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FROM THE CHAIR

Mary McInroy, University of Iowa

Although “January in Philadelphia” does not roll off the tongue quite like “April in Paris,” I believe this upcoming January 24-29 will be a good time to be in Philadelphia. The MAGERT schedule of Midwinter meetings and discussion groups can be found elsewhere in this issue, complete with room numbers. Please be advised that the room numbers were current as of press time. Check the MAGERT web site before you leave, or your official ALA schedule when you arrive at the conference, for any last minute room changes. Up-to-date MAGERT Midwinter schedules will also be available at the conference reception.

Have you thought about joining a committee but haven't quite gotten around to it? Midwinter is an excellent time to see work going on at the committee level. Also, note that we have a number of discussion groups scheduled, from cartographic cataloging to federal spatial data to collection management issues. If a scheduled event looks interesting, we hope you will come check it out in person.



One way to find out more about the committees and discussion groups is to talk with the leaders and chairs at the MAGERT reception on Friday night. This event will be held in the Hampton Inn on Friday night, 24 January from 7-9 PM. Whether meeting your fellow MAGERT members for the first time ever or the first time since the last conference, please stop to say hello, make connections, talk shop, and to pick up copies of the final MAGERT Midwinter schedule, including details on the Monday trip to the Philadelphia Print Shop.

Monday Tour and Dinner:

After the last committee meeting ends at 4 PM on Monday, 27 January, we will be heading by train to the northwestern part of Philadelphia for a special tour of the Philadelphia Print Shop, “... one of the world's leading specialist shops in antique prints, maps and related books.” The Print Shop is located in Chestnut Hill, a designated Historic District that is home to more than 200 boutique shops, art galleries, antique stores, cafes and restaurants. After our time in the shop, we'll adjourn to a neighborhood restaurant for a Dutch treat meal. Details are still being worked out, so watch the MAGERT web site and/or come to the reception for final instructions.

If you are even slightly interested in this tour and dinner, please RSVP to Mary McInroy at mary-mcinroy@uiowa.edu as I'm trying to estimate attendance for the Print Shop owner's sake.

Hope to see you at Midwinter, where we can all hum "January in Phillie." 

FROM THE EDITOR

Mark Thomas, Duke University

I welcome Wangyal Shawa of Princeton University as our new regular columnist reporting on computer mapping issues. In this issue be sure to check out his step-by-step overview on obtaining census boundary files for use with ArcView. Also in this issue is the roster of MAGERT officers, committee chairs and discussion group coordinators, liaisons and representatives to outside organizations, and *base line* contacts. This information is kept updated on the MAGERT website (<http://magert.who.edu>) but for convenience we like to include a printed version of it periodically in *base line*. Finally, a noteworthy landmark: this issue marks the 20th anniversary of "Great Moments in Map Librarianship." 

WELCOME NEW MAGERT MEMBERS!

MAGERT wishes to extend a welcome to the following new members for July of 2002. We hope their association with us and with map librarianship is long and fruitful, and we welcome them to become actively involved with the Round Table.

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2003 MAGERT SCHEDULE AT ALA MIDWINTER Philadelphia, PA

Friday, January 24, 2003

7:00-9:00 PM MAGERT Welcome Reception Hampton Inn
Sponsored by Gaylord and by the Philadelphia Print Shop

Saturday, January 25, 2003

8:00-9:00 AM Executive Board I MAR 302
9:30-11:00 AM Education Committee PCC 203A
2:00-4:00 PM Federal Spatial Information
 Discussion Group COURT Mezzanine 1

Sunday, January 26, 2003

8:00-9:00 AM ALCTS-CCS/MAGERT Map SHER - Society Hill
 Cataloging Discussion Group BR A/B
9:30-11:00 AM Cataloging and Classification Committee SHER - Society Hill
 BR A/B
11:30 AM-12:30 PM Awards and Nominations Committee HIL Parlor 1053
2:00-4:00 PM Research Libraries Collection
 Management Discussion Group MAR Salon D
2:00-4:00 PM Small Map Collections Discussion Group MAR Salon D
4:30-5:30 PM Membership Committee COURT Mtg. Rm. 104

Monday, January 27, 2003

8:30-11:00 AM GIS Discussion Group
 and GeoTech Committee RAD Warwick
11:30 AM-12:30 PM Program Planning Committee COURT Mtg. Rm. 104
2:00-4:00 PM Publications Committee COURT Mtg. Rm. 104
4:00+ Field Trip to Philadelphia Print Shop
 Must RSVP to Mary McInroy at mary-mcinroy@uiowa.edu

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

8:00-9:00 AM Executive Board II LOEWS - Congress A/B
9:30-11:00 AM General Membership Meeting LOEWS - Congress A/B

COURT	Courtyard by Marriott	HIL	Hilton Garden Inn
LOEWS	Loews Philadelphia	MAR	Philadelphia Marriott
PCC	Philadelphia Convention Ctr.	SHER	Sheraton Society Hill

ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

Mark Crotteau, Boise State University

Map Cataloging Discussion Group Meeting

ALA Annual Convention, Atlanta, 16 June 2002

The Map Cataloging Discussion Group meeting took place at 8:00 AM on Sunday in the Salon IV, Embassy Suites Centennial Olympic Park Hotel. Chair Diana Hagan asked about the timetable for the new rules for cartographic cataloging. The 2002 amendments had been delayed, with the new target being mid-August. An 8½ by 11 inch looseleaf format had been selected for the new edition of AACR2. Updates and the full text are both to be published each year.

