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THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN MAPS AND IMAGES



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Map (left): *Amplissimae Regionis Mississippi seu Provinciae Ludovicianae...* Engraving (hand colored), 47 x 57 cm. (Nuremberg: Johann Baptist Homann or Homann Heirs, ca. 1720-1781). Virginia Garrett Cartographic History Library, UT Arlington

Images (right, top to bottom): *Crevasse on the Mississippi; Scene in New Orleans; Mills at St. Anthony's Falls* – all engravings after A. R. Waud for *Harper's Introductory Geography* (New York: Harper & Bros., 1880), pp. 64-66. 23 cm.

Virginia Garrett Cartographic History Library, UT Arlington

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since delivering my last “Y’all come back” from Fort Davis, I have been fixated on our next meeting. By training and experience, I am not a natural party planner. Thankfully, with the help of others, I am pleased to report another entertaining and instructive event awaits the attendees of the next session of the Texas Map Society.

Friday morning we will begin with a bus field trip to the Denton campus of the University of North Texas to view their map exhibit, followed by discussion and a tour of their facilities. That evening, our bus takes us to Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park in Dallas. Our social hour begins with beer/wine served from their Victorian saloon on the grounds of the historic Dallas village. Dinner follows under the stars along Main Street in view of the dramatic modern Dallas skyline.

The Saturday agenda at The University of Texas at Arlington starts with a morning session of presentations on the mapping of the mighty Mississippi River, gateway to the west. The afternoon session will include a panel of curators from several public map collections, who will describe their highlights, plans and challenges. Included will be an update of the UNT map scanning project. Given the current funding issues, the closing question and answer portion will be timely.

Prior to our next get-together, keep in contact through the TMS web site. Register early and volunteer where you can.

—Marty Davis, TMS President 2010-2012

FROM THE EDITOR

After a successful return to West Texas for the TMS Spring 2011 meeting, the Society has planned its annual Fall 2011 meeting at UTA, but including excursions to Denton and Dallas. The meeting is scheduled for October 7-8. And no one should have known the dates better than me. That's why it is inexplicable that I somehow forgot that, in planning a short vacation with my granddaughters. Nine year old Lauren and seven year old Emily are out of school for Columbus Day, so my wife Shari and I planned a surprise trip for the girls to Universal Studios in Florida that weekend, specifically to see the new Wizarding World of Harry Potter exhibit. (They are big Harry Potter fans). It was a real surprise to me also, when I realized the conflict in the date only while editing this edition of *The Neatline*. What that means is that for the first time since the founding of the Texas Map Society, I will miss the Fall meeting at UTA. It also means we will have to scramble to find a new guest host for the Members' Map Forum. This muggle has really made a muddle of things.

The Texas Map Society is now looking ahead to 2012. The Spring meeting will be postponed a few months and take place in the summer instead.

For the first time, the Texas Map Society will team up with the Rocky Mountain Map Society, to present *The Mapping of North America: Westward Expansion*. Other sponsors include the **Denver Public Library**, and the **University of Denver**. The joint meeting will take place 26-27 July 2012 at the University of Denver. That will be followed by another two day event: *The Map Fair of the West*, on 28-29 July 2012, which will be at The Denver Public Library. Ben Huseman tells us that he has heard rumors that the California Map Society may take part as well.

Here is a link to the home page of the web site of the Rocky Mountain Map Society
<http://lamar.colostate.edu/~mcole/>

The following link provides more information, including the exciting list of confirmed speakers, including our own Dr. Imre Demhardt:

http://lamar.colostate.edu/~mcole/2012_Conference.pdf

So be sure to set aside time in late July 2012 for an exciting four day map extravaganza.

Be aware that while the paper version of *The Neatline* is restricted to only 8 pages for each edition, the online version has no such restrictions. So by checking the electronic version, you may find some articles in longer, unedited versions, and more photographs to go along with the articles. So check out the web version, even if you have a paper copy.

And remember that even more information on the Texas Map Society can be found at our website at:

www.TexasMapSociety.org.

— David Finrock

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A **Neatline** is the outermost drawn line surrounding a map. It defines the height and width of the map and usually constrains the cartographic images.

