



# The Neatline

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## Fall Meeting Held in Conjunction with the Garrett Lectures

The fall meeting of the Texas Map Society (TMS) will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2000, at The University of Texas at Arlington. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Second Biennial Virginia Garrett Lectures on the History of Cartography. The Garrett Lectures open on Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning with registration at 10:00 am and ending with dinner and a presentation by Mark Monmonier, professor of geology at Syracuse University. In addition, there will be a dedication of the MAPSCO Archives with the opening of an exhibition celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the company. All of the sessions, including lunch, a wine reception and exhibition opening, and dinner will be held on the sixth floor of the Central Library, 702 College Street, The University of Texas at Arlington campus. See Garrett Lecture Program in this issue of the *Neatline*.

The Texas Map Society's fall meeting will convene at the same place on Saturday morning at 8:30 am. Program events

are detailed in the panel below. As usual, the meeting will begin with coffee, tea, and conversation at the registration table. The presenters come from a variety of backgrounds, including collectors, academics, and librarians, and will cover a diverse array of cartographic topics.

Society members will be offered a discount registration fee when they attend both meetings. Registration for the Garrett Lectures, including lunch, a reception, and dinner, will be \$35.00; for the society's meeting, also including meals, it is \$25.00. The combined total of \$60.00 has been discounted to \$55.00 for those attending both events. Registration brochures will be sent to all current TMS members, but if you do not receive yours, or you have names of friends and associates who would like an information/registration packet, please contact the society's registrar, Kit Goodwin, Texas Map Society, UTA Libraries, Box 19497, Arlington, Texas 76019-0497; phone: 817-272-5329; fax: 817-272-3360; or email: goodwin@library.uta.edu.

### Texas Map Society Fall 2000 Program

October 7, 2000 • Sixth Floor • UTA Central Library

8:30 - 9:00 am

**Registration**

9:00 am

**Welcome**

Paul Bell

*President, Texas Map Society*

9:15 am

**"Vintage Cartography:  
The Art of Maps on Wine Labels"**

Bert Johnson

*Collector, Alexandria, Virginia and  
San Antonio, Texas*

10:00

**Break**

10:15 am

**"The English Map Trade in the  
Late Seventeenth Century"**

Henry Taliaferro

*Map Dealer and Author, New York City*

11:15 am

**Break**

11:30 am

**"West is West: Images of the West  
on Maps for the East"**

Alice Hudson

*Map Librarian, New York Public Library*

12:30 pm

**Lunch in the Atrium**

Board Meeting

1:30 pm

**"Bringing Historic Maps Online"**

David Rumsey

*President, Cartography Associates, San Francisco  
(Session in Room 315, Library Classroom)*

2:30 pm

**Break**

2:45 pm

**"Hidden Cartographers:  
The Role of Women in the Map Trades"**

Judith Tyner

*Professor, University of California, Long Beach*

3:45 pm

**Break**

4:00 pm

**"Kit's Kartographic Korner"**

Kit Goodwin

*Cartographic Archivist, The University  
of Texas at Arlington*





## The Spring Meeting at San Jacinto

Members met at the South Shore Harbour Resort, in Clear Lake, Texas. Here we had altogether exceptional facilities for projection of slides, as well as a very congenial atmosphere. In addition, the San Jacinto Museum of History hosted the group for cocktails, dinner and a viewing of the remarkable slide show called "Texas Forever."

**Mark Allen**, UTA doctoral candidate, spoke of his studies on the hydrographer J.F.W. Des Barres (1721-1784). Mr. Allen talked about the life of the ill-tempered Des Barres, and described the events leading up to the publication in 1784 of *The Atlantic Neptune*. Members of the Society were interested to hear of the progress of Allen's research, which will eventually lead him to an assessment of the manuscript originals of the *Neptune*, even though these are widely scattered and difficult to track down.

**Carrington Weems**, Houston map collector, spoke of the delights of collecting, and about current controversies concerning the Columbus passage and the Vinland map: "Who really discovered America?" He also

talked of his experience in developing a CD-ROM of maps; members asked many questions about this interesting project, which may greatly change the way maps are delivered.

