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FROM THE CHAIR

Much of my attention as MAGERT Chair continues to be occupied by our electronic publications program.

Our web site continues to grow. A welcome addition is "Electronic *base line*," which presents selected portions of the publication you have in your hands. This new feature is not intended to supplant *base line*, but to make available to a wider audience portions of the publication that are of general interest. Mark Thomas is to be congratulated on the thoughtful job he has done in selecting articles to put in electronic form. In many cases he has significantly enhanced the content of the original by adding links to related resources on the World Wide Web.



Another electronic publication to look for is the as yet untitled MAGERT primer on metadata for map librarians. A number of people, including myself, have been working on this project for nearly a year. It has been quite a learning experience for me as I have slowly progressed from total confusion to at least a modest awareness of the issues and problems involved in creating metadata. It is becoming increasingly clear to me that different types of metadata may be appropriate for various kinds of cartographic materials. I am particularly intrigued by the possibility of using Dublin Core metadata for digital images of historical maps, and possibly using it as a way of handling our huge backlogs of uncataloged maps. Hopefully the completed metadata page will succeed in answering many of the basic questions of map librarians concerning metadata and lead them to sources where they can learn more.

— *David Allen*

FROM THE EDITOR

As David mentions above, be sure to check the MAGERT web site for selected articles from past issues of *base line* as well as for other information of value to map librarians. In this issue we've reprinted a list of OCLC accession numbers for the state-level "mother" records for 7½ minute USGS topographic quadrangles. If you remember any other useful material from past *base lines*, please suggest it to me for possible reprinting or inclusion on the web site.

— *Mark Thomas*

ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

Miscellaneous News

As I write this I am looking forward to my departure for ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia two weeks hence. Which means that the news from the last ALA meeting has already been disseminated and I get to talk about whatever I want to for this column (perhaps more honestly, whatever I've been able to dig up). So, I'm looking at anything that I hope will be of interest to map catalogers out there, totally composed this time of items I have gleaned from the net. I'm including map cataloging related items that have appeared on either Maps-L or Autocat since early August. I have to confess, this doesn't cover everything that has come across my computer since the last time I reported on such miscellaneous happenings in the June 1998 issue. The reason for this is that in the interim I have changed location, and while I have a CD with the messages I had saved at my former library, I have a different E-mail system here so I'm unable to access them. I guess that makes what I have to say here a little more timely.

The traffic of map cataloging queries on Maps-L and Autocat has run the gamut from basic questions about classification and description of maps to detailed discussions of some quite complex problems, often including proposals of ingenious solutions. I'm going to concentrate in this summary on the postings (to both Autocat and Maps-L) of John Buelow of the New York Historical Society, who has been cataloging a sizeable collection of manuscript maps. I think that there is some really interesting stuff here, even for those of us who don't get much of a chance to catalog manuscript maps. But before I get into a discussion of some of the problems that John has brought to our attention over the past few months I want to mention one item of a more general nature which also relates to the cataloging of older maps.

In October, Ann Hodges of the University of Texas at Arlington sent a message to Maps-L inquiring about the level of interest in a cataloging tool for rare maps. This suggestion had emanated from the Bibliographic Standards Committee of ALA's Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, as they were considering making a proposal to begin such a project. The response from Velma Parker of the National Archives of Canada informed Maps-L subscribers that a subcommittee of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials (AACCCM) is already working on this project. To quote from Velma's message, "AACCCM is currently working on a second edition of *Cartographic materials: a manual of interpretation for AACR2*, which we hope will be out sometime in late 1999 or early 2000. In the process, the subcommittee is examining the *Descriptive cataloging of rare books* for relevant rules and is altering them as needed to suit cartographic materials. In addition, we are working on guidelines that are unique to early maps and therefore would not appear in *Descriptive cataloging*."

“We in the subcommittee (myself, Francis Herbert of the Royal Geographical Society Library and Dorothy Prescott from Australia) would certainly welcome any ideas, contribution, and assistance from anyone who has any experience in cataloguing rare maps.” So I pass this on to my readers who may have missed this, and encourage you to send any suggestions to Ms. Parker, whose E-mail address is vparker@archives.ca. I’m sure John Buelow would have benefited from such a tool. On the other hand, the messages he posted to the discussion lists indicated that he had already come up with some pretty good ideas about dealing with some difficult items.

The first of the messages asked about how to word a note describing how the date of situation was estimated. The map in question was dated to sometime between 1752 and 1756, based upon the presence of a county that had been established in 1752 and the lack of a fort that had been built in 1756; only minor revision was suggested to the already well-phrased note. A second message dealt with description of manuscript maps that had fallen to pieces or had been deliberately dissected, and of maps drawn on sheets constructed by pasting together several smaller sheets. The question of whether to describe such aspects in the 300 field or to use a note to record such details was central to the discussion of this question. One argument that was made for keeping the 300 field simple and using a note to describe these details was to avoid cluttering up the first screen of an OPAC display with details extraneous to the users’ needs. This, despite the fact that *Cartographic Materials* instructs the cataloger to describe in the 300 field the map in hand at the time it is cataloged including changes that may have been made to the original state of the map.

