? Many records use the subdivisions "—Software" or "—Databases." This didn't seem quite right to some participants. LC uses simply "—Atlases" (with a note describing the item).

LC's *Guidelines for Distinguishing Cartographic Materials on Computer File Carriers from other Materials on Computer File Carriers* is still a working document and comments are being welcomed. Not everyone is agreed on how to identify a specific item. Betsy Mangan highlighted some of the problems. A product that is strictly GIS software gets cataloged as a computer file (type "m"). Electronic atlases are multimedia, so could be regarded as a computer file. But there is nothing in these items that is not in a paper atlas (e.g., text, statistics, gazetteer). It became necessary to code these in type "e" because for the computer files catalogers didn't record the cartographic information. No tracings were given for the publisher, an access point that has been brought up before in the discussion group as being a very important one to map catalogers. They were also reluctant to add "—Maps" to the subject headings.

Finally it was noted (once again) that G&M has some items in its collection that are not cataloged as cartographic material. These items are assigned to G&M because they will be used there. On this note, the meeting was adjourned. It should be noted for anyone interested that the above mentioned guidelines are available on the Library of Congress web site at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/marc/cfmap.html>.

I would also like to encourage anyone reading this to feel free to send their comments on any aspect of map cataloging or information that would be of interest to map catalogers to me. As cataloging editor for *base line*, I will disseminate anything of general interest that I receive via this column. For anyone trying to reach me, I should also mention that I have moved. I am now at Boise State University, where I can be reached via e-mail at mcrottea@bsu.idbsu.edu or

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Let me hear from you.

— *Mark Crotteau*

**‘MAPS AND SOCIETY’
(Warburg Institute, London)
EIGHTH SERIES
PROGRAMME FOR 1998-1999**

✉ *Submitted by Tony Campbell to Maps-L and other E-mail lists, September 7, 1998.*

1998

October 29. Dr Tom Conley (Department of Romance Languages, Harvard University)
“From ‘Satyre’ to ‘Theatre’: The Map and the Political Essay in Sixteenth-Century France”

November 19. Dr Garrett Sullivan (Department of English, Pennsylvania State University)
“Travelling by Road or Armchair? Reading the Inutility of John Ogilby’s Britannia”

December 10. Dawn Odell (Department of Art History, University of Illinois)
“Mapping Mercantilism in the Seventeenth-Century: The Dutch East India Company Travels to China”

1999

January 28. Professor Michael Jones (Department of History, University of Nottingham)
“The English and Brittany in the Late Sixteenth Century: the Map Evidence”

February 25. Dr Jeffrey Stone (Department of Geography, University of Aberdeen)
“Imperialism, Colonialism and Cartography in Africa”

March 18. Professor Martha Pollak (Department of Art History, University of Illinois)
“Military Strategy and City Plans in the Seventeenth Century”

April 29. Ralph Ehrenberg (Map Division, Library of Congress)
“Charting Invisible Airways: the Early Development of Aviation Cartography in the United States of America”

June 3. Professor Lena Cowen Orlin (Department of English, University of Maryland)
“Reading Ralph Treswell’s Maps: Property Disputes in Tudor and Stuart London”

Meetings are held at the University of London, Warburg Institute, Woburn Square, London WC1H 0AB (between the British Museum and the new British Library) at 5.00 pm on a **Thursday**.

Admission is free and each meeting is followed by refreshments. All are MOST welcome.

This lecture series in the history of cartography is convened by Tony Campbell (Map Library, British Library) and Catherine Delano Smith (Institute of Historical Research, University of London). The programme has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of The International Map Collectors’ Society, Jonathan Potter of Jonathan Potter Ltd, and Laurence Worms of Ash Rare Books. It is supported by *Imago Mundi*: the International Journal for the History of Cartography.

Enquiries to the following please, not to the Warburg Institute. If you have a convenient noticeboard, request a display copy of the programme. Since the talks represent work in progress there is no associated publication programme.