Texas Map Society Fall 2011 Meeting in Denton, Dallas and Arlington

By Ben Huseman

Texas Map Society members who drove or flew east at the end of the spring meeting from drought-stricken west Texas on that Sunday ran into heavy rainstorms – a portent. The general topic for TMS' fall meeting on October 7-8, 2011 is maps of rivers, specifically *"The Mississippi in Maps and Images."* Planners hope that thinking about water will help end the droughts that have hit so many areas this summer.

A special Friday field trip (October 7th) to the University of North Texas at Denton precedes the regular presentations. At the new UNT Discovery Park campus, participants will view the traveling exhibit "Places & Spaces: Mapping Science" sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the James S. McDonnell Foundation, Thomson Scientific/Reuters, and Indiana University. They will also visit the Willis Library on the main UNT campus, where they will tour the impressive Digital Projects Unit and see rare maps from the library's special collections. A dinner that evening at Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park offers participants an opportunity to relax in quaint historic surroundings which now seem foreign to the modern bustle of the north central Texas Metroplex.

Speakers for the next day's meeting to be held Saturday, October 8th in The University of Texas at Arlington Library's Sixth Floor Parlor include author Robert A. Holland, UT Arlington Associate Professor of History Christopher Morris, and representatives from several university map collections in north central Texas. Holland, author of *Chicago in Maps* (New York: Rizzoli, 2005), will present material from his latest book, *The Mississippi River in Maps and Images* (New York: Rizzoli, 2008). Professor Morris' presentation title "Mapping the Mississippi for Science: Mapmakers as Hydrologists, from Delisle to Fisk" promises an interesting focus. Morris is currently working on "The Big Muddy: An Environmental History of the Mississippi and Its Peoples, from Hernando de Soto to Hurricane Katrina." He intends this (not his TMS presentation) to be "a book-length survey of the human and ecological history of the lower Mississippi Valley, from the Ohio River to New Orleans, from early Native American cultures that thrived on the flood plain through the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and the debates on rebuilding New Orleans in the hurricane's aftermath."

The afternoon presentations will be shorter in length, as representatives from several north central Texas universities – UT Arlington, the University of North Texas, Southern

Methodist University, and Baylor University -- give a general history of their map collections as well as an overview and some highlights of their contents. These directors, curators, and archivists will briefly describe how to access these collections online through websites, also giving contact information, and they may share some of their current projects and future plans. Following these brief presentations they will engage in a panel discussion about their work in digitizing their collections and perhaps a dialogue of ideas and opportunities for Texas Map Society participation and leadership.

The meeting will wrap up with the always fun Members' Map Forum. Since our usual host David Finrock will be out of town, we will have a special guest host this time. TMS members are asked to bring in maps or "cartifacts" for our traditional map show and tell session. Plan on about five minutes to discuss your treasure, and to answer any questions from the audience.

Hotel Information

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Arlington Hilton located at 2401 East Lamar Blvd, Arlington, Texas 76006 (just west of Hwy. 360 and north of I-30 and Six Flags). The room rate for a Standard King or Standard Double is \$89.

To register for the hotel:

1.817.640.3322 (phone); 1.817.652.0243 (fax);

www.arlingtontx.hilton.com (online).

When registering, be sure to mention it is for the Texas Map Society. The deadline for this rate is **September 23, 2011**

Meeting Information

For contact information, details about the meeting, or to register, please see the Texas Map Society website <http://www.texasmapsociety.org/> and click on events.

Newcomers are welcome!

Ben W. Huseman is the current Secretary for the Texas Map Society and is the Cartographic Archivist for the University of Texas at Arlington Library's Special Collections. He can be contacted at huseman@uta.edu

MY FAVORITE MAP by Jeff Dunn



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1917 Gulf Automobile Road Map of Texas

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Credit for compiling, publishing and distributing the first Texas automobile road map goes to the Texas Commercial Secretaries Association of Fort Worth. This map was in preparation for most of 1910 and unveiled in October of that year. The map included statistics on Texas roads, was printed on a sheet 22 x 17 inches, and made available to the public without charge. Copies were quickly snatched up. I have been unsuccessful in tracking down a copy of this historic map.

