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The final step was a killer.

Russell Knodle and Mike Buscher outlined for their team a simple process: Remove map from drawer. Verify basic information and record it on new folder. Note additional data previously overlooked. Make necessary repairs. Encapsulate map in mylar. Interleave multiple maps. Transfer to acid-free folder. Record map on master list.

And, then, one last thing: Repeat 186,900 times.

Knodle, Buscher and a team of contractors in recent months finished a project in which they rehoused, relabeled and conserved every U.S. map in the Geography and Map Division’s Titled Collection – the uncataloged, single-sheet maps that rank among the division’s most heavily used items.

When the project began, Saddam still was in charge in Iraq, Obama still was in the Illinois Senate, LeBron still was in high school in Akron – and popular in Cleveland – and everybody in Geography and Map was a good bit younger.

The work by Knodle, Buscher and Co., thanks to starts and stops in funding and the sheer volume of material, took more than seven years to complete: The team pulled the first map in January 2003 and closed the last drawer in September of this year – some 93 months later.

“Now, for the first time, we know exactly what we have. We know what’s in every drawer,” said Buscher, head of the division’s collections management team. “This was a great thing to get done.”

Ralph Ehrenberg, a former chief of the division, originally proposed the project in the mid-1990s as an effort to get a better handle on the Titled Collection.

The division holds the largest collection of maps and atlases in the world – some 5.5 million maps, 80,000 atlases and 500 globes. The maps in the Titled Collection date from the 1600s to 1969, when the division began to catalog individual maps and create online records.

But no one knew just how big that collection was or exactly what was in it, and the maps were insuf-
For Map Team, End to Project Was a Long, Long Time Coming

Mike Buscher (left) and Russell Knodle led a map rehousing, relabeling and conservation project that recently concluded after more than seven years of work.

Sufficiently stored by today’s standards: The sheets were housed in highly acidic folders and weren’t protected by mylar sleeves.

“Some maps were literally falling apart,” Buscher said. “The acid was causing a lot of damage.”

The natural wear and tear of use also took a toll.

“The more people handle a map by hand, the more little chips come off,” said Knodle, a senior technical information specialist who closely supervised the project. “The more folding, the more lines and creases get into them.”

Technicians had slowly picked away at the job, doing necessary preservation, rehousing and retitling as maps were brought out for use. But those gradual efforts barely made a dent.

“You’re only picking up a few items a day, and we wanted a more concentrated effort,” Buscher said. “Given the size of the staff we had, it didn’t look like it was something that was going to happen for a long time.”

A fortuitous combination of events changed that.

Near the close of a budget year, the division had money available to spend.
“It was one of those end-of-the-year things,” Buscher said. “We had some additional funds, so we decided to go ahead and purchase the folders and mylar and materials.”

The Preservation Division, meanwhile, had created conservation “swat teams” to work with collections that needed preventive maintenance.

The maps division submitted a proposal, which was accepted and funded as part of the Preventive Conservation Management Decision Package for fiscal year 2003.

“We got first in line,” Buscher said. “We had the project, a very interesting project, something that desperately needed to be done. We also had the materials on hand. … And we had the room where we actually could bring in contractors.”

The Library hired History Associates Incorporated (HAI) of Rockville, Md., to perform the labor and got to work.

Each contractor was assigned to work with maps from his home state whenever possible, which, because of familiarity with the subject matter, increased the likelihood of discovering mistakes.

The team found a few misfiled items that for years had been considered lost. Technicians also weeded out multiple copies of

Mapping It Out
A sampling of items from the Titled Collection:

1940 Map of Organized Baseball
The Baseball Research Engineering Bureau commissioned this large blueprint map, executed by Harlow D. Forker, that shows the location of each minor and major league baseball team in Canada and the United States as of June 1940.

This map locates some 304 teams in 44 leagues and details their class and affiliation – and helpfully warns travelers not to attempt to use the chart, which shows no roads or rail lines, to navigate the country.

1826 Map of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal
This map, drawn by a Lt. Farley and published in Georgetown, depicts the results of a survey for a canal planned to extend from Washington, D.C., to Pittsburgh.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal eventually was built but never made it to Pittsburgh: Construction stopped after the canal reached Cumberland, Md., in 1850 – eight years after a railroad line that would render it obsolete.
maps, reducing the size of the collection and building a stock of excess material to exchange or to donate to schools, libraries or other institutions.

“They were good folks,” said John Hébert, chief of Geography and Map. “Each one of them took a real interest in the material. They really got involved in it.”