Elizabeth Mangan reported that the draft of the new edition of *Cartographic Materials* was finished and would be sent out to the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee on Cartographic Materials in about a week, to be reviewed over the summer. It was hoped that it could be sent to ALA at about the time the new edition of AACR2 was being published. She also noted that ALA would scan the illustrations from the earlier edition for use in the new editions; no new illustrations have been created.

Mary Larsgaard reported that the map cataloging pre-conference had gone well. Susan Moore and Paige Andrew had conducted the Thursday afternoon session on descriptive cataloging; Betsy Mangan led the Friday morning session on map classification; and Grace Welch and Velma Parker had conducted the Friday afternoon presentation on changes to the map cataloging rules.

Diana Hagan asked those in attendance to comment on what's going on regarding map cataloging in their libraries. Andrew Nicholson of the University of Oregon reported that about 20% of the maps were in the OPAC, the rest were on shelf list cards awaiting conversion. Jeff Gibbens, of Southern Illinois University—Carbondale is in a similar situation: 100% of the maps were cataloged, but only about 1% were online.

Earl Roy of Yale University was the first map cataloger hired by Yale and was spending half his time cataloging maps. Very few map records are in the OPAC; those not online are on cards, from which recon is being done. Ann Sochi also came to the meeting from Yale.

Mary Larsgaard of the University of California—Santa Barbara said that 60% of their maps were cataloged. She spends half her time as map cataloger, doing retrospective and new California maps. The shelflist is incomplete and they are weeding the collection. She also catalogs aerial photos and satellite images, 55% of which had been cataloged, as part of the Alexandria Digital Catalog.

Barbara Story and Seanna Tsung both came to the meeting from the Library of Congress. Barbara is head of the Cataloging Team in the Geography & Map Division (G&M), and was in the

process of interviewing for two cataloging positions. Other recent G&M news was reported in this column in the August 2002 *base line*.

Nancy Holcomb from Cornell University noted that maps made up about 10% of the time she spent cataloging. She has trained the Thai cataloger to catalog Thai maps. Carolyn Kadri of the University of Texas at Arlington was cataloging mostly antiquarian maps, with a few current maps, doing 90% of the cataloging on OCLC. Barbara Rapoport is a part-time map cataloger at the California Institute of Technology, cataloging mostly geologic maps.

Nancy Kandoian does maps and reference at the New York Public Library, where a grant-funded project was coming to an end, a new circulation system was soon to be implemented, and items were being moved to remote storage. Steve Rogers runs a one-person map room at Ohio State University, where he does only copy cataloging. Scott McEathron does map cataloging, reference, and GIS in the Map and Geography Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

John Olson of Syracuse University said that 80% of their maps have records online. There is an older collection in OSS classification needing recon and he was planning to do a preliminary study to evaluate the cost. Wangyal Shawa of Princeton University is a GIS librarian, and was not then doing map cataloging. They have a separate map catalog using a different cataloging

system. They were beginning to do GIS and digital cataloging.

Daryle Maroney of Georgia State University reported that their map librarian retired six years ago, after which not much map cataloging had been done. They were currently adding item records. For Susan Moore of the University of Northern Iowa only part of her job is map cataloging. They have been working on recon. Elizabeth Mangan retired from the Library of Congress two years ago, but she has been busy helping to get the new edition of *Cartographic Materials* published.

Mark Crotteau noted that the bulk of the maps in his library (Boise State University) are still being cataloged on cards, and in a nonstandard way at that. Map recon was on the list of recon projects for the future, but budget cuts had brought recon to a halt. Cecilia Bond of Ball State University is the original cataloger for maps and also has an assistant to do copy cataloging. Ball State colleague Paul Stout was also at the meeting. He had been mainly working with U.S. maps.

Ann Selwood of the National Library of Wales has been cataloging for twenty years, but is new to map cataloging. The library had recently been reorganized and she became the team leader for non-book material. She has three map catalogers in her department. Dorothy McGarry is a part-time cataloger at UCLA, doing mostly retrospective map cataloging. Dan Seldin of Indiana University told the group that 40% of the maps in his library had been cataloged. He was doing mostly recon.

Diana Hagen of the University of Florida had left map cataloging to catalog for Cooperative Extension. Cathy Gerhart of the University of Washington reported that their map librarian had recently left and that she was cataloging maps for the first time. She was beginning to catalog rare maps, of which there are about 5,000 in the collection, doing mostly original cataloging.

Rick Grapes of Brigham Young University does all the map cataloging. Much of the collection is uncataloged. Tammy Wang of the American Institute of Physics formerly worked with Paul Stout at Ball State and is still interested in map cataloging.