**Dr. John Hébert**, Chief of the Geography and Map Division at the Library of Congress, spoke about the Spanish mapping of the northwest coast of North America. His presentation gave members a renewed respect for the accomplishments of these Spanish cartographers. Dr. Hébert also mentioned a new guide to the Spanish-Portuguese collections in the United States, which ought to stimulate much new research. His specialty has been in the mapping of the lower Mississippi valley, and he is eager to stimulate the activities of the Washing-

ton-based Phillips Society, designed to support and collaborate with the Geography and Maps Division.

**Dr. Kamlesh Lulla**, Chief of the Office of Earth Sciences at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, spoke about the photographs taken by astronauts on various missions. He showed a great variety of slides made from these images, explaining the ways in which these photographs can be used for many different studies concerning the environment, urban planning and so forth. He also emphasized the way in which this information can be used to construct maps in order to reveal ecological processes.

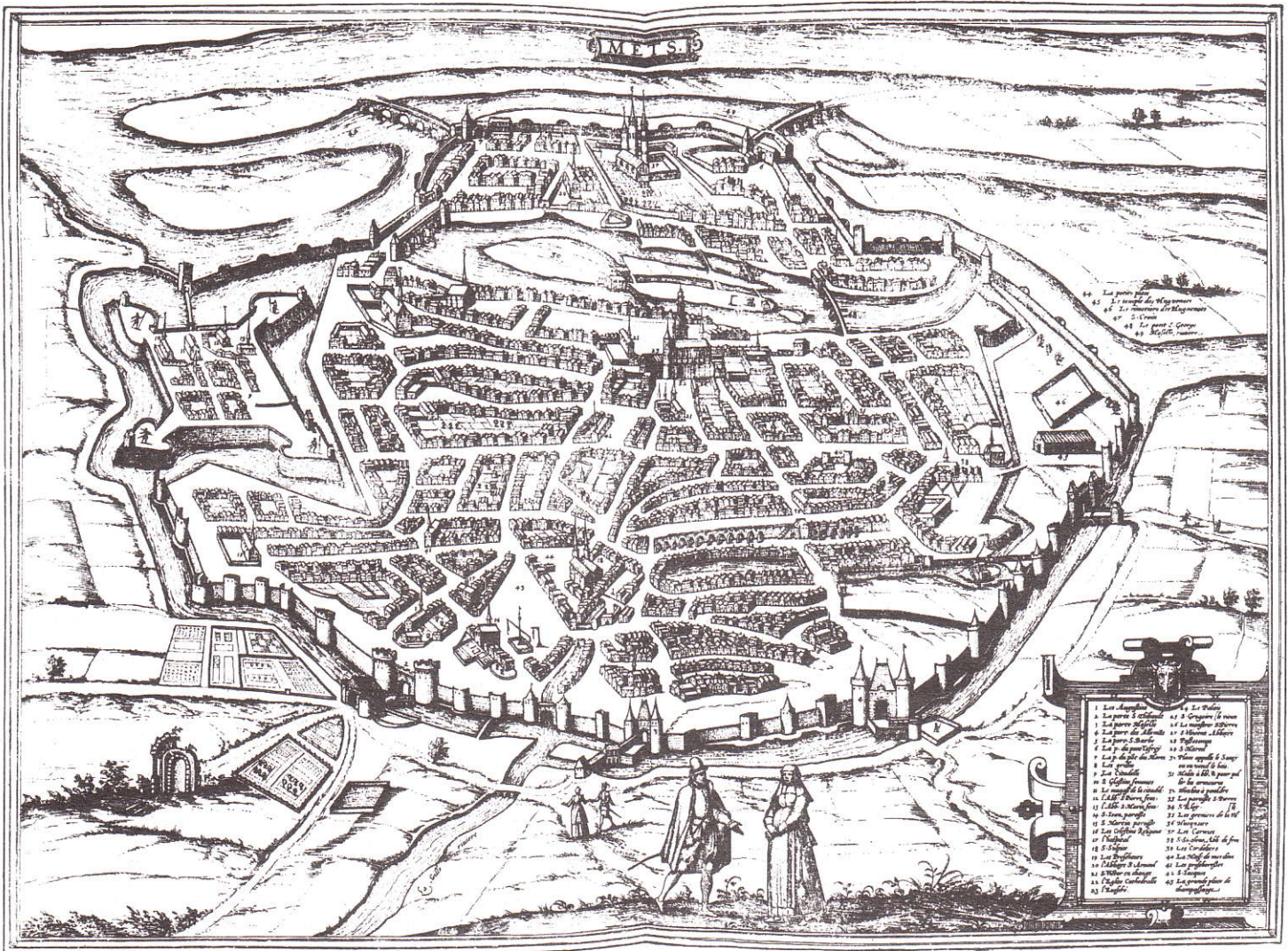
**Tom Woodfin**, of Texas A&M University, spoke about "Maps for Capitalists," explaining his interest in the role of maps in the coming of capitalist structures to the countries of Europe, and how capitalist mentalities affected the actual design of maps. For Woodfin, the emerging world-system was more interested in markets than in the occupation of territory, and maps reflected this. He found examples not only in the kind of maps which were commissioned, but also in their distribution; for instance, Dutch maps came to figure in Polish libraries largely because of the lively market in exports of Polish wheat to the Western powers.