In 1911, the Clason Map Company, of Denver, Colorado, published a 20 x 22 inch folded road map of Texas glued to a booklet with green covers. The booklet includes a photo of the state capitol, a description of the land, climate, and resources of Texas, and a detailed index of counties and towns with population figures. The map is a railroad map showing county lines and rivers overlaid in green and auto roads overlaid in red. Several named “Transcontinental Auto Roads” are depicted with thick red lines and “Local Auto Roads” are shown as

The Carbon Theory Exploded

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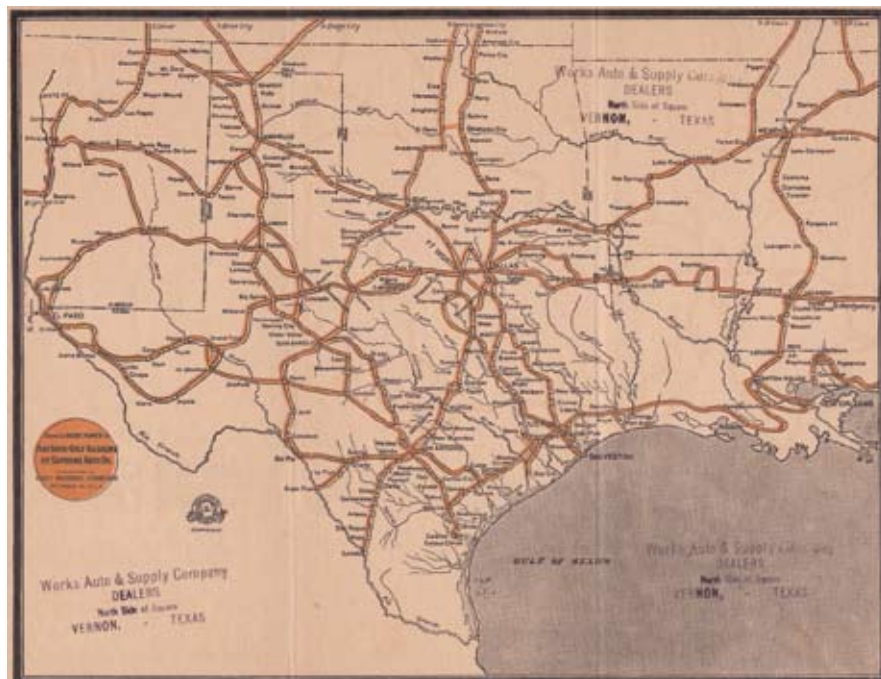
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Automobile Road Map



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1917 edition of the Texas automobile road map published by Gulf Refining Company.

Caption (page 4): This Gulf Refining Company magazine advertisement was published in 1934 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the oil company road map pioneered by Gulf service stations. The advertisement underscores Gulf’s acknowledgement of the importance of free road maps in marketing gasoline products, building customer loyalty, and promoting automobile travel.

MY FAVORITE MAP by Jeff Dunn

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thin red lines. In 1915 the B.F. Goodrich Rubber Company began distributing free Texas “diagram road maps” showing main auto lines and mileage distances between towns. These early road maps were nothing more than lines between towns showing the general directions of roads. They were not sufficiently detailed to offer reliable navigation.

There is some debate as to when the first oil company road map was produced, but Gulf Refining Company claimed credit for distributing the first road maps from its service stations in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1914. Between 1915 and 1918 Gulf began distributing Texas road maps along with maps of New England, New York, New Jersey, Southern States, Middle West States, and Pennsylvania, as well as a transcontinental road map. I have not seen copies of the Gulf Texas map from 1915 or 1916, but they are the earliest Texas road maps distributed by an oil company. My collection includes the 1917 edition of this map.

The 1917 Gulf Texas road map was printed in orange and black on card stock 8-1/2 x 10-7/8 inches and folded into three rectangular panels. The map features early renditions of what later became Gulf’s distinctive orange disc logo. The cover shows a speeding car climbing a hill with a male driver and two female passengers. Two panels advertise the company’s “Good Gulf Gasoline” and “Supreme Auto Oil.” One of these panels extols the virtues of gasoline produced from Texas crude (called “Southern-asphalt-base crudes”) in an effort to distinguish this gasoline from brands produced from Pennsylvania oil. Although Gulf’s main office was in Pittsburgh, its crude came from the Spindletop field near Beaumont and the company had a corporate office in Houston.