Many of the maps they handled were routine: states, roads, city plans. But now and again, something quirky would surface, from the sporting (a giant blueprint map of organized baseball in 1940) to the catastrophic (evacuation plans for a Louisiana parish in case of nuclear attack) to the rinsable (a road map of Nebraska printed on a red and white bandanna).

“Every subject from airlines to agriculture to transportation all the way to war,” Knodle said.

They also uncovered a few rarities: a 19th-century map of New Hampshire that shows a 360-degree

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1830 Map of Texas
Stephen F. Austin, the “Father of Texas,” spent six years traveling around that Spanish territory, gathering the information that appeared in this map published in 1830 – the most accurate depiction of the area to that date. The map recorded for the first time the settlement of “San Felipe de Austin,” rendered in detail rivers and coastlines, and located Indian tribes, trails, towns, forts, battlefields, salt mines, “immense droves of wild horses” and land grants – including his own.

1950 Civil Defense Map of Louisiana
This map charts evacuation routes in St. Martin Parish in Louisiana in case of nuclear attack or catastrophic natural disaster. The text on the back offers citizens both general advice – “know what you should do, know why you should do it, know when you should do it” – and specific information on steps to take if “we are lucky enough in this Parish to have only light Radioactive Fallout …”

19th-century map of New Hampshire
view from the top of Mount Washington, for example, and an 1830 map of Texas compiled by Stephen F. Austin, who led the successful colonization of that territory.

“A lot of the material in our general collections is equally valuable and priceless as some of the items in the vault,” Buscher said.

The work sometimes stopped when funding ran out, and Buscher and Knodle quietly feared that a lack of money would stop the project for good.

“With the funding the way it comes and goes, you never know,” Buscher said. “It could stop and it could pick up in 10 years. This was a project I really wanted to see through.”

But about halfway through, they figured they were safe, that the funding would last. It did.

And so they went, moving map by map, drawer by drawer, case by case, aisle by aisle, state by state and year by year closer to completion.

They started in Maine and slowly crossed the continent to California. Some states were – relatively, at least – quick and easy: Vermont had only 1,002 maps and Hawaii only 856, the fewest of any state. Buscher and Knodle saved the worst for last: California produced 14,256 maps housed in 12,626 folders stowed in 413 drawers – 4,578 more maps than its nearest competitor, New York.

The grand total: 186,900 maps, about 15,000 more than the team estimated before the work began.

“Mike and Russell really stayed on top of this thing, and the results really look good,” Hébert said.

Buscher already envisages a second stage for the project that will make the collection still more user friendly: capturing the information embedded on the folders and putting it online.

“It would have been nice to have done that while we were doing this project, but it would have added 10 years,” Buscher said. “You can always make it bigger, but you don’t want to paralyze yourself by doing that.”

And he already has a few candidates in mind for the job. “I anticipate that the way we will finish this project is to bring in some students in the summer, give them laptops and say, ‘Start at this aisle, and we’ll see you in a couple of months,’ ” he said.

In the meantime, Knodle said, the folks in Geography and Map already are occupied with a new task: Working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to scan the 32,000 U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey nautical charts in the Library’s collection – another huge job.

But that is fine by them –– they’ve done these big projects before.

The content of this atlas brings to us the wonderful map treasures of the Los Angeles Public Library. Preceded in spring 2009 by the Central Library’s popular exhibit “L.A. Unfolded: Maps From the Los Angeles Public Library,” (curated by LAPL Map Librarian Glen Creason and Gloria Gerace), this fun, informative and entertaining atlas makes visually accessible seventy rarely seen color reproductions of maps depicting the history of the city of Los Angeles and neighboring communities. I do not know of another historical atlas for the Los Angeles area, much less one that goes into this much detail for the region; the closest would be the recent *Historical Atlas of California* by Derek Hayes (University of California Press, 2007).

With a forward by Donald J. Waldie (who gave us a reading of his *Holy Land: A Suburban Memoir* at WAML in spring of 1999), the book opens with an introductory essay by Mr. Creason, providing an overview of the content that follows with some added historical detail. Divided into seventeen broad themes such as “Land Booms,” “Social Life,” “the River,” “Hollywood,” “Tourism,” and “Between the Lines: Stories of Los Angeles,” each theme contains one to twelve reduced-size facsimile maps preceded by a short descriptive essay. I assume unless otherwise noted, most of the text was written by Mr. Creason, although four entries have other authors: “Mapping Los Angeles’ Missing River,” by Joe Linton; “Road Map of Eden,” by Morgan P. Yates; “Mapping Tourism in Southern California,” by Dydia DeLyser; and “Maps of the Stars Homes,” by William J. Warren.