Another posting to the lists was concerned with the citation of illustrations of published maps in records for hand-traced copies of these maps. The question was whether one could use the 510 field (Citation/References Note) to cite maps given in a 534 note (Original Version Note). The one response I noted suggested that the 510 field should not be used in this situation. Buelow also queried the lists about the use of 043 and 045 fields in cartographic records. The question on the 043 yielded more variation than I would have expected, including the following responses. Phil Hoehn: “No cataloger should waste even a second of time adding an 043 field to a record for cartographic materials.” Mary Larsgaard: “While one *may* [MAY in original] use both 043 and 052, generally 052 is the preferred field. ...[but] if your library uses 043 for all formats, then you would use that.” The consensus on the 045 was to use it on maps for which the date of situation differed from the publication date, and that only subfield #b (formatted time period) was needed.

A very interesting question about dating 18th through 20th century manuscript maps based on the material on which they were drawn unfortunately elicited no responses on the lists. A large body of discussion was generated, however, by a

question concerning how to describe the orientation of a manuscript map in multiple sections on separate sheets with no titling or compass roses and little else to orient the user in trying to piece them together. Buelow's own proposed solutions to the problem involved entering coordinates either in a contents note in the bibliographic record or in attached item records, or drawing a small index map to be used with the set. While the consensus of responses favored the latter solution, it turned out, as reported in a follow-up posting, that due to the fact that the set of maps may be incomplete, coordinates would also need to be used in some way to indicate the coverage of the existing maps.

Buelow describes in another message a set of 24 published maps and two manuscript maps that should make the true map enthusiast envious. Most of the printed maps have hand drawn annotations, and the maps were used in the negotiations to establish the border between Maine and Nova Scotia in 1824. John wanted to catalog these as a set, feeling that the annotations were the important aspect, and that the entire set should be cataloged as a manuscript for this reason. The responses affirmed Buelow's instincts on how to catalog these maps, suggesting a collection-level record for the group of maps. Another suggestion that came up was to include extensive descriptive notes, either in the record itself or in the form of a separate descriptive document with reference to the document being made in the record. One important aspect of such detailed description would be to minimize handling of the maps themselves.

One more posting by John Buelow was a request for the most complete available list of authorized cutter numbers for New York and New Jersey. The response from Ken Rockwell reported some information that should be of use to all map catalogers and that may not have been reported previously in this column. As I have reported on a number of occasions, the entire list of geographical cutter numbers will eventually be made available in an online G-schedule, although just when this will be available is still unknown. In the interim, however, Barbara Story of LC's Geography and Map Division said that anyone could ask her by E-mail whenever they need a cutter or want to set one up. Her E-mail address is bsto@loc.gov.

There were some other cataloging queries on the lists beside those submitted by John Buelow. Here is a brief summary of some of the other map cataloging messages I saw in the last five months: a message asking if a call number range had been established yet for the new, soon to be established, Canadian territory of Nunavut (apparently not); another date of situation query seeking the date that the Pan-American Highway had been constructed through Panama and Colombia; a request for the appropriate subject heading to use for a cartogram; and a query about how to deal with the situation when it becomes necessary to remove maps from the Serial Set for the purpose of better preserving them. The suggested solution for the last of these was to remove the maps from the bound volumes, but retain the set classification to keep them together under the same call number.

Well, that's about it for this time. Please feel free to send me any comments about this column, or any information about map cataloging, or any requests for things you would like me to include in the column. My E-mail address is mcrottea@boisestate.edu. For those of my readers who will be in Philadelphia for Mid-Winter, I hope to see you there (actually I will have seen you there by the time you read this). For everyone else, keep cataloging those maps.

— Mark Crotteau

NEW MAPS AND BOOKS

New Maps

2000

Computer folks aren't the only ones concerned about the Y2K problem. Map publishers also have to figure out how to incorporate the millennium change into their advertising. National Geographic has started by issuing its *World 2000: A Millennium Keepsake Map*. The two-sided 27" x 39" heavy-weight sheet has an up-to-date world political map utilizing the "Winkel Tripel" projection (which looks a lot like the Robinson projection) on one side, and on the reverse an attractive Ptolemaic world map representing the known world in 1000 AD (although the map was printed much later and originally drawn much earlier). And since even *TV Guide* covers now come in collectable editions, the *World 2000* map is housed in a little box and labeled "Special Collectors Edition." For this you can pay \$19.99 at the MapQuest MapStore (<http://www.mapstore.com>).

Baja

For those people with cabin fever who like to use the winter months to plan fantasy vacations, here are some sources for warmer and/or exotic locales. How about Mexico and the Baja Peninsula? (I recommend these mainly because I just like to say 'Baja!')