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JOHN CARTER BROWN LIBRARY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The John Carter Brown Library will award approximately twenty-five short- and long-term Research Fellowships for the year June 1, 1999-May 31, 2000. **Short-term fellowships** are available for periods of two to four months and carry a stipend of \$1,100 per month. These fellowships are open to foreign nationals as well as to U.S. citizens who are engaged in pre- and post-doctoral, or independent, research. Graduate students must have passed their preliminary or general examinations at the time of application. **Long-term fellowships**, primarily funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, are typically for five to nine months and carry a stipend of \$2,800 per month. Recipients of long-term fellowships may not be engaged in graduate work and ordinarily must be U.S. citizens or have resided in the U.S. for the three years immediately preceding the term of the fellowship.

It should be noted that the Library's holdings are concentrated on the history of the Western Hemisphere during the colonial period (ca. 1492 to ca. 1825), emphasizing the European discovery, exploration, settlement, and development of the Americas, the indigenous response to the European conquest, the African contribution to the development of the hemisphere, and all aspects of European relations with the New World, including the impact of the New World on the Old. Research proposed by fellowship applicants must be suited to the holdings of the Library. All fellows are expected to relocate to Providence and be in continuous residence at the Library for the entire term of the fellowship.

Several short-term fellowships have thematic restrictions: the Jeannette D. Black Memorial Fellowship in the history of cartography; Center for New World Comparative Studies Fellowships for research in the comparative history of the colonial Americas; the Alexander O. Vietor Memorial Fellowship in early maritime history; the Ruth and Lincoln Ekstrom Fellowship in the history of women and the family in the Americas; and the Touro National Heritage Trust Fellowship for research on some aspect of the Jewish experience in the New World before 1830. Maria Elena Cassiet Fellowships are restricted to scholars who are permanent residents of countries in Spanish America.

The application deadline for fellowships for 1999-2000 is **January 15, 1999**.

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[http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/John Carter Brown Library](http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/John_Carter_Brown_Library)

THE J.B. HARLEY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY

✉ Submitted by Tony Campbell to Maps-L and other E-mail lists, September 5, 1998.

The J.B. Harley Research Fellowships in the History of Cartography

The closing date for applications is **November 1st**. Please apply to the undersigned for details, indicating *where* you saw this announcement.

The Harley Fellowships—the only one of their kind in Europe—provide support of up to four weeks (at 250 pounds per week) for those, from any discipline, doing the equivalent of post-graduate level work in the map collections of the London area.

For details of past applications and awards see:
<http://www.ihrinfo.ac.uk/maps/harlflws.html>

— Tony Campbell, Map Librarian, British Library, tony.campbell@bl.uk

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

✉ Please notify the editor of upcoming events to include in future columns.

Geological Society of America (GSA)

Geoscience Information Society (GIS)

October 26-29, 1998

Toronto, ONT

<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/98/index.htm>

Annual Conference on GIS Education (GISED)

October 29-November 1, 1998

Ypsilanti, MI

<http://ceita.acad.emich.edu/gised>

Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc. (OLAC) 8th Conference

November 4-7, 1998

Charlotte, NC

<http://152.20.25.1/ruthr/olac98info.html>

ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) 6th Symposium on Geographic Information Systems

November 6-7, 1998

Washington, DC

<http://www.insa-lyon.fr/Laboratoires/LISI/ACMGIS/>

The Applications of Remote Sensing and GIS for Disaster Management

January 19-21, 1999

Washington, DC

<http://www.gwu.edu/cms/gis/>

NEW MAPS AND BOOKS

New Maps

France and Great Britain

The IGN of France is issuing a new series of department administrative maps (*Carte routière et administrative*) at 1:125,000. These are road maps with the various administrative boundaries added, including commune, canton, department, arrondissement, region, and state boundaries. Route numbers and distances are marked for the roads. Approximately 18 departments have been published to date of approximately 95 total sheets. \$9.95 per sheet from OMNI Resources.

The IGN is also reformatting their 1:100,000 series, adding tourist information symbols to the maps while retaining the same high quality topo data. The *Cartes touristiques locales 1:100,000* continues and will eventually replace the *Série verte*, keeping the same sheet numbering system. Some sheets are available now, with the rest due over the next 12 months. \$6.95 per sheet. A list of available sheets may be seen on the OMNI web site (<http://www.aescon.com/omni>).