As a native Angeleno and map librarian, I was happy to learn more about the history of my hometown megalopolis while being entertained by new geographic factoids of the area. (Should I have known these things already?). Just a few: I had always heard of the Sleepy Lagoon incident in 1942, a precursor to the Zoot Suit Riots in 1943, but had not known the details of the locale. It is presented on the “Bell Quadrangle” (1936), p. 170. The map “Greater Los Angeles” (1932), p. 140, shows the “Crystal Pier Nude Sun Baths” adjacent to Santa Monica Pier. Who knew! The “Annexation Map” (1928), p. 64, shows the chronological boundary-growth of the city up to that point. At the core of this map are the original Spanish boundaries of the city, approximately 2.6 miles on a side centered on the original plaza; or in today’s landmarks, on one side from Olvera Street downtown to Hoover St. on the West. On the verso of the “Official Sightseeing Map of Los Angeles City and County” (1940), p. 142, Creason writes, there is a warning telling “those fleeing the Dust Bowl and the Depression not to come unless they had money in their pockets.” There is a delightful, beautiful and very misleading “Map of Hollywood,” (1887), p. 128, created by the founder of the erstwhile city to promote land sales. Though it must have been quite beautiful in and of itself, he felt it necessary to move Santa Monica aside to make Hollywood ocean adjacent, backed by Yosemite-like mountains.

This is an informative and entertaining read. The writers are well versed in their topics, and it is a work that you could spend a lot of time enjoying. It is not an academic tome but in text and image it is useful for historical research. A bibliography is provided at the end of the work but there are no references cited or footnotes. My only disappointment is that though the map reproductions are high quality they are reduced in scale and some very interesting data was unreadable. Also typical with these kinds of books, map content crosses pages and gets buried in the gutter. I suppose employing a page fold-out format would have been prohibitively expensive. I highly recommend this book for California libraries, major public libraries and academic libraries.

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Whitfield uses the word “image” in a particular sense throughout the book to mean the map as communication. He is interested in explaining the wholeness of the map: “the motives behind its creation, the materials it uses, and the impact it was intended to make on contemporary audiences.” Whitfield helps us understand these maps as products of their parent cultures. It is this intent that makes this book more than a collection of beautiful historic maps and the map descriptions and essays as valuable as the reproductions.

The book is arranged into five chronological chapters: classical foundations, religious imagination (maps from 1109-1475), play of intellect (1457-1582), theatre of the world (1574-1668), and science and communication (1673-2008). Each chapter opens with a concise essay that sets the context for the maps that follow. The maps are displayed in double-paged spreads with text describing each map-maker’s work. Each map is listed individually in the table of contents. The book contains both an index of names and an index of subjects. Together, these maps serve as exemplars in the long cultural evolution of world maps.

While Greek writers from the sixth century forward speculated about the shape of the earth, no world map from the classical period has survived. Ptolemy’s 1482 reprinted world map is the single large reproduction for the classical period. The next three chapters each contain 10-15 maps. The final chapter, which begins with the scientific revolution, includes 21 maps. The most recent of these is a 2008 cartogram.

Whitfield’s postscript on “Digital and Internet Mapping” that concludes the book is both wistful for the past and cynical about the use of digital cartography. Whitfield sees modern mapping as something more specific and functional that we want updated as frequently as possible – transitory, ephemeral, collections of data. Being able to interact with a map commands value today; maps are no longer something to be prized as a meaningful and beautiful image. To Whitfield, this is the “poisoned gift” of digital mapping to the modern world.

The introduction notes that some of the older maps that are in poor condition have been “photographically enhanced and coloured to re-create something of the original impact.” The author, however, does not indicate which maps have been altered.

While the reproductions will appeal to anyone interested in historical maps, Whitfield’s commentary is scholarly. The book would be a useful introduction to historical cartography for college-level students.

Maps are works of science and art. This aptly-titled exhibition highlighted the cartographer as artist and the map as artistic expression. The exhibition catalog presents the work of two artists/cartographers/authors who are associated with the University of Alberta. Both authors embarked on personal journeys, which they illustrated and described through words, maps and illustrations.