Baja Almanac Publishers has issued two volumes of topo maps. The *Baja California Norte Almanac* not surprisingly covers the northern half of the peninsula; its companion, *Baja California Sur Almanac*, handles the rest. Each 8" x 11" volume contains about 30 detailed topo maps at a 1:240,000 scale showing elevations with 100 meter contours, highway mileage, and latitude and longitude marks every 5 minutes for GPS users. \$12.50 each.

Another map from ITMB Publishing is *Kevin Healey's Travel Map of Mexico's Baja California*. The 3rd, "1996-99," edition of what used to be the *Traveller's Reference Map*... is a nice 1:1,000,000 folded map with descriptive text on travel in Baja. \$8.95. (I'm not sure who Mr. Healey is, but he sure gets around the continent.) The AAA Automobile Club of Southern California also issues a detailed two-sided map *Baja California*, at a little larger scale, ca. 1:760,000, on a 22" x 38" sheet with insets of a major cities, for \$3.95.

For those who prefer a slightly more relaxed pace while in Baja, how about fishing maps from the Fish-n-Map Co. Good for fisherman or kayakers, but, they warn, "not to be used for navigation, i.e. sailing." The waterproof maps include 30 ft depth contours, fish locations, etc. Four titles cover the entire coast: *Baja North, Pacific Side*; *Baja South, Pacific Side*; *Sea of Cortez North*; and *Sea of Cortez South*. \$5.95 each. All of the Baja maps are available from Map World (<http://www.mapworld.com>) and other major vendors..

Ecotourists

For those who prefer a higher elevation or a more southern latitude, or who are just a little more environmentally advanced, there are ecotourist maps of Ecuador. "Ecotourism" is a word that must have slipped into the mainstream vocabulary while I was dozing in the 1990s. A quick check of the RLIN database found over 300 book titles with "ecotourism" as a subject or title word, the earliest going back to 1989. However, only one map was found using that search term. That will soon be expanded when some cataloger discovers the following three maps from Ecuador, which seems to be on the leading edge of ecotourism cartography.

Mapa Ecoturístico del Volcán Cotopaxi and *Mapa Ecoturístico de los Volcanes Chimborazo y Carihuayrazo* are attractive maps from the Instituto Geográfico Militar (IGM) in Quito. The 1:66,000 scale maps, which cover areas around Ecuador's highest peaks, have a shaded relief map on one side, with photos of typical vegetation types and landscapes, and an English-Spanish descriptive text on the reverse. If volcanoes aren't for you, the *Mapa Ecoturístico de la Provincia Insular de Galápagos* shows the Galápagos Islands at 1:500,000, with inset maps of the various islands and wildlife photos on the reverse. Available for \$12.95 each from OMNI Resources, which also has samples of the maps on their web site (<http://www.omnimap.com>).

And if Ecuador isn't exotic enough, those still harboring hippie fantasies from their earlier years can try Goa on the west coast of India. *Goa Beach & Tourist Map*, from Roger Lascelles, UK. \$12.95 from Map Link. (And I thought Roger Lascelles only made clocks.)

Ordnance Survey

The Ordnance Survey has two new wall maps of interest. Their *United Kingdom Administrative*, a 1:1,000,000, 37" x 41" color map, shows county and "Unitary Authority" boundaries. £5.95 (\$12.95 from OMNI)

Africa Physical, is a colorful 51 x 38", 1:10,000,000 scale map with shaded relief. It has an inset political map showing borders and capitals, and some textual information along with photos and diagrams of rain forests, the Nile River, Sahara Desert, etc. This is a nice display item, "designed for use in schools and colleges," but a good acquisition for any map collection. £5.95. (<http://www.ordsvy.gov.uk>).

National Atlas of the U.S.

The recent receipt of a new (1998) USGS map, *Principal Aquifers of the United States*, with a designation as *The National Atlas of the United States of America*, prompted me to check out their web site (http://www.usgs.gov/national_atlas). Whenever I look at our battered old copy of the original 1970 *National Atlas*, I'm always disappointed that this wonderful volume was never reprinted. But that is not to be, and progress being what it is, the new *National Atlas* will look quite different. Their web site goes into much detail on the "different and improved" atlas, but the changes can be summarized by such statements as: "the USGS and its partners will concentrate on producing compelling and useful electronic products"; the new atlas will become "an essential reference for all home computer users"; and "will exploit information access and delivery technologies such as CD-ROM and the World Wide Web (WWW) that didn't exist in 1970."

That said, the USGS will still be producing paper maps as part of the *National Atlas*. *Principal Aquifers*, which is the first completely new map of the *National Atlas*, is beautifully printed on a 30 x 42" sheet. If you didn't get a copy as a depository item, it's available from the USGS for \$4.00 (stock number TUS5680). The newest *National Atlas* map is *Federal and Indian Lands*, which replaces an earlier 1968 map. The 1:7,000,000 scale, 19 x 29" map is also available for \$4.00 (stock number TU1445). And some thematic maps reprinted from the 1970 atlas are also still available. A complete list and ordering information can be found at their site.