**Kit Goodwin** conducted her usual collectors' corner, in which maps were presented by Bill Benson, David Buisseret, Susan Bruneni, Stuart Glickenhau, Dennis Reinhartz and Bert Johnson.



Apollo 17 Whole Earth View: This view of the Earth was seen by the Apollo 17 crew as they traveled toward the moon on their NASA lunar landing mission. This outstanding translunar coast photograph, was taken with a 70mm handheld Hasselblad camera equipped with a 80mm lens.





This city plan was shown during Kit's Kartographic Korner. It shows the city of Metz, in north-eastern France, from the *Civitates Orbis Terrarum* of Braun and Hogenberg, published in three volumes at Cologne between 1572 and 1617. These city-views present wonderfully accurate images of many European towns, and one could often use them to navigate around these towns today. The key at the bottom right lists the main monuments, though it is easy to pick out the cathedral, in the center, and the citadel at the left. There seems to be a fragment of Roman ruin in the field at bottom left, and the couple are dressed in the traditional garb of the region. This view – collectors, wipe your tears! – was bought for two dollars in 1955.



# The Galveston and Texas History Center, Rosenberg Library: A Review

By Gerald D. Saxon

*In the fall of 1997, Gerald Saxon, Associate Director for Special Collections and Branch Libraries at the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries, visited six map libraries in the state and presented a review of the collections for the Texas Map Society. By popular demand we are presenting each of the reviews in the Neatline. This is the third of the series and focuses on the maps at the Galveston and Texas History Center at the Rosenberg Library, Galveston, Texas. Mentioned in the review is a cartobibliography of the Rosenberg's map collections, prepared in part, by Henry Taliaferro, one of our presenters for the Fall Meeting in October at UTA.*

The Rosenberg Library is located at 2310 Sealy Street in Galveston. The Galveston and Texas History Center is on the third floor of the Rosenberg Library. There is street parking around the library and a surface lot directly across one of the side streets. Center hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; closed on Sundays and Mondays. The Center is closed Christmas, most national holidays, and San Jacinto Day [April 21<sup>st</sup>].

The Galveston and Texas History Center of the Rosenberg Library collects, preserves, and makes available to the public historic records of Galveston and early Texas. The library, which opened in 1904, has one of the oldest historical collections in the state. The library has incorporated the holdings of the Galveston Historical Society founded in 1817. The map collection includes 5,000 items focusing on Galveston as it relates to Texas, the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean, and adjacent coasts. The maps show Galveston Bay from 1725 to the present, and they also illustrate European exploration of the New World during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries as well as the development of Texas during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. There are a number of photostats in the collection, so this is a research collection more than anything else.

The major method of acquisition is by donations. Very rarely does the staff purchase maps. Casey Greene, Head of the Center, makes the acquisition decisions.