The exhibition catalog presents the maps in two separate sections and each section includes information about the author and a forward to place his work in context. The exhibition’s curator, David L. Jones, Map Librarian at the University of Alberta’s William C. Wonders Map Collection, contributed an introduction.

The work of the two artists/authors, while similar in conception, is totally different visually. Author Matthew Rangel describes his journey as a “conceptual pilgrimage.” As the title of his work, “a transect – Due East,” suggests, he walked, observed and mapped the parallel, approximately 36°30’N. He started walking in downtown Dinuba in central California and headed east across the San Joaquin Valley floor and into the Southern Sierra Nevada Mountains. His collages combine photography, traditional maps and words. The result is a series of primarily monotone maps with text and images overlaid, and a judicious trace of color.

Matthew Coulis undertook a 10,000 kilometer bicycle expedition across the length of Canada. He illustrates his very personal story and journey through a series of maps created with mostly primary colors. While the maps do correspond to the real world, Coulis personalizes them with place-names and locations significant to his journey, both the physical journey and his spiritual journey. Titled “Hermeneut on a Bike, Eleven Geo-logical Lessons in Love and Landscapes” the colorful watercolor maps of the exhibition are accompanied by a list of these personal places interleaved with actual distances and times.

In the catalog, the artists describe their respective journeys in some detail. They have recorded their thoughts on the physical landscape and the physical effort as well as their personal perceptions and emotions. The evocative text is nearly essential to a full appreciation of the maps.

While the exhibition has closed, the accompanying website is still available: http://exhibits.library.ualberta.ca/maps/homepagesfolder/homepage.html. The site includes information about the authors/artists and photographs of the exhibition. The site does not include all of the maps, thus the exhibition catalog is necessary to get a full understanding of the exhibition and of the work. The catalog would be a valuable addition to both cartography collections and art collections.

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New Mapping of Western North America

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ALASKA


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[Riley Moffat reports:] “Just ran across a new series of island maps. They’re from Robert Joseph Siemers of Environmental Designs, P.O. Box 549, Koloa, HI 96756, envd@hawaii.rr.com, www.teok.com. They’re not as detailed as UH’s maps, but they include recreational data, geology, climatology, meanings of place names, etc. All in all, I think they’re the most complete single sheet source of information for each island. They’re retailing over here for $7.95.


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WESTERN STATES


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WYOMING


News and Notes
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Benchmarks

WAML member Kathy Stroud has moved from UC-Davis to become the Map Librarian at the University of Oregon. Congratulations, Kathy, and we will miss you as part of the UC/Stanford map group.

Canadian News

Over the past few months the Canadian federal Dept. of Natural Resources has released over 300 new and updated topographic maps in both digital and paper formats. Systematic completion of far northern areas at the 1:50,000 scale continues. A number of new vector and raster topographic datasets have also recently been made available, including roads and trails data for the Vancouver, BC area. http://www.geogratis.ca

Statistics Canada is another Canadian federal government agency which produces useful datasets and interesting cartographic materials which can be employed for student assignments. Info at http://www.statcan.gc.ca/mgeo/interactive-eng.htm

Cataloging News

The city of Calgary, Alberta recently joined a growing list of Canadian cities making information, particularly geospatial data, openly available through public data sites such as this: http://calgaryonlinestore.com/publicdata.asp

WAML’s sister organization, ACMLA, is making various changes to its website, including several helpful new features on its Useful Tools page. Info at: http://www.acmla.org/tools.html

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Cataloging News

The Cataloging Report this time is based on my recently attending the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Diego, which was a good conference overall (would have liked for it to have been ten degrees warmer though).

Resource Description and Access (RDA)

There was a noticeable difference in general attitudes about RDA in conversations overheard or undertaken at this conference. The attitude seems to have shifted from general negativity and non-acceptance to generally positive and a “getting ready for it” stance. Which made for good questions asked at the three or four RDA programs I attended as opposed to a combination of questions and gripes heard at recent ALA meetings. There was no earth-shattering news regarding RDA, only information being shared, and a few specific things that were either new to me or clarified for me: (1) the decision to accept or reject RDA by the three U.S. national libraries facing this task is not going to be a simple “yes” or “no” decision but rather it also includes the possibility of accepting RDA with one or more provisions such as some level of improvement to the RDA Toolkit or perhaps a wait to begin implementation until vendors’ systems are more capable of handling the changes involved; (2) the timing of the decision process is now clear to me, a lot of folks had understood that the “final decision” was to happen in March or April at the latest, which is not true, rather the outcomes of the testing phase
recently concluded will be reported to the managers of LC, NAL, and NLM with recommendations, no later than March 31st, and a final decision is forthcoming at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans; (3) some format communities are now gearing up to do formal training, provide a set of RDA “best practices”, or both. As an aside to this last item, Mary Larsgaard and I are currently working on a guidebook to cataloging cartographic materials using RDA with a deadline from ALA Editions of Nov. 15, 2011, so it should be available either very late in 2011 or early in 2012 for map catalogers everywhere to use. We welcome suggestions!