In Britain the Ordnance Survey is replacing their 1:25,000 *Pathfinder* series with a new 1:25,000 series called *Explorer*. The new maps have additional tourist information and do not use a regular grid system, being based on geography rather than longitude/latitude. The sheets cover larger areas than *Pathfinder* maps, and only about 300 *Explorer* maps plus about 50 *Outdoor Leisure* series maps (which cover National Parks at 1:25,000) will replace the 1200 *Pathfinder* sheets. The new series is projected to take 6 years for completion, and will progress from south to north. \$11.95 per sheet. A *Mapping Index* which explains the relationship between the various series is available free from Ordnance Survey, and a list of available sheets can be found on their Web site at <http://www.ordsvy.gov.uk>.

Huge and Not So

For those impressed by sheer size, Lovell Johns Ltd. and its marketing arm Maps International offers a world map called *Huge*. Measuring about 47" x 79", the colorful 1:20 million scale map is billed as the "largest single sheet map of the world." The company, which seems to specialize in promotional items, also offers as an antidote to *Huge*, a "Credit Card Atlas," 32 pages of political maps covering the world in a tiny 2" x 3½" size. More information from alan.smith@lovelljohns.com or at their web site <http://www.lovelljohns.com>.

Also from the small front is a map of a very small place, *Andorra*, by Editorial Alpina, 1996. At a scale of 1:40,000 it was designed as a hiking map but is an excellent, current map of the country. It comes with a 32-page guide booklet, in Spanish, for \$10.95 from OMNI.

Facsimiles

Moleiro Editor, S. A. is a Spanish publisher specializing in reproductions of medieval maps and manuscripts. Their limited edition maps include a portolan chart from the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris dated around 1492 and attributed to Christopher Columbus, and the Estense World Map from the Biblioteca Estense in Modena. The *Portolan Chart of Christopher Columbus*, measuring 68 x 110 cm, is produced on special parchment-like paper. The *Estense World Map* from c. 1450, a circular world map of Catalan origin, measures 113 cm. in diameter, and is printed on art paper. Both include a descriptive commentary volume. Beautifully produced but rather expensive, with the Columbus chart at priced at approximately \$873, and the Estense map at the time of this writing discounted 30% to \$587. For a catalog, e-mail them at mmr@moleiro.com, or check their Web site at <http://www.moleiro.com>.

Small Publishers

While perusing the print and online catalogs of several maps vendors, I was struck by the number of small map publishers who offer only a few titles, or in some cases only one title. Like their counterparts in the book world, map publishers have been consolidating recently. But there still seems to be room for the little guy, someone with the entrepreneurial spirit and creativity to produce a niche map that serves a useful purpose or simply amuses and entertains. Admittedly, many are poorly produced and of little use or interest, but others are well-done and worth noting, if only for their unusualness. Following are some examples of the latter that I've come across recently, but not necessarily very "new." All are available from vendors like MapLink, OMNI Resources, and MapQuest. Images of some of the maps can be seen on the MapQuest Web site: <http://www.mapstore.com>.

The *Historic Route 66* map is published by a Pro-Map in California and copyrighted 1994. A very colorful ("It's a map. It's a poster") production that shows the original Route 66 in eight states, both sections that are still driveable and those that have been subsumed by freeways. Great for nostalgia buffs and folks like me who are old enough to remember the TV series of the same name. \$4.95

Another fun map is *Eccentric California Map to the Bizarre and Peculiar*, a 1996 production by California Eccentric of Monterey. The outline map of the state (and two inserts for "Greater La La Land" and "Baghdad by the Bay") identify 549 points that are briefly described on the reverse. They range from number 1, the Hollywood sign in L.A., to number 549, "Mice invasion of Taft occurred in early 1927 when more than 3 million rodents overran the area after nearby dry lake was flooded." Fascinating stuff, both for natives and for those who would never set foot in the Golden State except for ALA conferences. \$5.95

So I won't be accused of picking on the west coast, I'll also mention the *Crime Smart Manhattan* map from CrimeSmart, c.1997. Described as "Your visual guide to Manhattan crime rates based on New York City Police Department data," the laminate folding map shows Manhattan divided by precinct and color coded to show the assault rate in each block. It also includes a chart showing other reported crimes for 1995 by precinct. More fuel for city-phobes, but confirming what many in the Big Apple would consider obvious; you're pretty safe in the financial district, but stay away from the Port Authority Bus Terminal. \$5.95.