The map itself covers all three panels on the reverse and includes roads in adjacent states. The map was published and copyrighted by the Automobile Blue Book Publishing Company, the company that produced the annual multi-volume Automobile Blue Book road logs covering most of country. Roads linking the towns and cities are only general representations on this map. There were no road numbers prior to the late 1920s. There is no date printed on the map, but its design and wording indicate that it was published in 1917. My copy of this map includes several rubber ink stamps showing that it was distributed by the Works Auto & Supply Company in Vernon, Texas.

The modern-styled large foldout oil company road map with federal and state highway route numbers made its appearance in the late 1920s, but only a few oil companies



Cover of 1911 "Clason's Guide to Texas with Map." The foldout map glued to the inside of the back cover of this booklet shows "Transcontinental Auto Roads" and "Local Auto Roads" overlaid with red lines.

began distributing road maps of Texas until the 1930s. Gulf’s annually updated editions of its Texas map had no competition until Texas auto road maps were distributed by Humble Oil, Cities Service, Magnolia Petroleum (later Mobil), and Texaco in the mid to late 1920s. Billions of road maps were distributed by oil companies from the 1920s to the 1980s, but they were intended to be used, abused, marked up, and thrown away as they became obsolete. Today these maps, which are becoming scarce, represent an important, but lightly researched chapter in the history of American cartography.

If you would like to submit an article about your own favorite map for a future issue of *The Neatline*, contact the editor David Finfrock at editorTMS@aol.com.

2011 TMS Spring Meeting in West Texas

By Ben Huseman

Attendees to Texas Map Society meetings experience a variety of conditions. This past spring, the group held a *"Fandango in West Texas"* in Alpine and Fort Davis under the threat of wildfires during a drought. This fall's meeting in Arlington and Denton focuses on maps of rivers – specifically, the mighty Mississippi, which conjures up visions of recent massive floods along its banks.

Fortunately, no fires adversely affected the Spring meeting and the speakers were far from dry of knowledge – on the contrary, they were full of it. Hosted by Sul Ross State University's Museum of the Big Bend and the Center for Big Bend Studies at Alpine, the presentations were held in SRSU's Morgan University Center next door to the newly-renovated museum. Texas Map Society member **John Martin (Marty) Davis** was perhaps the proudest of the many hard-working people responsible for the marvelous local arrangements. These included Museum Director **Elizabeth Jackson**, SRSU President **Ricardo Maesta**, and several of the speakers. A portion of the excellent map collection that Marty donated to the museum was on display, having returned to its now permanent location from the touring exhibit *"Going to Texas: Five Centuries of Texas Maps,"* which also featured a fine exhibit catalog by that title published by TCU Press in 2007. A well-



TMS President Marty Davis welcomes everyone to the West Texas Fandango.

attended reception at the Museum of the Big Bend on Friday evening, a dinner at Sproul Ranch near Fort Davis on Saturday, and a "Cowboy Breakfast" at Fort Davis offered TMS members fine opportunities to socialize.

During the Saturday meeting, **Matt Walter**, Curator of Cartographic Collections and Historian at the museum gave an excellent presentation on Texas maps, emphasizing certain *"Firsts in the Mapping of Texas"* or points about maps



Larry Francell gives luncheon speech on Benjamin Henry Grierson's Campaign Map.

that are often overlooked. For example, he presented Swiss mathematician Leonard von Euler's four-part map of North America, ca. 1753, as "the first map to show Texas ('Texas') as a region."

The next speaker, **Paul Wright**, Professor of Geography and Sociology at SRSU traced through images of historic maps in several collections the interesting development of boundaries in far west Texas, where several counties are as large as some states. Professor Wright made those county boundaries almost dance before our eyes as he flipped through quite a number of images. Moreover, one could visually see that – for a long time into the nineteenth century – the exact shape of the Big Bend of the Rio Grande itself was quite fluid on period maps due to inadequate field measurements, surveying and mapping. (Even today, boundary maps have to be regularly updated due to the changing course of the river.)

Larry Francell, a local County Commissioner for one of those big West Texas counties (Jeff Davis County) was the featured guest speaker during lunch. Most TMS members think of Larry as a knowledgeable historian and as the retired former director of the Museum of the Big Bend. (Francell had been director when the museum hosted an earlier TMS meeting there in the Spring of 2006.) On this occasion (October 2010) he spoke about Colonel (later General) Benjamin Henry Grierson's Campaign Map of 1880,



Luncheon at the Morgan University Center at Sul Ross State University.