**Cartographic Form/Genre Headings Update**

The other big topic being shared amongst map catalogers at Midwinter was updates to cartographic form/genre (f/g) headings. The Library of Congress implemented the practice of adding new f/g headings backed by authority records for them, and changing existing practices in the bibliographic record related to the use of $v subdivision headings in geographic and subject headings as of Sept. 1, 2010. Since then a few new and important f/g headings have been added to the authority files (e.g., Geological maps) and there has even been some recent decisions on LC’s part to “reverse” or change a couple of things such as merging the two separate headings for globes, celestial and terrestrial, into one f/g heading of “Globes” and looking to do something similar between “Cadastral maps” and “Plat maps”. An unofficial list of headings maintained by Joel Hahn can be found here: http://www.hahnlibrary.net/libraries/formgenre-categorized.html#maps or you can use official headings through Classification Web by choosing the “Genre/Form Headings” link at the main menu. Naturally, if you don’t want to use a list of some sort, you can also search the authority files in OCLC’s Connexion by a specific heading to see if it has been established as a form/genre heading, these are tagged as 155 headings instead of 151 headings.

More importantly, Janis Young, Policy and Standards Division of LC and Coordinator of the LC Genre/Form Project, announced that in the coming weeks she will be sharing for comments an “instruction sheet” (a kind of FAQ document) related to cartographic form/genre headings, their use, decisions about specific cases of use (one of those hopefully will be whether or not to simultaneously use “World maps” as a 650 heading and Globes in the 655), etc. She will share this through channels such as MAPS-L and ask for feedback before finalizing for all of us to use.

Finally, if you’re wondering why a particular “pet form/genre heading” isn’t on the authorized list of these, now you have a chance to add it! The Library of Congress, through the SACO Program, is now accepting newly proposed cartographic f/g headings, just go to the following website: http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/genre/genreform.html and start typing.

**New Form/Genre Thesaurus**

Be on the lookout for a new thesaurus coming out of the Library of Congress! It is titled the Library of Congress Genre/Form Thesaurus (LCGFT) and is due out sometime after March 2011. Once it is in place the method of coding the 655 field for Form/Genre headings (see above) will change from simply supplying a second Indicator value of “0” to indicate that the heading is from the LC Subject Headings thesaurus to supplying a second Indicator value of “7” plus a $2 subdivision following the heading with the code “lcgft”.

**LC Geography & Map Division**

Cataloging Team Leader Min Zhang provided the LC G&M Report at the MAGERT Cataloging & Classification Committee meeting with several details about the work going on in Washington, D.C. Of note, there will be two retirements in 2011 of long-time map catalogers there, and it is not known at this time whether one or both of those positions
will be filled. It seems that our colleagues at LC G&M are also “doing more with less” just as we all are and it continues the trend that I’ve noticed in recent years of LC looking to all of the rest of us to shoulder more of the cataloging work needing to be done. Look for many more details about the Division in the next issue of MAGERT’s newsletter, baseline, due out in February.

“Will RDA Mean the Death of MARC?”

I attended a presentation at Midwinter with this title. The question, in one form or another, has been floating around amongst catalogers for at least a couple of years and the three presenters shared their opinions as cataloging experts in the field. The general consensus amongst all three was “yes, but not right away” and the reason why is that MARC, as a content standard, is no longer able to support tasks that are beyond the description of items held in a given catalog. So, the BIG question remains, what then will replace MARC in the future? Nobody seems to know at this point, but it will have to be more robust and capable of working within the Internet as well as across a variety of other metadata formats. Presenters included Christopher Cronin, Director of Metadata and Cataloging Services, University of Chicago; Jacquie Samples, Continuing and Electronic Resources Librarian, North Carolina State University; and Kelley McGrath, Metadata Management Librarian, University of Oregon.