That concluded the reports on the local map cataloging situation of participants' libraries. By checking the responses for information on what percentage of maps have been cataloged online or the mention of retrospective cataloging, it becomes clear that many libraries do not have records for all their maps in the online catalog. In fact, eleven libraries out of twenty-two represented at the meeting are in that situation.

The chair opened the meeting to general discussion at this point. A question was asked concerning Polish name authorities and Cutter numbers, which are not up-to-date. Betsy Mangan responded that G&M catalogers do not go looking for problems and the receipt of foreign maps is not on a regular schedule. So if they haven't received any Polish maps recently these problems would not yet have been noticed.

Diana Hagen asked whether there may have been any transliteration changes in Greek, as she has recently received some hiking and tourism maps with name changes on some of the islands.

A discussion ensued about use of barcodes on maps. Dan Seldin said he uses alternate barcodes, while Cecila Bond uses smaller sized barcodes. Scott McEathron had been asking vendors about different types of barcodes, but ran into a problem when the main library decided that they wanted to standardize barcodes. Cathy Gerhart offered that the newer plastic barcodes are thin and do not fade, so they work very well on maps. Steve Grapes mentioned that their previous map librarian did not barcode maps for archival reasons. Barbara Story affirmed that LC does not barcode maps for the same reason. Cathy Gerhart noted that special collection maps at the University of Washington do not get barcoded. Scott McEathron said that barcodes must meet standards for preservation; they should not degrade the paper.

Diana Hagen brought up another question, asking about people's experiences with MARCIVE for GPO records. Dan Seldin stated that they had just switched over to MARCIVE at Indiana. Sometimes they will only get the shipping list record; the final record does not get sent and this causes problems. Susan Moore's concern was how long to wait for the new record. Dan Seldin said they wait three to four months. Steve Grapes said that the

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COMPPUTER MAPPING

Tsering Wangyal Shawa, Princeton University

How to create a map using 2000 census data

I was thinking of exploring how the American FactFinder's "*geo within geo*" function works for downloading current census data. Recently one of our students asked me to help him create a median family income map of Mercer County, New Jersey, based on Census Block Groups geography, for his research. That made me explore how it works. The American FactFinder "*geo within geo*" provides census attribute tables based on particular census geography, but it doesn't provide boundary files to create a map. In order to create any census map, a person needs not only a census attribute table, but also a census geography boundary file. I will explain how I did it.

1. In order to get an attribute table from American FactFinder, I typed this URL <http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet>
2. Under the **Data Sets** category I selected **2000 Summary File 3**. Once I selected the 2000 Summary File 3, the next page gave me the option of selecting a few links just to the right of the selected button. I clicked on **Detailed Tables** link. This will led to another page called **Detailed Tables ▢ Select Geography**.
3. In the **Choose a selection method**, I selected **geo within geo**. Just under the Choose a selection method

is this note: "*Using geo within geo takes time when working with large numbers of geographies. The current limit on the number of geographies for a geo within geo combination is 4000.*" [Editor's note: This will allow comparison across all counties and county-like entities in the U.S.]

4. Under **Show me all**, I selected **Block Groups**.
5. Under **Within**, I selected **County**.
6. Under **Select a State**, I selected **New Jersey** because the student I was helping wanted to make a New Jersey Mercer County Block Groups map.
7. Under **Select a County**, I selected **Mercer County**.
8. Under **Select one or more geographic areas and click 'Add'**, I selected **All Block Goups** and then pressed the **Add** button that is just below the box. Once I had pressed the **Add button**, all the Block Groups were listed in the next box. Then I pressed the **Next button**.
9. On the **Detailed Tables ▢ Select Tables** page's **Search** row I selected **by keyword**. Once I selected the **by keyword** button I was given the option of entering a keyword. I typed "median family income" and then pressed the **Search button**.

10. In the next box I was given the option of selecting various attributes related to median family income. I selected **P77, Median family income in 1999 (Dollars)**, and then pressed the **Add** button.
11. Once the selected attribute table was listed on the next box, I pressed the **Show Table button** and opened a page called **Detailed Tables**. My selected table was shown. I pointed my cursor to the **Print/Download button** on the top and selected **Download**. It opened another window called **Detailed Tables Download**.
12. The window called **Detailed Tables** **Download** showed the data sets and table that I had selected and gave me the option of choosing which format to download. I selected **Tab delimited (transpose rows and columns)** then pressed **OK**. I saved the file on my hard drive.
13. I opened the table in Excel and cleaned the table by deleting everything except the Block Groups and income columns. Since the Block Groups column is not in FIPS code numbers (340210001004) but in narrative form (Block Group 4, Census Tract 1, Mercer County, New Jersey), it could not be joined with the boundary file that I planned to download because the boundary file Block Groups are organized according to the FIPS code number. I decided to insert one new column in front of the Block Groups column so that I could paste the Block Groups' FIPS code number from the boundary file in this new column. I called the new table "mercer_income." I did this because I wanted to join this table with the boundary file.
14. To get the boundary file, I decided to download it from the ESRI Census 2000 data page rather than from the Census' Cartographic Boundary File page. The reason behind this decision was that the Census' boundary files are organized according to States and then boundary layers, but a person cannot download an individual county. The ESRI Census 2000 page allows you to download boundary files by county. To do so, type in this URL <http://www.esri.com/data/download/census2000_tigerline/index.html> and select **Download Data**.
15. On the **Download Census 2000 TIGER/Line Data** page I selected **New Jersey** as the State and pressed **Submit Selection**. At the **Select by County** option, I selected **Mercer** and then pressed **Submit Selection**. At the **Available Data Layers** page, I selected **Block Groups 2000**, and pressed the **Proceed to Download** button.
16. Once the data was downloaded, I needed to uncompress the file twice using Winzip software. After uncompressing the file, I opened the dbf file in Excel software, copied the column called STFID that has Block Groups FIPS code numbers, and pasted it in front of the mercer_income table's Block Groups column. I checked to make