For History Lovers

Following are some historical maps that I've come across recently, all of which should appeal to history buffs as well as researchers. From Cartographia of Hungary comes an interesting set of two maps of Budapest (*Budapest Térképe*).

One is a beautiful modern ("1996") map of the city, 31" x 25", with a street index on the reverse. The other is a colored reproduction, equally attractive, of an 1896 map of the city by Josef Homolka at the same scale. \$8.00 for the set from the MapQuest MapStore where you can see some illustrations. ([Http://www.mapstore.com](http://www.mapstore.com))

Italia Romana (Italy in Roman Times) is a terrific map from Istituto Geografico De Agostini. The 1995 map shows Italy at the time of Augustus in great detail, with roads, populated places, etc. It's done at a 1,250,000 scale, with several larger scale inserts, and nicely printed on a large 42" x 38" sheet. The only drawback is the lack of a place name index., but it's still a great deal at \$11.95 from MapQuest and MapLink.

From Gabelli, publishers noted for their strikingly colored maps, comes *Listen to Israel, Thrice Blessed Land*, a 24" x 35" 1:675,000 scale map of Israel that highlights biblical and historical sites with descriptive notes. \$8.95 from MapQuest.

Santiago De Cuba Battlefield, 1898, is another in the series of hand drawn/painted maps of battlefields from McElfresh Map. Co., who seem to be branching out from the Civil War maps for which they are noted. \$14.95 from MapLink.

Michelin is issuing a series of reprints of battle maps from WWII. The maps appear to have been originally published right after the war (1947), and are basically older large-scale colored topos overprinted with arrows indicating troop movements, battle lines, etc. They also include some explanatory historical text to make sense of the markings. Size and scale vary slightly, but most are 1:200,000 and measure about 20 x 56". Good stuff for armchair strategists. Available titles include the *Battle of Alsace, 1944-1945*; *Battle of Normandy, 1944*; *Battle of Provence, 1944*; and the *Road to Liberty, (Victory Road) 1944-1945*. \$10.95 to \$12.95 each from major suppliers, and Amazon.com, which seems to be carrying an increasing number of maps at good discounts.

Idaho Geology

The Idaho Geological Survey is now offering print-on-demand geological maps, the "first to be published by the IGS in full color." The maps, most at a 1:24,000 scale and costing \$16 to \$19, are produced by the new Digital Mapping and GIS Lab at the IGS. The eight available titles can be seen on their web site which also has ordering information and some background on their digital efforts. (<http://www.uidaho.edu/igs/igs>)

New Books & Atlases

Antique Map Reproductions: A Directory of Publishers & Distributors of Antique Map, Atlas & Globe Facsimiles & Reproductions. Comp. Gregory C. McIntosh. Lakewood, CA: Plus Ultra Publishing Co., (P.O. Box 514, Lakewood, CA 90714-0514), 1998. 56 pp., \$10.95 + s/h (ISBN: 0966746201). Collectors of map facsimiles have been waiting a long time for this small booklet. The introduction promises access to over 3000 antique map reproductions from almost 200 companies, institutions, agencies, and organizations. Each entry includes address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail and Internet address, and brief descriptions of sample facsimiles. Although it contains some duplication of sources and occasional outdated information, this was obviously a labor of love for the author, who provides enough leads to keep dedicated collectors busy for months.

DeLorme Hits & Misses

EARTHA World Travelog. Yarmouth, ME: DeLorme Mapping co., 1998. Pbk. 168 pp., \$19.95 (ISBN: 0899332641). The designers of this rather unusual atlas from DeLorme appear to have been uncertain of just what they wanted it to be. It utilizes some visually interesting cartography derived from satellite imagery, and the maps seem to rise off the page. But the map pages are cluttered with little bits of history, tourist information, transportation tips, and the like. The relatively small format of the maps, the extraneous information, and the limited number of places shown and indexed, all detract from its usefulness as a general atlas, and it's too skimpy to serve as a travel guide. In any case, it's nice to look at and fun to browse, and that may be enough for \$19.95.

Some more conventional items from DeLorme are the newest additions to their fine state "Atlas and Gazetteer" series. Published in 1998 were atlases for North Dakota, Mississippi, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Alabama, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri. The scale on these atlases varies by size of state, ranging from 1:80,000 for Massachusetts to 1:300,000 for North Dakota, but all feature the "back road and back country detail" in which DeLorme takes justifiable pride. All retail for \$16.95. (<http://www.mapstore.delorme.com>)

Canadian History

Concise Historical Atlas of Canada. Ed. William G. Dean. University of Toronto Press, 1998. 228 pp., \$85.00 (ISBN: 0802042031). This is a "distillation" of the most important plates from the three-volume *Historical Atlas of Canada* first published in 1987. The editors selected 67 plates from the nearly 200 found in the full set. Each plate is a double-page spread of maps, graphics, legends, and text

on a single subject or theme, and is accompanied by a bibliographical note at the end of the volume. While the plates selected from the full set are used without modification, the *Concise Atlas* follows its own organizational structure, grouping plates under three headings: 'National Perspectives,' 'Defining Episodes,' and 'Regional Patterns,' each with a new introductory essay. The massive three-volume edition is still in print at \$95 per volume, or \$245 for the set, so this may be considered a more affordable option for collections that passed on the original for price reasons. One negative, and a major complaint with the three-volume atlas as well, is the lack of an index.