OCLC Report

Some tidbits from OCLC, provided by Jay Weitz: (1) OCLC and LC’s Program for Cooperative Cataloging are considering allowing folks who have Enhance status and are NACO members to edit BIBCO records; (2) Connexion Client 2.3.0 will be launched in March/April 2011 and include all changes to MARC21 based on MARC21 Update #12 that will be implemented this Spring; (3) OCLC is looking at adding two new search indexes in Connexion, one for “Date Entered” and the other for “Provenance”; and (4) in 2010 OCLC merged over 7 million duplicate records from two different processes.

Paige Andrew, Pennsylvania State University

Conferences & Classes

October 1, 2010 – October 16, 2011 – Littleton, Colorado

Pivotal Points: The Exploration and Mapping of the Trans-Mississippi West can be seen at the Littleton Museum, 6028 S. Gallup Street. What are the Pivotal Points in the exploration and mapping of the West that helped to illustrate the continent? Through maps and reports primarily drawn from the Littleton Museum collection, this exhibition depicts some of those Pivotal Points, placing them within the context of contemporary thought and identifying them on the timeline of American history. URL: http://www.littleton-gov.org/museum/

And especially if you are attending ALA Annual this summer:

May 10, 2011 - July 10, 2011 - New Orleans

El Archivo General de Indias (the General Archive of the Indies) in Seville, Spain has loaned nearly 140 documents spanning Ponce de León’s first contact in Florida through New Mexico’s incorporation as a U.S. Territory for the exhibit El Hilo de la Memoria, España y los Estados Unidos [The Threads of Memory, Spain & the United States]. The exhibit, at the Historic New Orleans Collection, 533 Royal Street, includes rare documents, illustrations and maps detailing Spain’s early presence in North America. URL: http://www.seacex.es/English/Activities/Activity_Library/Pages/ACTIVITY_381_1.aspx

Historic New Orleans Collection URL: http://www.hnoc.org/
General News

WAML NEWS

Plans are being made for WAML's next meeting in Vancouver, BC, May 18-21. The meeting’s website is live and includes details on registration and housing. URL: http://waml.library.ubc.ca/

Please register by May 2. [updated by ed.] Housing includes affordable options at an on campus facility. This would be a good time to remind everyone that if you do not have a passport or it has lapsed like mine, you will need one (or a passport card) to travel to and from Canada. See the Department of State’s passport page for more information. URL: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

If you would like to present at the fall meeting in Oakland, please contact either myself (mls003@ucsd.edu) or Cynthia Moriconi (cynthia@ucsc.edu).

WAML is in the process of combining its Scanning Projects Clearinghouse with a similar MAGERT database, currently at the University of Arizona (so we’ll still be in the West). An announcement will be forthcoming when the work is completed. Scanning Projects Clearinghouse URL; http://www.waml.org/clearinghouse.html

MAGERT database URL: http://mapregistry.library.arizona.edu/cgi/index.pl

Please note the contributions this time from our correspondents-at-large: Paige Andrew’s cataloging report reveals a lot is happening in the cataloging world! Some notes from up north by our WAML meeting host, Tim Ross. Also, see Russell Guy’s take on the current state of map publishing.

Long-standing WAML member Barbara Haner passed away in November. Our condolences to her husband David and family. Being a newer member, I did not know Barbara well, but recall having very friendly chats with her at a couple of recent WAML meetings.

Future WAML Meetings:

Vancouver, British Columbia, May 17-20, 2011

Oakland, California, October 13-16, 2011 (with WHA)

Hawaii, November 2012

See the WAML Meetings Web Page at http://www.waml.org/meetings.html

OTHER NEWS

Taking advantage of software recently developed by Klokan Technologies, the National Library of Scotland has just made available several hundred early maps of Scotland in a pilot Map Georeferencer application. The application allows anyone to georeference various historical maps online, including county maps, town plans, coastal charts and estate maps, and then view them as an overlay in Google Earth or using the Google Earth browser plugin. We’ve tried to make the georeferencing quick and fun, and users can also: compare historic maps directly with present day satellite images; share, use and georeference the maps in more detail; view the maps alongside other georeferenced historical maps of the same area; and help improve search methods to find them in future. URL: http://geo.nls.uk/maps/georeferencer/

Recent additions at DavidRumsey.com (November 27): Below are descriptions of 1,786 new maps and images recently added to the David Rumsey Collection. Included for the first time are six new BookReaders that enable page turning books in the Luna software; four of these are new atlases: Popple’s 1746 Atlas of North America; Perner and Milner’s 1850 Atlas of Physical Geography; Williamson’s 1870 Removal of Blossom Rock in San Francisco Harbor; and Baker’s 1936 Atlas of American Agriculture. Also, two important boundary dispute atlases, the three volume Alaskan Boundary Tribunal of 1904 and the Venezuela-British Guiana Boundary Commission atlas of 1897. And two important Soviet era world atlases, the Polish Army Topographic Survey World Atlas of 1968 and
The USSR World Atlas second edition also of 1967. The Coal Resources of the World, 1913, is presented, along with Mathew Carey’s 1818 General Atlas and Anthony Finley’s first edition General Atlas of 1824. 35 irrigation maps of the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California, from 1880-1888 are shown.