sure that the Block Groups FIPS code numbers were lined up correctly with the mercer_income table. Once everything was correctly matched, I saved the table.

17. I opened ArcMap and added the Block Groups boundary map, and then on the table of contents, right clicked on boundary file and selected **Joins and Relates** and then **Join**. After that, I chose STFID field, and in **choose the table to join**, I browsed to the mercer_income data from my hard drive and pressed **OK**. Once that was done the income table was joined to the boundary file and I was ready to create a median family income map of Mercer County.

If I were using ArcView 3.X, I would first add the Block Groups boundary file in the **Views** document, and then add the mercer_income table in the **Tables** document. I would open the Block Groups boundary file and select the STFID column, and then select the STFID column from the mercer_income table, and go to the **Table** menu, and select **Join**. This would join the two tables. Once that was done, the mercer_income table and the Block Groups boundary file are temporarily joined. To make a permanent join, you need to create a separate Shapefile.

News Update

The USGS Seamless Data Distribution System that used to distribute the National Elevation Dataset has been

upgraded and has new features and data. Here is the URL: <http://seamless.usgs.gov/viewer.htm>
The old URL was <http://edcnts14.cr.usgs.gov/Website/seamless.htm>.

The new things that were added to this web page are:

1. Now users can download data up to 100MB, and it will allow you to download it immediately.
2. The site also offers 10 meters resolution seamless elevation data that covers approximately 40% of the United States.
3. It also allows users to download the 30 meters resolution National Land Cover Dataset.
4. Recently the site started distributing elevation data taken by the Shuttle Remote Topography Mission (SRTM) through this web site. The resolution of SRTM data is 30 meters. 

Cataloging

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government documents person at BYU suggested six months.

Finally, someone asked about outsourcing of map cataloging. Cathy Gerhart said that Kathryn Womble had done some outsourcing and might have some suggestions.

Diana announced that Scott McEathron will be the discussion group chair at Midwinter and adjourned the meeting.



NEW MAPS AND BOOKS

Fred Musto, Yale University

New Maps

Ordnance Survey Explored

Britain's Ordnance Survey has been gradually replacing their 1:25K series of topo maps. The OS used to have three map series at this scale, including their *Pathfinder* and *Outdoor Leisure* products. Both have been folded into a new *Explorer* series which is due to be completed by spring 2003. Only about 20 of the 400-plus maps, mainly those in northernmost Scotland, remain to be published, so now might be good time to consider ordering a set.

The *Explorer* maps are a little different from the familiar USGS 24K topos. For one, the sheet sizes vary, since the decision was made to focus each map on a logical area of interest, rather than stick to a rigid grid arrangement. This also reinforces the OS's intent to make them serve as tourist and outdoor leisure maps as well. This is accomplished by overlaying small icons identifying such things as museums, castles, parking, camp sites, public conveniences (toilets to us), walking trails, and of course pubs.

The *Explorer* maps I've seen are really stunning, and I spent some time pondering just what makes them so attractive. Maybe it's the fine detail of the cartography which still attempts to outline every building even in urban settings, unlike the USGS with its

swatches of pink representing built-up areas. Or perhaps it's the OS color scheme, which seems so aesthetically pleasing. In any case, they're wonderful maps, and if you can afford a whole set, a great addition to any collection.

The *Explorers* are available flat or folded, some are printed on both sides, and, as mentioned, the dimensions vary. Our library opted for the flat versions and we were chagrined to find that the largest sheets measure around 38 x 50", making them an awkward fit for our cabinet drawers. Both Omni Resources and MapLink sell them for \$11.95 each, placing the cost of the whole series over \$4000, but both vendors would probably negotiate a lower price for the entire set.

If \$4000 is too big a bite out of your budget, a less expensive (but not cheap) alternative is the OS *Landranger Map* series. The 1:50K maps have all been recently revised, and include the tourist and traveling information added to the *Explorer* maps. There are 204 maps in the *Landranger* series, selling for \$9.95 each, or a discounted \$1725 for the complete set from Omni. The key to what map covers what area is the annually revised OS *Mapping Index*, an excellent index sheet to both the 25K and 50K series. The index is supposedly free, but if you can't talk your vendor out of a copy, try the OS Customer Contact Centre

<http://www.ordsvy.gov.uk>.