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enlivening it with quotes from a little-known journal by Grierson's son Robert, who had accompanied his father that year. TMS members later had a chance to see the actual map when they visited the museum at Fort Davis National Park the next day.

Immediately following Francell's luncheon presentation, Professor **Andy Cloud**, Director of the Center for Big Bend Studies, gave an informative presentation on traditional and innovative approaches to archaeological mapping.

The latter include GIS and unmanned, remote-controlled blimps! Most of the Texas Map Society members in the audience could better relate to the application in the field of techniques he described since he had guided them the day previously on a special tour of important archaeological sites located on private lands.

The final speaker of the afternoon was UT Arlington's own **Gerald Saxon**, who delivered a successful talk on an ill-fated subject: the Texan Santa Fe expedition



Gerald Saxon wraps up events with a talk on the infamous Texan Santa Fe expedition.

of 1841. Among the many omissions that preceded this epic Texan catastrophe were the failure to procure a knowledgeable guide and the lack of an accurate map – in sum: poor intelligence work. Saxon's and William B. Taylor's introduction and annotations to George Wilkins Kendall's Narrative of the Texan Santa Fe Expedition (Dallas, Texas: William B. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, 2004) served as the basis for his presentation. We can anticipate further fine scholarship such as this now that Saxon has retired as Dean of the Library to become ever more involved as a Professor in UT Arlington's Department of History.

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All images from the Spring Meeting are courtesy of Imre Demhardt.



TMS members get an introduction to West Texas archaeology from Andy Cloud (left), Director of the Center for Big Bend Studies.



TMS members enjoy their archaeological field trip in the West Texas desert.

SPOTLIGHT ON TMS MEMBERS

John B. Phillips

Cartographic Interests

Maps of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Background: I was born in Oklahoma City and grew up in a military family as an Army “brat” as my father was a career officer that served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. My mother and father were both Sergeants when they met in World War II. While I was fortunate to live in England and Germany with my family for six years, we always returned to Lawton, OK, home of Fort Sill. I have a BA and MA in History from Oklahoma State University and a MLS (Masters of Library Science) from the University of Oklahoma. While working on my BA, I took a part time job at the OSU’s library. I worked there three years and during the last two, I was able to work with the government documents collection.

Upon completion of my BA, I went to OU for my library degree. When a vacancy opened at OSU, I applied and then joined the library faculty in June 1973. I took a beginning position in the Documents Department and I have been there ever since. Over time, I have risen in the ranks to the position of Department Head and have the faculty rank of Professor. Because of my maps duties, I have an added title of Director of the Digital Oklahoma Maps Collection. Being a history major, the government documents collection was like a smaller version of the National Archives. There were new items arriving each day as well as old publications to discover in the stack areas. This discovery process continues to the present. While at OSU, I met my future wife, Vicki, who also was part of the OSU library faculty. We are two of six librarians now within the greater family group. Our oldest son is one of the Assistant Deans at the University of North Texas Library and is in charge of their digitization unit that is currently working on the scanning of the map collection at the University of Texas at Arlington. You will get to see his work during the upcoming meeting.

Comments: My interest in maps has been around for years. I am the one that plans the family trips using my ever present Rand McNally and DeLorme road atlas sets. No GPS for me. One of my outside activities has been working with the Boy Scouts and with my two Eagle Scout sons we have taken advantage of the outdoors. Besides the normal campouts, they were with me on many occasions as I was section hiking the entire Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. Planning those yearly trips with my maps was an interesting experience as I could study the geologic and topographical maps of the areas we hiked. Along the 2,176

miles, we hiked along old roads and trails that dated back to the 1800’s and I always wondered if there were maps produced of these areas.

An added part of my departmental duties is working with the maps within my government documents collection. The Library’s Map Room also is part of responsibilities. Included among the earliest documents produced by the United States Government are maps covering the geographic area of the United States as it expanded its boundaries to the west. These early published maps, created by some of America’s leading cartographers, were included in the American State Papers and the United States Congressional Serial Set, the official record of reports of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives from 1789 to present. The Oklahoma State University Library is fortunate to own the most complete paper collection of the Serial Set in Oklahoma, comprising some 8,600 volumes for the period 1803-1925. In 2003, a grant proposal was submitted to the McCasland Foundation of Duncan, OK asking for funding to begin work on identifying, repairing and digitizing maps of Indian Territory and early Oklahoma that were part of OSU’s collection. Over 1200 maps have been added to what is now the **McCasland Digital Collection of Early Oklahoma and Indian Territory Maps**. This work has been expanded to include other map series within the collections at OSU and at present there are over 2500 maps available to the public at: <http://okmaps.library.okstate.edu/> Another 3500 maps are at OSU that will be added, as times and funding permits. These include maps produced by the state of Oklahoma, 2000+ Oklahoma maps issued by the U. S. Works Progress Administration in 1936, older maps of the U. S. Geological Survey and various gift collections that we have received.