Also, the Geological Survey of California’s 1873 Map Of The Region Adjacent To The Bay Of San Francisco, 22 important wall maps, many sheet, case, and pocket maps, and more. All titles may be found by clicking on the View links or images at http://www.davidrumsey.com/blog/2010/11/27/november-27-2010-1-786-new-maps-added. Or view all 1,786 new maps and images at http://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/vsearch?q=&Pub_List_No%3D%270523.000%27&sort=LIMIT:RUMSEY~8~1&sort=Pub_List_No_InitialSort,Pub_Date

Some interesting maps can be found here as part of the U.S. Census Bureau Releases First Set of 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates. URL: http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/american_community_survey_acs/cb10-cn90.html

The U.S. Census Bureau today released 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) estimates for the first time, making available social, economic, housing and demographic statistics for every community in the nation. Up until now, small geographic areas had to rely on outdated 2000 Census figures for detailed information about the characteristics of their communities. Consisting of about 11.1 billion individual estimates and covering more than 670,000 distinct geographies, the 5-year ACS estimates give even the smallest communities more timely information on topics ranging from commute times to languages spoken at home to housing values. See also: New York Times article, Immigrants Make Paths to Suburbia, Not Cities, at http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/15/us/15census.html and their awesome interactive website, Mapping America: Every City, Every Block at http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/explorer

The recent floods in Australia (see: Brisbane floods: before and after at http://www.abc.net.au/news/informographics/qld-floods/beforeafter.htm) ironically coincides with the release of a series of static sea level rise maps have been developed to highlight areas of Australia’s coast which are vulnerable to a low, medium and high sea level rise scenarios. The maps are available online via the OzCoasts website at http://www.ozcoasts.org.au/

Google Maps have released more Bird’s Eye imagery in a number of US cities, including several cities in California. URL: http://googlemapsmania.blogspot.com/2011/01/more-google-maps-45-imagery.html

1839 world atlas offers a trip back in time (see Modesto Bee article at http://www.modbee.com/2011/01/05/1499491/1839-world-atlas-offers-a-trip.html)


In case you missed it on MAPS-L, the International Travel Maps & Books (ITMB) newsletter is a good source for current map industry news. URL: http://www.itmb.com/axis/axis_news_dec_10.htm

Several publishers/distributors are consolidating or closing down completely. Expanded information from WAML member Russell Guy:

On the Langenscheidt closing, they sold their US inventory...
and cartographic databases of ADC/Hagstrom/American Map/Arrow, etc. to Universal Maps for $3 million. They did not sell their Insight Guides and Insight Maps lines, nor any of the European map lines nor any of the dictionary lines. Insight Guides and maps will continue to be available in the US through Ingram and others such as myself. Langenscheidt used the $3 million to pay off their debts in the US at 52 cents per dollar owed. Universal has started reprinting and/or shipping titles in the Langenscheidt range, such as ADC maps and atlases, and Hagstrom maps. Most, but not all of the ADC line will continue to be available, as well as the big sellers from Mapsco and Hagstrom, etc. As part of the Langenscheidt sale, the ADC Map Store on “I” Street in Wash. D.C. closed, as did the Hagstrom store up in NYC.

Rand McNally continues to cut map titles from its listings. It appears to me that RM is cutting nearly all of their Easyfinder laminated city maps as well as the bulk of their Streetfinder atlases. Their Thomas Bros. atlases continue to be available. Many of RM’s city maps are being discontinued and replaced by “city atlases” that contain city center maps for anywhere from 10-25 cities in a pocket-sized atlas. The latest Rand McNally product listing I received (12/15/10) lists 360 maps as being “available going forward” and 552 titles being “re-evaluated when current inventory runs out.” So far all re-evaluated titles have been declared discontinued/out of print, so I assume nearly all of those 552 will be gone once sold out. **Anyone that hasn’t updated their RM holdings might consider doing so ASAP.**

Latest out of print items included Manhattan street map, Knoxville Streetfinder atlas, etc.