And if this is still more than you really need for the UK, you may be willing to settle for the OS *Road Map* set. Eight 1:250K maps show the road network of all of Great Britain, and include tourist information and a place names index. \$9.95 each from MapLink.

Czech Please

There are lots of maps of the Czech Republic available, from both government and commercial sources. Czech publisher SHOCart has a new set of tourist/topographic maps at 100K, with complete coverage of the country available in 23 sheets. They are basically topo maps, with contour lines and shaded relief, overlain with tourist information. They have a trilingual legend in Czech, English, and German, and are available from Omni at \$7.95 a sheet.

A similar type of map is published by Kartografie praha, which issues them at various scales from 1:25K to 100K. This 46-sheet series covers all of the Czech Republic, with most of the maps published in the late 1990s. The maps are topos with extensive hiking information overprinted—trails, campsites, etc. The maps are in Czech but with a multilingual legend, and priced at \$6.95 each from Omni. If you like lots of detail and have lots of money, Omni also offers sets of the official 1:25K, 50K, 100K and 200K topos produced by the GKP and “newly released” by the Czech government, although most were probably produced before the breakup of Czechoslovakia in 1993
<http://www.omnimap.com>.

There are many small-scale general maps of this area from major publishers, some covering both the Czech Republic and Slovakia, others focusing on one of the countries. Recent items include the new Michelin *Czech/Slovak Republic* map (now numbered M731 instead of M976 if you keep score that way). Made with their usual high-quality cartography, the 600K sheet measures 40 x 56" and retails for \$10.95. Another good recent map just of the *Czech Republic* is produced by Hungarian publisher Cartographia. Released in 2001, the two-sided, 1:500K, 26 x 38" map costs a modest \$6. Cartographia also has a nice 2001 map of Prague, 25 x 38" for \$4. But it seems that everyone publishes maps of this popular tourist destination, and over 20 examples are listed on MapLink's web site
<http://www.maplink.com>

Geological maps.

UNESCO has issued a new *Seismotectonic Map of the World*, a 1:25M map that compiles worldwide earthquake data from over five millennia. Among other things, it shows earthquake epicenters classified by magnitude or intensity, along with data on plate kinematics, various fault types, and the main recently active volcanoes. The map comes in three sheets, with an assembled size of about 78 x 39", and accompanying notes. It sells for 42 from UNESCO, or \$56 from GeoPubs, which also offers a “Multimake” version with the three sheets joined and laminated for \$160.

UNESCO has also released a smaller version of the 2nd edition of its popular *Geological Map of the World*. The 1:50M, 46 x 21" map is reduction of the 1:25M edition released in 2000 in a three-sheet, 77 x 39" format. The 2nd edition was completely revised to show a clearer distinction between formations; oceanic geology was also updated, and positions of the main volcanoes and meteor craters were added. The smaller map sells for \$12, the three-sheet version for \$42.

<http://upo.unesco.org>

Oilfield Publications Limited (OPL) has a new 5th edition of their *Oil & Gas Resources of the World* map. The 32 x 52" sheet identifies oilfields, gas fields, pipelines, concession area outlines, refineries, and terminals, with 25 detailed inset maps covering various individual countries and areas of the world. It contains a great deal of information, but is also quite expensive at \$162. OPL offers a number of recent oil and gas activity and concession maps at their web site <http://www.oilpubs.com>.

The British Geological Survey has issued a 4th edition of their 1:625K *Geological Map of the United Kingdom*. The previous edition of the classic "Ten Mile Map" was published in 1979. It comes in two sheets, covering north and south Britain, each priced at £9.95. And for those with historic interests, the BGS has just published a reproduction of William Smith's famous 1820 *Geological Map of England and Wales*. The subject of Simon Winchester's 2001 book, *The Map That Changed the World*, the map is reproduced in color at the same size of the original (30 x

25") and sells for £10. The BGS also has a number of reproductions of Smith's county maps listed on their web site <http://www.bgs.ac.uk>.

ITMB

Canadian-based ITMB Publishing continues to turn out good maps of under-mapped areas. Their stated commitment this year was to emphasize Middle Eastern and Muslim countries in Africa and Asia "in the fervent hope that maps, good maps, will help create bridges of understanding that will lessen tensions and promote good will." To this end, they recently issued a map of *Jordan*, a 1:700K physical map with hypsometric tinting, a place-name index, and an inset of Amman. Another new item is *Oman & United Arab Emirates*, at 1:1.4M, also with hypsometric tinting and an index, with brief information on population, religion, ethnicity, languages, etc., and inset maps of Central Muscat and Central Dubai. Also published recently is their *Tunisia*, at 1:800K (which competes with a similar new 1:750K map of that country from Nelles Verlag). Published earlier this year by ITMB were maps for Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and a city map of Cairo. All these maps sell for \$8.95 (except Afghanistan at \$9.95.)

ITMB hasn't issued many maps of Eastern Europe, but their new *Romania* is a nice effort. Detailed and attractive, the 1:850K map includes part of Serbia and Hungary. Heading further east, their new map of *Sikkim* is the first of a projected series of maps of all the states of India. Kashmir is due out shortly, with one or two per year to follow.