Olde South Publishing, based in Boston, offers a 1997 *Boston Picture and Street Map*, an attractive, large-scale bird's-eye view of which I am inordinately fond. \$4.95.

Alaska, the First Alaskans issued in 1995 by LANAREA Publishing and National Language Associates in Connecticut, is accurately subtitled "A Guide to the Geography of the Native Languages, Cultures, Their Communities & Populations." It shows the distribution of language groups in Alaska, and locates and lists (with population) several hundred native communities arranged by language area. \$12.95.

Folding Landscapes of Roundstone, County Galway publishes a small series of large scale, black and white maps of parts of Ireland. The wonderfully detailed maps, "researched and drawn by Tim Robinson," are based on Ordnance Survey maps with added information on geology, land use, etc. Great for hikers in the areas covered: for *Connemara* at 1:63,000 (\$12.95), *Burren*, at 1:35,000 (\$8.95), *Aran Islands* at 1:29,000(\$8.95), and the *Mountains of Connemara* (\$12.95).

Michael Brein of Ashland, Oregon, has recently issued subway maps for London and Paris, *London by the Underground* and *Paris by the Metro*. With apologies to

aficionados of subway maps, I confess they all look pretty much the same to me. However, a nice feature of these maps is the "How to Go to Points of Interest" on the reverse. For some 50 or 60 places, small inset maps are shown, indicating the subway line, stop, and exit sign. Thus it's clear that to get to Harrods, you take the Piccadilly line to the Knightsbridge station and follow the Harrods exit to the store across the street on Brompton Road. \$5.00 each.

Arizona Highways Magazine publishes a few maps focusing, not surprisingly, on their beautiful state. One is *Indian Ruins of the Southwest*, at \$3.95, and a nicely done *Arizona in 1912* reproduction of an old highway map for \$5.95.

The U.S.-based Russian Information Service, publishers of *Soviet Life Magazine*, have issued three maps: city maps and guides to Moscow and St. Petersburg, and a 1996 *Bilingual Wall Map of Russia and the Republics* using the "latest in GIS mapping technology." The 3' x 4' map is actually two identical maps, one side entirely in Russian, the other in English. Cities are indexed on the map and there is an enlarged Moscow region map and an administrative divisions map. \$10 folded, or \$25 laminated.

Ludington Graphics publishes just two maps, but they are stunners. One is an arresting 23" x 35" world map with an unusual but striking color scheme, the other a similar sized and equally colorful county map, *United States of America, with State Capitals and Counties*. Both come laminated at \$20 each.

New Books

Diane Oswald. *Fire Insurance Maps: Their History and Applications*. College Station, TX: Lacewing Press, 1997. 100 pp., \$9.95 in paperback (ISBN 0965969800). Our Sanborn fire insurance maps are probably the heaviest-used part of our collection, but aside from *Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress* published by LC in 1981, little information about these maps had been available until Oswald's book.

Paul E. Cohen and Robert T. Augustyn. *Manhattan in Maps, 1527-1995*. New York: Rizzoli, 1997. 164 pp., \$50 (ISBN 0847820521). Two New York map dealers trace the history of New York City in some 60 maps dating from its discovery to a satellite image from 1990. Nicely illustrated with informative text.

Francis J. Manasek. *Collecting Old Maps*. Norwich, VT: Terra Nova Press, 1998. \$65 (ISBN 0964900068). Another work by a long-time dealer, Manasek's is more valuable than most books directed toward the collector. Chapters on various types of maps, map printing, condition, etc. are followed by the bulk of the work, illustrations and descriptions of 130 maps that show the changing appear-

ance of printed maps over 500 years. A little of everything, even some "Chemistry for Map Collectors," make this a great source for anyone, even map librarians, wanting to learn about antiquarian maps.