Perhaps the most important access tool for the Rosenberg's map collection is the very fine cartobibliography compiled by Henry G. Taliaferro and edited by Jane A. Kenamore and Uli Haller entitled *Cartographic Sources in the Rosenberg Library* (College Station: Texas A&M Press, 1988). The bibliography describes approximately 550 of the Rosenberg's most important maps. There is also a very fine introductory essay by Taliaferro focusing on the "Early Cartography of the Texas Coast." The map guide is out of date now because the Rosenberg has acquired many maps since its publication, none of which has been fully cataloged and processed.

Other access to the map collection is through a card catalog divided into three sections:

1. General Catalog/index arranged *alphabetically by proper names* (people & corporate bodies), *subjects* or *locality*;
2. Maps arranged by *date* from the earliest to the latest;
3. *Shelflist* which gives a complete listing of the maps by location.

The cataloging records do not show full bibliographic descriptions of the maps. Generally, they show only title, date, and accession number.

The strengths of the collection are: Galveston, Galveston Island, Galveston County, the Upper Texas Gulf Coast, Texas and the Gulf of Mexico. The majority of the library's holdings predate 1900. Among the gems, and there are many, are:

- Martin Waldseemüller's untitled map of the New World from Ptolemy's *Geographia*, 1525.
- Many maps of Galveston and Galveston Bay, including *Bahia de Galvestown*, 1809-1819, from the Spanish navigator, José de Evá. This is the first printed map of Galveston Bay and is taken from the *Portulano de America Septentrionale* published in Madrid, 1809-1818.
- First plan of the city of Galveston, published in 1845, done by William Sandusky.
- A number of bird's-eye-view maps of the city published in the latter half of the nineteenth century.
- Sanborn Fire Insurance maps: volumes depicting the city in 1885, 1889, 1899 and 1912.

The numerical strength of the collection is the nineteenth century. Some of the Texas "gems" in the collection are Stephen F. Austin's *Map of Texas*, 1830, the first edition; David H. Burr's *Map of Texas*, 1835; Thomas G. Bradford's *Texas*, 1835; and Jacob D. Cordova's *Map of the State of Texas*, 1849.

There are no special projects pending at this time [1997]. The maps in the collection, at least those acquired before the 1988 publication of Taliaferro's compilation, have been encapsulated and safely housed. Those acquired after that date have not. They are not accessible, and there are no access tools for them. The Rosenberg invests its staff resources in books, photos, manuscripts, newspapers—then maps!

The Rosenberg Library will make copies of the maps for patrons, and they have a fee structure in place.

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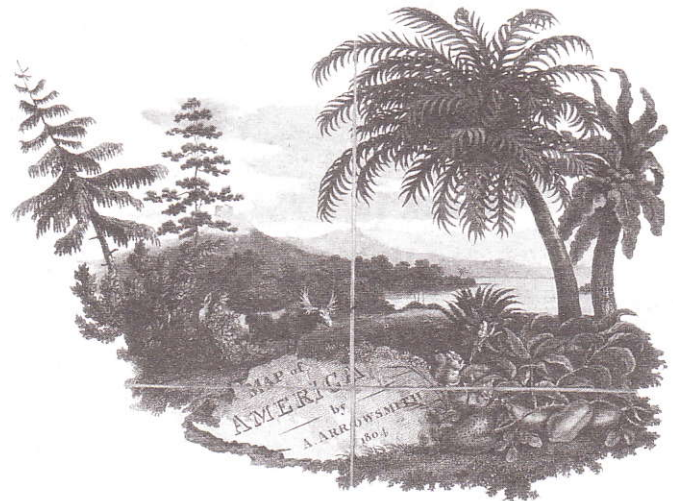
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Balance	1 January 1999	\$ 5,845.55
Income	Spring meeting registration & annual subscriptions	8,324.06
	Fall meeting registration	2,275.00
	Interest	83.50
		\$10,682.56
Expenditures	Neatline	2,800.86
	Mail	218.11
	Fall meeting; security, catering, etc.	1,408.83
	San Antonio meeting	5,572.49
		\$ 10,000.29
Excess of income		682.27
Balance	31 December 1999	\$ 6,390.75



Cartouche from "Map of America," 1804, by Aaron Arrowsmith. The Cartographic Collections of Virginia Garrett, Special Collections Division, The University of Texas at Arlington Libraries