While working at OSU, my wife began attending meetings of the Texas Map Society and I began to accompany her. I quickly realized that I should have been a member of this group from its founding as the presentations were very helpful in understanding more of the history of the United States as well as seeing how I could use this information to benefit the students at my university. The social aspect of the group has been very helpful as well in learning about the personal collections of many individuals. As part of my maps work, I have been given the charge by my Dean of Libraries to inventory map collections within Oklahoma and begin dialogues among maps collectors and collections in the state to form an interest group similar to the Texas Map Society. Teaming up with your group will help to accomplish this assignment.

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Bob Rodriguez

Cartographic Interests:

Extremely wide range of interests extending from the Nuremberg Chronicle (and other Incunabula, i.e., pre-1500's era) to late 19th century Arbuckle coffee trading cards. However, if I had to pinpoint a special interest area, I would say that I especially love bird's-eye views and plans of Medieval cities.

Background: B.A. in History and Psychology (dual majors), Berea College, Berea, Kentucky; Incomplete graduate study (History) at West Chester State University, West Chester, Pennsylvania; and Juris Doctor (J.D.) in Law, South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas. Legal experience in Oil & Gas area, products liability, and for last 15 years, insurance-related monitoring of medical malpractice litigation primarily for nursing homes. I have been a member of the Texas Map Society for about 10 years, and an occasional member of the Washington Map Society for several years.

Comments: I describe myself as an incorrigible, inveterate "collector" of all things unique, historical and beautiful. Cartographically speaking, I have been collecting antique maps for the past 12 years. I accidentally found an antique map section on eBay in 1989, and have been accumulating maps ever since then. I find that collecting old maps is very gratifying in that it touches three areas of special interest: Geography, History and

Art - and while geography and history are important elements in my collecting, it's the "Art" of the map that I most relish. I am a fool for fancy borders, flourishing titles, bold colors, and mythical cartouches. No surprise then that I covet the works of the master mapmakers such as Ortelius, Hogenberg, Homann, and enjoy even the works of some of the "late comers" such as Moule, Tallis and Levasseur. On the sentimental side, my favorite cartographers are Munster, Mallet and David Meisner.

While acquiring maps is obviously fun, finding a great bargain map, or uncovering a new cartographer, is also an exciting and educational experience. One of the most gratifying things about collecting is "saving" some poor, discolored, tattered, wrinkled, or stained map from obscurity. I often buy lesser quality maps - mostly because I can't afford really nice maps - and clean them, wash them, mend them, color them and sometimes frame them. My secret fantasy would be to work as a museum curator with an enormous acquisition budget - of course, I said that it was a fantasy.

On a related tangent, I also collect early biblical leaves (pre-1600), Islamic manuscript leaves; Buddhist prayer leaves; Sanskrit manuscripts, and Japanese woodblock prints from the late Meiji era. And - as if that were not enough, I still occasionally indulge in my childhood passions for collecting ancient Roman, Greek and Chinese coins; U.S. and foreign postage stamps; and rocks, minerals and fossils. Finally, I try to stay physically healthy by running/walking a couple half marathons (13.1 miles) every year.

Matt Walter

Cartographic Interests:

Early maps of Texas, American Civil War maps, Nautical Charts of the Gulf of Mexico

Background: Historian and Curator of the Cartographic Collections, Museum of the Big Bend, Sul Ross State University. Lecturer in History, Sul Ross State University. BA and MA, History, Sul Ross State University. Retired from 20 years active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard, with 14 of those years spent at sea. Stationed in the Atlantic, from the Caribbean to the Gulf of Mexico to the Labrador Sea, and in the Pacific, off the coast of California. Specialty was deep-ocean Search-and-Rescue and Maritime Law Enforcement, and learned to use - and love - maps, navigation, and nautical charts. Also

fascinated with history, due to numerous interesting ports-of-call during those years at sea. Grew up in southern Brazil, where my parents were high-school teachers, and one of my first memories was at the age of 6, crossing the Equator on board the SS Del Norte.