Peter Whitfield. *New Found Lands: Maps in the History of Exploration*. London: The British Library; New York: Routledge, 1998. 200 pp., \$40 (ISBN 0415920264). The latest in the author's series of beautifully illustrated books on various types of maps. His previous works covered world maps (*The Image of the World*, 1994), celestial charts (*The Mapping of the Heavens*, 1995), and nautical charts (*The Charting of the Oceans*, 1996), all published by the British Library and Pomegranate Artbooks. To call them coffee-table books does them a disservice, for their lavish illustrations are accompanied by learned and substantive text.

Jeremy Black. *Maps and History: Constructing Images of the Past*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1997. 304 pp., \$35 (ISBN 0300069766). *Maps and Politics*. University of Chicago Press, 1998. 192 pp., \$35 (ISBN 0226054934). The title of the first of these two books by a British academic is somewhat misleading, since it is really a history of the historical atlas, from Ortelius to the thematic atlases of today. The number and quality of illustrations leave much to be desired, but this scholarly work should be of interest to all map librarians. Black's second book deals with the political agendas that lie behind the apparent objectivity of maps.

William P. Cumming. *The Southeast in Early Maps*. 3rd ed., rev. and enl. by Louis De Vorse, Jr. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998. 362 pp. \$90 (ISBN 0807823716). A wonderful example of everything a cartographic reference should be, with first-class production values, excellent illustrations, and full scholarly apparatus. 450 maps are listed, with long descriptions, references, availability of reproductions, and locations of originals. Two lengthy essays on "Early Maps of Southeastern North America," by Cumming, and "American Indians and the Early Mapping of the Southeast," by De Vorse, precede the map descriptions, which are followed by 71 black and white and 24 color plates.

Cartographic Encounters: Perspectives on Native American Mapmaking and Map Use. Edited by G. Malcolm Lewis. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998. 318 pp., \$60 (ISBN 0226476944). *Envisioning the City: Six Studies in Urban Cartography*. Edited by David Buisseret. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998. 181 pp., \$50 (ISBN 0226079937). (The Kenneth Nebenzahl, Jr., Lectures in the History of Cartography). The Newberry Library is blessed with a wonderful and well-supported map collection. One of the fruits of this support is the Nebenzahl Lectures, which eventually find their way into printed form. The latest two are eclectic collections of papers on Indian cartography and city plans.

Bateman New Zealand Historical Atlas. Auckland: David Bateman in assoc. with Historical Branch, Dept. of Internal Affairs, 1997. 290 pp., \$90 NZ (c. \$45 US)

(ISBN 1869533356). Both an historical and thematic atlas, its 100 two-page spreads, divided into five broad time periods, cover an amazing variety of topics. An extensive appendix gives notes and sources for each plate. A most impressive production, with outstanding maps and graphics.

Columbia Gazetteer of the World. Ed. By Saul B. Cohen. NY: Columbia University Press., 1998. 3 vols. \$750 (ISBN 0231110405). The long-awaited successor to that venerable work-horse and mainstay of every reference collection, the *Columbia-Lippincott Gazetteer*, now enlarged to three volumes and 160,000 entries.

— *Fred Musto*

USGS: A POPULAR HELP FOR JOY RIDING

➤ From the *Monthly Catalogue, United States Public Documents*, No. 238 (Oct. 1914), pp. 183-184.

AN UNLOOKED-FOR USE

The act creating the United States Geological Survey in 1882 provided that it should make a geological map of the United States. The Survey was willing, but found that the most necessary preliminary, a base map, did not exist. Consequently the Survey at once set about making a base map, and has been making it ever since from actual surveys. Thousands of "topographic sheets," each one a part of the base map, have been published.

These sheets have been offered for sale as they were issued, and great numbers of them have been sold. This sale has been much stimulated in recent years by a cause that the authorities of the Survey could not possibly have foreseen. This cause is the automobile, which did not become a practical apparatus until a score of years after the birth of the Survey. Automobiles cause road trips. Road trips require knowledge of roads. Nowhere else can such knowledge be acquired so readily and so accurately as by the use of the topographic sheets. But people who use the sheets only to trace the roads have no use for such a term as "topographic." Consequently the more popular name "road maps" has come into use, and under this name a large demand for the sheets has sprung up and is constantly growing.

It would not be surprising to learn any day that the largest calls for the topographic base-map sheets are made under the name of road maps, and that this demand has doubled the use of this publication of the Geological Survey, which has become even better known as a popular help for joy riding than it was as a branch of scientific map making.