On the other side of the world, another new item covers the *Cuzco Region and Machu Picchu, Peru*, the most visited destination in South America. At 1:850K, it uses hypsometric tinting, indicates administrative boundaries and natural features, and includes brief travel information and an index of place names.

Briefly Noted

Cambodia—Angkor is a new shaded relief road and travel map from Nelles. The 1:1.5M map includes plans and historical information for all the major temples of the Angkor ruins on the reverse, and city maps of Greater Bangkok, Phnom Penh, and Siem Reap. Well-done, as are most maps from Nelles, and priced at \$8.95.

The East of England Tourist Board has taken note of the renewed interest in the World War II period by issuing a *USAAF Airfields Official Map*. The color fold-out map, at a 1:425K scale, identifies the many former airfields of the 8th and 9th Air Forces that were located in the East of England. All the airfields are marked, and a gazetteer describes their current use. There is also a list of memorials and their locations. \$8.95 from OMNI.

Maps of Chad are few and far between, so any new map of this grossly under-mapped country is of interest, even one of its water resources. *Carte de valorisation des eaux souterraines de la République du Chad*, issued by the Ministère de l'Environnement et de l'Eau in 2001, is a detailed 1:1.5M

hydrogeologic map showing relief, climate, water use, etc., with a detailed legend in French. The map sells for a hefty \$99.95 from Omni. For a more general map of the country, about the only thing available is the *Tchad* from the French IGN. The 1:1.5M, 35 x 52" sheet goes for \$12.95 from MapLink or Omni.

The Helsinki Map of the Near East in the Neo-Assyrian Period is a very good map of the Assyrian Empire and surrounding areas in the 8th and 7th centuries BC. It's described more fully in its accompanying atlas, discussed below in the "New Books" section of this column. A folded version is included with the atlas, but if you don't like to separate "accompanying material" from its book home, this flat sheet could reside safely in the map collection. It's available for \$19.95 from Eisenbrauns <http://www.eisenbrauns.com>.

New Books

Degrees of Latitude: Mapping Colonial America. Margaret Beck Pritchard and Henry G. Taliaferro. Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in association with Harry N. Abrams, 2002. 434 p. \$95 (ISBN: 0810935392). This is a beautiful book on colonial American maps, based on the holdings of Colonial Williamsburg and authored by CW's Curator of Prints and Maps and a well-known rare map dealer. Two introductory essays provide a brief survey of colonial history up to the time of the Revolutionary War, and an interesting look at maps as decorative objects. The bulk of the work is an illustrated

cartobibliography of over 70 maps from the CW collections. Each entry includes a one-page description covering the background and significance of the map, accompanied by a large and clear color illustration, often with additional enlargements of map details.

Another section by Taliaferro focuses on the "Atlas of John Custis, 1698," describing the 100-plus maps in a late 17th century composite atlas assembled by London map publisher Philip Lea for a prominent Virginian. An informative essay on "Philip Lea and the Seventeenth Century Map Trade" concludes the book. A glossary and a substantial bibliography are also included. The first-rate production values justify the price (which would undoubtedly have been much higher without foundation support). *Degrees of Latitude* compliments two other recent works on early American mapping, Barbara McCorkle's *New England in Early Printed Maps, 1513-1800* (2001) and the 3rd edition of William Cumming's *The Southeast in Early Maps* (1998), and should be in every map collection.

Mapping the West: America's Westward Movement, 1524-1890. Paul E. Cohen. New York: Rizzoli, 2002. 208 p. \$50 (ISBN: 0847824926).

Washington in Maps, 1606-2000. Iris Miller. New York: Rizzoli, 2002. 176 p. \$50 (ISBN: 0847824470).

Rizzoli has been issuing a series of nicely illustrated books on map topics, such as *Manhattan in Maps* by Paul Cohen and Robert Augustyn (1997),

and the recent *Holy Land in Maps*, edited by Ariel Tishby (2001). Their latest two books, published just in time for the Holidays, are similar in format, if not equal in quality and usefulness. The more successful of the two is Cohen's *Mapping the West*, a review of some 60 maps that trace the cartography of the American west from its beginnings to the end of the 19th century. Most of the entries are by Cohen, a partner of noted dealer Richard Arkway, but some 17 other authors contribute annotations. The colored illustrations are fairly well-reproduced, many spreading across two pages, although the bigger maps suffer from the need to reduce a large-scale detailed map to fit a rather smallish 9 x 10" page size.

The real value of the book lies perhaps more in the substantial descriptive text accompanying each map, which provides historical background and comprises in totality almost a veritable concise history of the western movement. The volume is divided into eleven thematic sections, such as "The Mexican War and Its Aftermath," and "Railroads, Rivers, and States." Of note is a section on the "Maps of the Lewis and Clark Expedition" by John Allen, a nice 20-page summary of the expedition in a review of seven relevant maps. Some of the maps included are well-known and frequently reproduced, but a few are quite unusual and rarely seen. The publisher's limitations on the size and quality of the illustrations have at least kept the price reasonable, and this is a worthwhile acquisition for all map collections, as well as a great gift book for the map lover or history buff.