Taking a Longer View

Few images of the world are more impressive than the pictures taken from satellites high above the earth. Publishers are catching on to their appeal and several collections of satellite images have appeared recently. *National Geographic Satellite Atlas of the World*, Washington: National Geographic Society, 1998. 224 pp., \$50 (ISBN: 0792272161) is beautiful book with over 400 satellite views roughly arranged by continent, with a variety of types of photos from weather systems to thermal infrared images of the oceans. "Visually arresting" is an overused phrase, but one that definitely applies here.

A similar title is *The Cartographic Satellite Atlas of the World*, by WorldSat International. Toronto: Warwick Pub., 1997. 152 pp., \$35 (ISBN: 1895629993). Smaller in scale than the National Geographic atlas with only 53 images, it's just as "visually arresting."

America from Space by Thomas B. Allen, Willowdale, Ont.: Firefly Books, 1998. 160 pp., \$29.95 (ISBN: 1552092801) is a slightly different animal. Instead of satellite images it features aerial photos taken by space shuttle astronauts and focuses on the United States. Identification of the 128 photos, some double-page spreads, is enhanced by locator maps.

State atlases

There seem to be more and more maps and atlases coming from university presses. The following are several recent and high quality atlases focusing on individual states.

Atlas of Kentucky. Ed. Richard Ulack, Karl B. Raitz, and Gyula Pauer. Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky, 1998. 316 pp., \$39.95 (ISBN: 0813120055). Over 600 maps and numerous charts and illustrations are used to cover the usual topics such as the natural environment, population, agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, recreation, and politics. But this atlas casts a wide

net, and you can also find such things as maps showing the distribution of University of Kentucky and University of Louisville basketball season ticket holders.

Wisconsin's Past and Present: A Historical Atlas. Wisconsin Cartographers' Guild. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1998. 104 pp., \$39.95 (ISBN: 029915940X). Another attractive publication, focusing on the history of the Badger State. 135 color maps explain the history of indigenous cultures, boundaries, immigrant groups, natural resources and agriculture, and political and social movements.

Atlas of Hawaii. 3rd ed. Sonia P. Juvik, et al. University of Hawaii Press, 1998. 352 pp, \$79 cloth (ISBN: 0824817451); \$49.95 pbk. (ISBN: 0824821254). This third edition is greatly expanded and completely revised in content and design from its 1983 predecessor. It's divided into six sections, beginning with general reference maps, followed by four sections on the "physical, biotic, cultural, and social aspects of the Hawaii environment," and concluding with a final section of a statistical supplement, bibliography, and gazetteer/index.

Not Just Architecture

Bird's Eye Views; Historic Lithographs of North American Cities. Princeton Architectural Press, 1998. 116 pp., \$65 (ISBN: 1568981465). For lovers of the bird's eye view, and I count myself one, comes another book from Princeton Architectural Press with superb production values. Over 100 colored views dating from 1835 to 1902 are featured. The large format (13" x 15") and the use of many full-page spreads help overcome the problems associated with displaying detailed images, e.g., maps, on a small page. It includes an introduction by John Reps, an authority who has made a career writing books on this topic. More information and a list of cities included can be found at their web site (<http://www.papress.com>).

And if you missed it, in 1997 the same publisher also issued the *Atlas of Rare City Maps: Comparative Urban Design, 1830-1842*, by Melville C. Branch, (\$60, ISBN: 1568980736), a wonderful compilation of the map-plans of some 40 world cities first published by the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge in the mid-19th century.

Web Discoveries

My search for materials for the "New Maps and Books" columns of baseline takes me to a wide variety of Internet sites. Some are familiar to the map library world, some may be new to readers as they were to me. What follows are capsule descriptions of web sites that I've recently come across that may be useful or interesting to some.

Art.com. World's Largest Supergallery. Greg McIntosh's Antique Map Reproductions book led me to this site, which modestly claims to be the "Web's largest collection of framed and unframed art." While not opposed to art in general, I was looking for maps, and a search at their site brought up some 60 reproductions/prints of mainly historical maps, some well-known, others not so. What's neat about this site is their online framing studio that lets you "picture your frame before you frame your picture." By choosing a picture, a mat color, and a frame style, the image will display as it will look framed. Naturally you can order the whole package, a map nicely matted and framed, leaving you with just the decision of where to hang it in your collection. (<http://www.art.com>).