Comments: I really enjoy researching and using maps to tell history. Maps are fascinating, for a variety of reasons. They are primary documents which reflect the state of geographical knowledge at the time a particular map was made. They also indicate what historical events were taking place at the time, such as explorations, discoveries, settlements, and military activities. They are fantastic works of art. And they are being produced by an intriguing cast of characters - the stories of the cartographers and the printers can often be the most interesting facet about a map.

Save Texas History Symposium

By D'Anne Stites

The 2011 Save Texas History Symposium will take place on Saturday October 1, 2011, from 8am to 5pm.

This is our second year for the Save Texas History Symposium and, based on last year's success, we are making a few changes to better serve our sponsors, exhibitors & attendees and increase attendance. We will be publicizing this event to our email list of Save Texas History followers, and look forward to working with our partnering organizations to help share this invitation.

Most importantly, we hope you can join us in our new venue at the AT&T Conference Center, just two blocks from the Land Office headquarters in Austin. The 2011 Symposium will offer classes in both the AT&T Center and the Land Office headquarters. I have included details such as exhibitor registration, benefits and the schedule of speakers/events. Our web site has been updated and is available at:

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/save-texas-history/symposium-2011.html>

If you have any questions, please contact me at 512-463-6740 or Adrian Loucks at 512-463-7497. We look forward to hearing from you and hope for your support of the Symposium.

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Keep Up with Upcoming Events

The advent of the Internet has made it much easier to keep up with upcoming scheduled events in the field of cartography worldwide. The best place to find out about forthcoming conferences, talks, etc. are the comprehensive listings that John Docktor and Tony Campbell maintain and update:

Cartography - Calendar of Events

<http://home.earthlink.net/~docktor/index.htm>

Summary of forthcoming conferences

<http://www.maphistory.info/confplan.html>

Conference, journal, etc. deadlines

<http://www.maphistory.info/deadlines.html>

Past President Dianne Powell tells us how to become part of the MapHist e-mail discussion groups. She says that she really enjoys "being able to dip into these discussions when time permits".

MapHist is an E-mail discussion group on the history of cartography hosted by the Faculty of Geosciences, University of Utrecht. The statements and opinions expressed in this message are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the University of Utrecht. The University of Utrecht does not take any responsibility for the views of the author.

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A Conservator's Two Cents

By Gayle Young

We all know that paper is susceptible to physical and chemical damage. Maps are especially vulnerable because of their size, and because of the fact that they are usually folded for storage or to fit into a book. This makes them portable, but subject to abuse. Many maps are made of thin paper which will eventually wear at the folds and fold junctures. Rag paper maps are more sturdy because the pulp fibers are much longer and tougher. Map tears tend to occur at edges where exposed to handling, and where folds meet, as already stated. Therefore, the best storage is to put maps into a folder so that the map is open and flat, and stored in a drawer large enough to hold it in a flat state.

Another method for smaller maps is a window mat. This consists of a backing mat to which the map is attached, a window mat to help hold the mat in place, and to allow the map to be viewed without having to touch it. The window should have a polyester film (archival quality) covering, and is joined to the back mat by a linen tape. Granted, this package is somewhat bulky and expensive, and map size is always a consideration.

An archival framer will use may boards made of cotton rag or 100% chemically purified wood pulp. Both types should have an alkaline pH (approximately 8.5) and are buffered with either magnesium or calcium carbonate. The framer will use Japanese paper hinges and wheat paste to attach the map to the back mat. This allows the paper to expand or contract should its environment change. It is possible to use "photo corners" to frame small maps. Larger ones will sag. Some framers will say they are "archival framers", but are not necessarily certified. It is always a good idea to ask them about their materials and methods.

Tarrant County Archives Seeks Volunteers to Work with Maps

The Tarrant County Archives seeks one or more volunteers knowledgeable in Texas maps and eager to work on their organization and description. Additionally, we would like to be certain that we have at least a good scan of all maps of or relating to Tarrant County. We are open 8-5 Mon-Fri and can offer free downtown parking to volunteers. If interested please contact:

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