I assume you heard that Globe Corner Bookstore in Cambridge is for sale.

When Mapsco was bought by Universal in March 2010, nearly all of the Mapsco retail stores were closed (Denver, Dallas, etc.), and as far as I know only the Ft. Worth store is still open.

Cartographia in Hungary is down to 8 employees and is for sale for $4 million.

Gabelli seems to have closed up - no reply from any of their US contact points, and no reply from the French office.

Pocket Pilot has closed.

Hema North American has closed and all inventory except for their US road atlas and their US maps have been shipped back to Australia and will be distributed from there. Their US atlas and map inventory is now available going forward. All.Hema US inventory is now with us.

And finally, the AA is producing a nice road map series for the UK that is a good replacement for the OS Landranger series. Four of the nine sheets are now available and the other five are due by the end of April.

### Internet Resources

**Rebecca Solnit’s Infinite City**


A discussion with the author on KQED can be found at [http://www.kqed.org/a/forum/R201011261000](http://www.kqed.org/a/forum/R201011261000)

Purchase the atlas here: [http://sfmoma.stores.yahoo.net/incisanfrat.html](http://sfmoma.stores.yahoo.net/incisanfrat.html)

**Census of Marine Life: Mapping & Visualization**

The Census of Marine Life is a global network of researchers in more than 80 nations engaged in a 10-year scientific initiative to assess and explain the diversity, distribution, and abundance of life in the oceans. The world’s first comprehensive census of the past, present, and future of life in the oceans is being released in 2010. [URL: http://comlmaps.org/](http://comlmaps.org/)

**Sherman’s March and America: Mapping Memory**

is an impressive “experiment in digital history” which portrays Sherman’s March to the Sea in 1864 through a series of five interactive maps. [URL: http://www.shermansmarch.org/index.html](http://www.shermansmarch.org/index.html)
**Periodis Web - A Historical Atlas and Gazetteer of Europe from Year 1 to 2000** shows the history of Europe through a sequence of 21 historical maps, every map depicting the political situation at the end of each century. URL: http://www.euratlas.net/history/europe/index.html

**A Map of American Slavery** (see the New York Times article at http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2010/12/10/opinion/20101210_Disunion_SlaveryMap.html) One of the most important maps of the Civil War was also one of the most visually striking: the United States Coast Survey’s map of the slaveholding states, which clearly illustrates the varying concentrations of slaves across the South. Abraham Lincoln loved the map and consulted it often; it even appears in a famous 1864 painting of the president and his cabinet. Related Article: Visualizing Slavery at http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/12/09/visualizing-slavery/


**How the West Wasn’t Won: Powell’s Water-based States**
The article can be viewed at the Strange Maps website: http://bighink.com/ideas/24964

More from Strange Maps: *It’s a Dog-nosed World: Accidental Cartography Revisited.* URL: http://bighink.com/ideas/26349 Great stuff! (I have a birthmark shaped like Alaska. I won’t say where.)

**A World of Tweets:** Real-Time Visualization of Geolocated Tweets Around the World at http://aworldoftweets.frogdesign.com/

A very impressive **Map of Middle-earth** can be viewed at http://3rin.gs/ Lord of the Rings fans take their mapping seriously.

**City of Atlantis** found on Google maps street view! URL: http://weeklyworldnews.com/headlines/27619/atlantis-found-on-google-maps/

**New Publications**


**Mapping History: Geography professor Jeremy Crampton tells the story of mapmakers who helped win World War II and shape post-war Europe** (by Jeremy Craig for the GSU Magazine [Georgia State University]), Fall 2010. With an inset note about the cartographic preparations for D-Day and of the creation of a cartographic unit in the Research and Analysis branch of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), led by a young professor, 26-year-old Arthur H. Robinson. URL: http://www.gsu.edu/magazine/2010fall/269.html

**Digital cartographer Eric Fischer maps race, crime** (San Francisco Chronicle). URL: http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/12/19/BAOK1GR4UL.DTL

Note: links to his maps can be found following the article and in the comments section. See also: his flickr photostream. URL: http://www.flickr.com/photos/walkingsf/ Great stuff! This and other mapping projects are included in the 10 Best Data Visualization Projects of the Year – 2010. URL: http://flowingdata.com/2010/12/14/10-best-data-visualization-projects-of-the-year%E2%80%93-2010/

**Reported by Phil Hoehn:**


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