RURAL DELIVERY COUNTY MAPS

The following notice appeared in the *Monthly Catalogue, United States Public Documents*, No. 186, p.750 (June, 1910). As it says elsewhere in early *Monthly Catalogues*, "these maps should not be confused with the post route maps" of entire states, which are published maps. A few of these blue line prints ("sun-print process") appear in OCLC.

Since Feb. 1908, the Topography Division of the United States Post-Office Department has been preparing maps of those counties in which the rural delivery postal system is completely established. At the date of this writing the number of such maps that have been prepared is 423, of which 2 are for counties in Alabama, 1 in Arkansas, 3 in Connecticut, 19 in Georgia, 38 in Illinois, 46 in Indiana, 54 in Iowa, 43 in Kansas, 1 in Maine, 4 in Maryland, 13 in Michigan, 35 in Minnesota, 38 in Missouri, 16 in Nebraska, 11 in New York, 1 in North Carolina, 29 in Ohio, 1 in Oklahoma, 7 in Pennsylvania, 8 in South Carolina, 13 in South Dakota, 11 in Tennessee, 4 in Texas, 2 in Virginia, 2 in West Virginia, and 21 in Wisconsin.

The county maps are on the uniform scale of an inch to a mile [1:63,360]. They are drawings on tracing linen, copies being produced by the sun-print process, and only in response to special calls. Thus no editions are printed in advance of the demand for them.

Copies are sold by the Disbursing Clerk, Post-Office Department, at 50¢, each.

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ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: RECEPTION AND HONORS AWARD CEREMONY

Right: Vi Moorhouse of the Government Printing Office, holding the 1998 MAGERT Honors Award, which she received at the Washington conference (see page 5).



Left: Andrea Gruhl and Vi Moorhouse enjoying the MAGERT reception last June.

Below: Martana Rybnicek, Barbara Rapoport, Lucinda Hall, and Pat McGlammery at the MAGERT reception at the 1998 ALA Annual Conference. Please join us the next time you attend an ALA conference.

Opposite: Joseph Winkler, David Cobb, Lucinda Hall, John Stevenson, and David Allen mingle at the reception.



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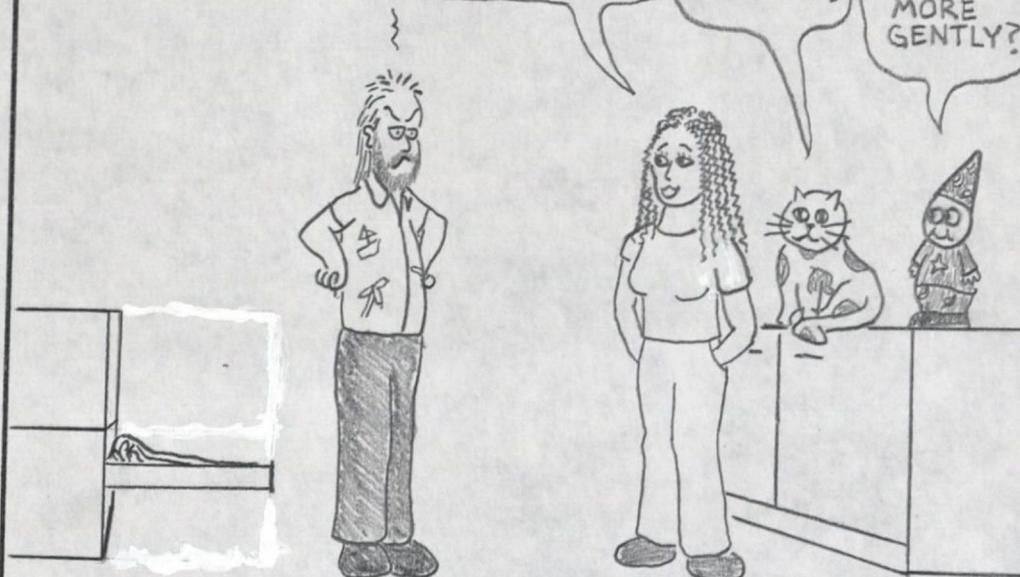
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