The TVA Map Store. The Tennessee Valley Authority is forever embedded in my mind as a New Deal project from the 1930s. I was reminded recently that the TVA is still alive and kicking, with a nice web site that includes "The Map Store." The Map Store has been around since 1940 and remains the central repository for both their current and historical map-related materials, including topo mapping, navigation charts of the Tennessee River and its tributaries, historical maps, and aerial photography of the region. (<http://www.tva.com/orgs/gie/maphome.htm>) A free hard copy catalog of their material is also available from mapstore@tva.gov, or 1-800-MAPS-TVA.

MapForum.com. Seemingly out of the blue in January came the first issue of a new online magazine "intended to promote interest in & study of old maps, catering for the novice or the experienced collector by providing articles at all levels of interest and expertise." Although not obvious, the *MapForum* is the work of London dealer Ashley Baynton-Williams, and the many advertisements scattered throughout its pages link to map dealers' web sites. But everything free comes with a price, and the ads are probably no more intrusive than in a printed publication. And *MapForum* seems quite similar in content and tone to *Mercator's World*. The first (January 1999) issue has brief articles on the "Joy of Maps" and "The Earliest Atlases," a biographical piece on John Ogilby, a checklist (with many illustrations) of "Printed Maps of the 'United States,' 1778-1800," a collation of an early atlas, a bit on map ephemera and oddities, a calendar, and an auction report. In all, a nicely done effort that has been receiving very positive comment on the maps lists, and is certainly worth a look.. If it maintains this level, it should provide a painless, rather fun, and inexpensive way to scout the world of antique maps.

— Fred Musto

GRANTS AND AWARDS

FEDERAL GEOGRAPHIC DATA COMMITTEE FUNDING

Editor's note: The following press release was posted by Barbara Poore of the USGS to MAPS-L.

Federal Geographic Data Committee
January 26, 1999

Federal Geographic Data Committee Announces Funding Program for FY 1999

The Cooperative Agreements Program fosters partnerships among public and private organizations to assist in building the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). The NSDI is the term used to describe the technologies, spatial data, public policies, people and institutions needed to put current and accurate geographic data into the hands of citizens and decision-makers.

Proposals for funding are to be directed towards either of two types of effort: 1) Creating descriptions (metadata) of 'framework' digital geospatial data sets and serving those descriptions for search and retrieval through the distributed, electronically connected network of public internet-based clearinghouses—the NSDI National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse. 2) Providing technical assistance to organizations to help them document and serve metadata for 'framework' data. Framework data themes are: geodetic control, orthoimagery, elevation, transportation, hydrography, governmental units, and cadastral information.

The announcement and application forms for this program are expected to be available on or about February 1, 1999. Applications must be received on or before March 2, 1999. Copies of Program Announcement No. 99HQPA0005 for the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program may be obtained through the Internet at <http://www.usgs.gov/contracts/index.html>. Copies of the program announcement may also be obtained by writing to: Ms. Karen Staubs, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, Mail Stop 205B, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-7372, FAX (703) 648-7901. Requests for paper copy must be in writing. Requests made by telephone will not be honored.

For further information on the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program contact Ms. Kathleen Craig, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, Mail Stop 205B, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; (703) 648-7357, fax (703) 648-7901.

WALTER W. RISTOW PRIZE

✉ *Editor's note: The following announcement was posted by John W. Docktor to MAPS-L, January 25, 1999.*

The 1999 Walter W. Ristow Prize in the History of Cartography and Map Librarianship

The Walter W. Ristow Prize seeks to recognize achievement in cartographic history and map librarianship and is awarded annually by the Washington Map Society.

Who may apply: The competition is open to all full or part-time upper-level undergraduate, graduate, and first-year postdoctoral students attending accredited colleges or universities.

Entry criteria: Entries are to be research papers or bibliographic studies related to cartographic history and/or map librarianship and have been completed in fulfillment of requirements for course work. A short edition of a longer paper is permitted; papers of shorter length have been highly competitive. The text may not exceed 7,500 words, in English. Papers must be fully documented in a style of the author's choice (endnotes preferred). Inclusion of clear graphics supporting the paper is appreciated.

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by June 1, 1999 and sent to John Docktor, Ristow Prize, 150 S. Strathcona Drive, York, PA 17403-3833.

Format: Entries must be submitted in four unbound copies with appropriate title page and cover sheet. The cover sheet must include the entrant's name, address, telephone number(s), and E-mail address (if available) for timely contact. Please be certain that identifying material does not appear on any page except for the cover sheet.

Judging criteria: Entries will be judged on three broad criteria: importance of research, (e.g., originality, sources); quality of research (e.g., accuracy, source reliability); quality of writing (e.g., clarity, command of cartographic terms).

Judging methods: Entries will be assessed by three judges of suitable cartographic background. Judges will receive anonymous copies of entries, read them independently, and report their assessments to a collator.