A little less successful is Miller's *Washington in Maps*, which focuses on

the growth and development of our nation's capital. The author is a landscape architect, and the book has appeal to those interested in urban planning as well as history. The time frame extends to the present, and although the first map covered is the John Smith map of Virginia from the early 1600s, at least a third of the entries date from the 20th century, including the obligatory satellite image and metro transit plan. One problem with collections of maps of a single area is that they begin to seem repetitious. Miller avoids monotony by varying the many versions of the familiar L'Enfant plan with bird's-eye views, axonometric maps, and several proposed designs that were never implemented.

One noticeable difference in comparing *Washington* with *Mapping the West* is the smaller typeface in the former and the reduced size of the illustrations. Fewer images cover a full page, making many of them even more difficult to discern. One might assume that the author's text was too extensive for the publisher's page limit, which is a good 15% less than its companion work even though both include roughly the same number of maps. But such restrictions seem to be necessary nowadays to produce attractively illustrated works at (barely) affordable prices. These quibbles aside, *Washington in Maps*, like *Mapping the West*, belongs in all collections.

Mercator: The Man Who Mapped the Planet. Nicholas Crane. London: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 2002. 348 p. £20 (ISBN: 0297646656). (The U.S. edition, published by Holt, is scheduled

to appear in January 2003 at \$26.) This interesting and well-written biography is more of a "life and times" in its wonderfully evocative description of Mercator's world in the Low Countries of the 16th century. While naturally focused on Mercator's life, it touches on many aspects of the social and intellectual milieu of that contentious period, with its religious controversies, continual wars, famines, and plague. It's scholarly, well footnoted and with a comprehensive bibliography, but very readable. All of Mercator's accomplishments are covered in great detail, from his famous globes, his innovative maps, the first "atlas," and of course the projection for which he is most famous. There are two inserts of color illustrations, plus a few black and white images scattered throughout the book. One could always wish for more, but they are relevant and well-chosen. It's not a quick read, nor much of a reference book from which information could be quickly obtained, but as biography and history it succeeds admirably. A necessary addition for most libraries, in the circulating collection if not in the map room.

Where Is Here? Canada's Maps and the Stories They Tell. Alan Morantz. Toronto: Penguin Canada, 2002. 256 p. CDN\$24.50 (ISBN:0143013513).

I had high expectations when I discovered this book on a Canadian book web site, anticipating from the subtitle a history of Canadian mapping. Unfortunately it's anything but a coherent study of historic maps, being instead an episodic hodgepodge of anecdotal stories and potentially interesting themes never fully developed, which jumps from

topic to topic with no apparent logical organization. While a chronological arrangement might have brought some structure to the book, a typical chapter, titled "Exploitation," jumps from early mapping of the Grand Banks, to seismic surveying, to GIS for business. Another covers place-naming by Natives, bird's-eye views of cities, and county atlases, all in the space of a few pages. One wishes the author, apparently a magazine writer, could have found a theme that was of real interest to him and more fully developed it.

The book has no academic pretensions; there are no footnotes or even a bibliography, and several authors are quoted at length with no indication of the source. It's obviously intended for a "popular" audience, and the writing is sprightly. But its appeal to a wider readership is severely limited by the almost complete lack of illustrative material. Frustratingly, almost none of the maps or places mentioned are pictured, and the few black and white illustrations scattered throughout the volume have little relation to the text. A little more emphasis on either content or appearance might have made this a better book. It may be of interest to Canadians, but they deserve more.

Cartography and Geographic Information Science, Vol. 29, No. 3, July 2002. Special issue devoted to "Exploratory Essays: History of Cartography in the Twentieth Century," Mark Monmonier and David Woodward, guest editors.

I confess that the journal *Cartography and Geographic Information* is not on my "must read" list when it comes into our library, with most articles usually too technical for my interests or abili-

ties. However the July 2002 issue caught my eye with its content announcement of "Exploratory Essays: History of Cartography in the Twentieth Century." The *History of Cartography* series, now edited by David Woodward, promises to be the preeminent source for the subject when completed, but its progress is agonizingly slow. The first volume was published in 1987, but volume 3, on the European Renaissance, is not due out until 2003.

However, preliminary work has begun on the projected 6th and penultimate volume on "Cartography in the Twentieth Century." These ten "exploratory essays" by the featured authors of that volume give a good preview of what can be expected. The topics are interesting and wide-ranging, from the specific ("American Promotional Road Mapping in the Twentieth Century" by Jim Akerman) to the more obscure ("Cognitive Map-Design Research in the Twentieth Century"). Other essays cover such subjects as "The Politics of the Map in the Early Twentieth Century," and "Maps for Ordinary Consumers versus Maps for the Military: Double Standards of Map Accuracy in Soviet Cartography, 1917-1991." All are well-written, illustrated, and include a substantial list of references. If you're not a subscriber, back issues are available for \$20 from the CaGIS <http://www.ascm.net/cagis> or from the History of Cartography Project, which also has the full text of the essays available on their web site

<http://www.geography.wisc.edu/histcart>

NFT Not for Tourists Guide to New York City. New York: Happy Mazza

Media, 2002.