The award: The winner will receive \$500 and a one-year membership in the Washington Map Society, and the paper will be published in *The Portolan*, the journal of the Washington Map Society.

Walter W. Ristow, co-founder and first president of the Washington Map Society, is Chief, Emeritus of the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress.

For further information about the Ristow Prize or the Washington Map Society, contact Ed Redmond, Washington Map Society, Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division, Washington, DC 20540-4650; or <http://www.cyberia.com/pages/jdocktor/washmap.htm>

CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITS

ACMLA 1999 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND ICA

✉ *Editor's note: The following announcement was posted by Grace Welch to MAPS-L on January 22, 1999.*

Mark Your Calendars Now for the ACMLA 1999 Annual Conference

On behalf of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA) and the Congress of Cartographic Information Specialists Associations (CCISA), we would like to invite you to attend the International Cartographic Association Conference, which will be held in Ottawa, August 14-21, 1999. The theme of the conference is "Touch the Past, Visualize the Future." In addition to 4.5 days of technical programs, there will be workshops, exhibits and a number of technical tours. Over 225 papers on such topics as atlas cartography, cartographic education and training, history of cartography, early mapping of the Americas, map design, satellite mapping, new technologies, plus many, many, more, will be presented during concurrent sessions.

ACMLA will be contributing one day of the conference program (Thursday, August 19) and has invited CCISA to convene a panel discussion on the future of map libraries and strategies for survival in the millennium. The preliminary ACMLA program is listed on the web page <http://www.uottawa.ca/library/map/acmlaica.html>. Several social events are being planned.

It is a unique opportunity to participate in an international conference and meet your cartographic colleagues from around the world. As well, Ottawa, Canada's capital, has much to offer visitors in the way of cultural and outdoor pursuits, especially during the summer.

To take advantage of the early registration fee, ACMLA members must register through ACMLA by **April 15, 1999**. A registration package will be sent to you in the mail in the next few weeks.

For more information, see: The ACMLA 1999 conference site: <http://www.uottawa.ca/library/map/acmlaica.html>

ou la version française: <http://www.uottawa.ca/library/map/acmlcaf.html>

The official ICA web site: <http://www.ccrs.nrcan.gc.ca/ica1999/>

The preliminary technical and scientific program: <http://www.geog.uvic.ca/ica1999/program.htm>

Hope we will see you in Ottawa!

— *Grace Welch, University of Ottawa, gwelch@uottawa.ca*

1999 NATIONAL GEODATA FORUM, JUNE 7-9, 1999

✦ *Editor's note: The following press release was posted by Barbara Poore of the USGS to MAPS-L.*

January 26, 1999

Federal Geographic Data Committee Announces Plans for 1999 National GeoData Forum

Washington, DC Mark Schaefer, Department of the Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, announced plans to hold a public Forum on the future of geospatial data. Geospatial data means information that identifies the geographic location and characteristics of natural or constructed features and boundaries on the earth. Geospatial data are used in a wide variety of applications to help governments and the private sector make better decisions, analyze trends, and provide information to the public. The Forum will be held on June 7-9, 1999 at the Marriott at Metro Center in Washington, D.C.

The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), chaired by Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, is an interagency committee composed of representatives from 16 Cabinet-level and independent Federal Agencies. The FGDC, in collaboration with public and private sector organizations, coordinates the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure.

The National Spatial Data Infrastructure, or NSDI, is a national initiative launched by Executive Order in 1994 to advance the nation's capacity to develop, use, share, and disseminate geospatial data. The NSDI is the term used to describe the

array of technologies, digital data, public policies, people, and institutions needed to put current and accurate geographic data into the hands of citizens and decision-makers. The 1999 National GeoData Forum is the third in a series, following forums in 1993 and 1995.

The 1999 Forum will focus on the actions needed to attract private sector investment to the initiative. Public and private financing options, distributed leadership models, and emerging technologies are key topics. The FGDC sees the time as ripe for state, county, city, and tribal governments and businesses to come together in the 1999 GeoData Forum to discuss and endorse a new set of Public, Private, Academic, Non-Profit, and multi-organizational financing options and distributed leadership models. Emerging and converging technologies are making it easier than ever for geospatial data users to pool and share their data.

“This initiative is poised to take off because we can now provide decision-makers with concrete examples of how geographic information technologies are being used everyday to solve real world problems,” said Schaefer. “This will be an exciting and timely meeting. We invite citizens and leaders in the public and private sectors to participate.”

(see National GeoData Forum, page 22)

OCLC “MOTHER” RECORDS BY STATE: 7½ MINUTE QUADRANGLES

The chart on the following page was compiled by Vi Moorhouse of GPO and originally published in *base line* in the June 1989 issue (v.10, no.3). Its usefulness warrants that it be reprinted here. One caveat: although care was taken in scanning, performing OCR, and proofreading the original table, there may be mistakes. If readers catch any, or if they know any of the OCLC numbers that are missing in the table (which has not been expanded from the original), please notify me at the editor’s address inside the front cover. We can print additions or reprint the table in an upcoming *base line*.