NFT, Not For Tourists guides are a new series of detailed map and guidebooks to major cities. As the title suggests, the information provided is more than touristy. As an example, the 2003 *NFT Guide to New York City* divides the borough into 25 grids. Each grid map is repeated three times, locating and listing “Essentials,” “Sundries / Entertainment,” and “Transportation.” The “Essentials” include such things as ATMs, schools, libraries, 24-hour pharmacies, and bagels (which I suppose could be considered an essential in New York.) Under “Sundries/Entertainment” are listed cafes, gyms, hardware and liquor stores, and video rentals. The “Transportation” section identifies parking facilities, car rentals, subways and bus lines, and gas stations.

The formats vary from city to city. The New York City guide is a compact 4 x 6", 305-page sturdily bound paperback priced at \$14.95, while the Los Angeles guide, perhaps because of the larger area covered, is a 7.5 x 9", 335-page, spiral-bound work retailing for \$19.95. The 52 maps feature only two categories; “Essentials” includes gas stations, understandably in that car-driven society, and banks, for which there seems to be one for every 10 people. A transportation section is omitted, since apparently no one in LA takes the bus, and the “Sundries/entertainment” pages are heavy on “Coffee” locations. These are interesting items, handy for reference and for tourists, and even useful as pop-cultural surveys of different neighborhoods. Two new titles just out cover Chicago (\$16.95) and Brooklyn (\$6.95). <http://www.notfortourists.com>

Helsinki Atlas of the Near East in the Neo-Assyrian Period. Edited by Simo Parpola and Michael Porter. [Finland]: Casco Bay Assyriological Institute / Neo-Assyrian Text Corpus Project, 2001. 33+ 46 p., pbk. \$29.95 (ISBN: 9514590503).

If you're not up on your ancient history, you may not know that Assyrian Empire reached its greatest extent in the late 8th and 7th centuries BC. Apparently there has been a “long-felt need for accurate mapping” of Assyria at this time, a need well met by this attractive little atlas. The 33 full-page color maps, which cover an area from the eastern Mediterranean to present-day Iran, are excellent, with hypsometric tinting and very clear and clean graphics. Divided into 1:2M overview and 1:1M detail maps, the topography is apparently based on NIMA's *Vector Map Level 0* dataset, digitized from the ONC chart series.

More useful to the scholar is the accompanying gazetteer, which serves as an index to the maps and links the Neo-Assyrian toponyms to their modern, classical, or Biblical names.

It's divided into two parts, “Neo-Assyrian to Modern,” and the reverse “Modern to Neo-Assyrian,” and for each name, the lat/lon and map grid references are given, as well as references to entries in the bibliography which concludes the volume. As a bonus, inserted in a back cover pocket is a nice 28 x 40" folded version of the 1:2M map titled “The Near East in the Neo-Assyrian Period.” Perhaps a little esoteric for most collections, but useful for

those serving ancient Near Eastern studies, and a good buy as well. It's available through Eisenbrauns, a specialist vendor in ancient Near East and Biblical studies <http://www.eisenbrauns.com>.

New Editions

Carta Bible Atlas. Yohanan SAharoni, et al. Jerusalem: Carta, 2002. 223 p. \$38.95 (ISBN: 9652204870).

Although it has a new title, this is really the 4th edition of the popular and well-respected *Macmillan Bible Atlas*. Now issued under the name of the firm that actually produced the earlier editions, the main change is the addition of new index to persons. It's still one of the best of the many Bible atlases available today. If not obtainable through your usual suppliers, it may be ordered through Eisenbrauns, who also distribute the full product line of Israeli map publisher Carta <http://www.eisenbrauns.com>.

Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger of Disappearing. Stephen A. Wurm. New rev. ed. Paris: UNESCO, 2001. 90 p. 13.72. (ISBN: 9231037986).

Although the fact that nearly half of the

world's 6000 spoken languages are likely to disappear in the foreseeable future might not seem a bad thing to some people, it's a concern to linguists and those worried about the loss of our cultural heritage. This updated and expanded edition of a work first published in 1996 includes a comprehensive list of endangered languages and some 30 pages of maps identifying their locations. A copy can be ordered online from UNESCO <http://upo.unesco.org>.

Atlas of the World. 10th ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002. 440 p. \$75 (ISBN: 0195219198). "What's the best world atlas" is a question that always brings librarians personal preferences to the fore. Many would opt for the beautiful *Oxford Atlas of the World*, the 10th edition of which is just off the press. Its attractive shaded relief cartography and larger-scale maps might give it an edge on the venerable *Times Atlas*, and the price is certainly better. It's also being heavily discounted, 40% on both Amazon and Barnes & Noble, so now is a good time to pick up a copy.



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During the ALA Midwinter meetings the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) will sponsor two workshops on Friday, Jan. 24, on "Proposing geographic subject headings for LCSH." For detailed information, see:

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