Similarly, some statewide records also exist for orthophotoquads, orthophotomaps, maps in the 1:100,000 series of quadrangles, maps in the NIMA 1:50,000 series of topos, and perhaps others. Readers are invited to submit other tables for publication in *base line* and as a possible addition to the MAGERT web site. If no one already has these numbers handy, then once the standard form for the titles of these records is determined some scan title (“sca ti”) searches in OCLC might prove useful; for instance, *[state] 7.5 minute series*, *[state] 30 x 60 minute*, or *[state] 1:50,000* are all used. Keyword searches in OCLC’s WorldCat might also aid in finding other records.

— Mark Thomas

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These organizations are represented on the Steering Committee the FGDC formed to plan the Forum: International City/County Manager's Association; National League of Cities; Urban Logic Inc.; National Geographic Society, Geographic Data Technology, Inc.; Interoperability Advisory Group; University Consortium for Geographic Information Sciences; National States Geographic Information Council; Mapping Sciences Committee; National Association of Counties; Lucerne International; Open GIS Consortium; Western Governor's Association; and the National Association of Regional Councils.

"Using common solutions and sharing data will dramatically improve the way we make decisions," states U.S. Representative Paul Kanjorski, a member of the Steering Committee. "This is a great opportunity to get involved in setting the direction for this important national initiative."

For more information visit the 1999 National GeoData Forum website at <http://www.fgdc.gov/99Forum> or contact Kathy Covert, FGDC Staff, (703) 648-4144.

ERWIN RAISZ EXHIBIT

✦ *Editor's note: The following announcement was posted by David Cobb to MAPS-L on January 4, 1999.*

The Harvard Map Collection and The Boston Map Society are pleased to announce its upcoming exhibit: *Erwin Raisz: 100 Years of Art & Science in Cartography*. The exhibit will include manuscript drawings, maps, journals, and publications of Harvard's most prominent mapmaker.

Erwin Josephus Raisz was born in Hungary in 1893 and spent most of his life in the United States as a cartographer, teaching at Columbia, Harvard, Clark, Virginia, Florida, and British Columbia. Among his contributions, he was the first to offer a course in cartography at Columbia (1927). He joined the Institute of Geographical Exploration at Harvard in 1931 and for twenty years taught cartography and was responsible for the Institute's collection of maps. He was very active professionally publishing his first edition of *General Cartography* in 1938 as was appointed the first map supplement editor for the AAG *Annals* in 1957.

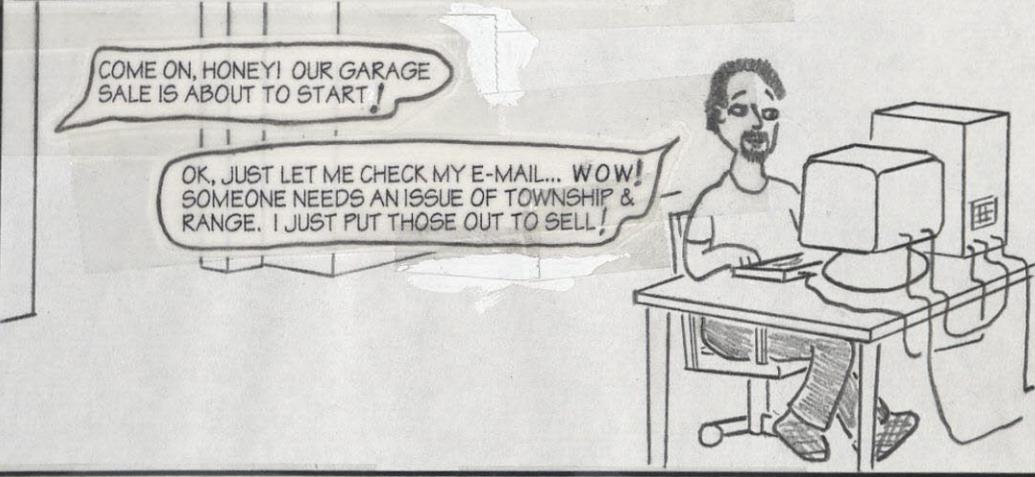
This exhibit will be at Harvard's Pusey Library, in Harvard Yard, from January 12 - July 1, 1999. The Library is open Monday - Friday 9 AM - 5 PM. Further information is available by calling the Harvard Map Collection at 617-495-2417.

— *David A. Cobb, Harvard Map Collection, <http://icg.harvard.edu/maps>*

Great Moments In Map Librarianship by Jim Coombs



LATER, IN A TOWN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF NORTH AMERICA...



AND THERE YOU HAVE IT: ANOTHER STORY OF THE EXTRAORDINARY CAMARADERIE OF MAP LIBRARIANS...