

THE ABELL COLLECTION OF MAPS IN THE TCU LIBRARY

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The collection came to TCU in 1984 as a gift from the estate of the late George T. Abell, who lived in Midland, Texas. He was interested in travel and geography, the geology of the petroleum industry, and the history of the Southwest. The Library is fortunate to have this collection of both maps and books.

Arrangement is, first, geographical and then chronological. When it has been determined that a particular map has been copied from another, the related maps are put in sequence -- displacing chronology of the whole. Most titles are transcribed in full. Size is given in centimeters, height x width, inside all borders, to show extent of the "picture." Dates are those printed on the map or determined from available sources.

"MC" numbers are those given to the collection before it came to the TCU Library from the Abell estate. They follow no recognizable pattern except, probably, the order of purchase.

The compiler has used extensively the following books which are held by the TCU Library:

Brown, Lloyd A. The Story of Maps. New York : Bonanza Books, c1949.

Bricker, Charles, and Tooley, R.V. Landmarks of Mapmaking : An Illustrated Survey of Maps and Mapmakers. Amsterdam : Elsevier, 1968.

Shirley, Rodney W. The Mapping of the World : Early Printed World Maps, 1472-1700. Holland Press Cartographica ; v.9. London : Holland Press, 1983.

Smith, Thomas R. and Thomas, Bradford L. Maps of the 16th to 19th Centuries in the University of Kansas Libraries : An Analytical Cartobibliography. Lawrence : University Libraries, 1963.

Tooley, R.V. California as an Island : A Geographical Misconception Illustrated by 100 Examples from 1625 to 1770. Map Collector's Series ; no.8. London : Map Collectors' Circle, 1970.

Tooley, R.V. Maps and Mapmakers. 4th ed. New York : Crown, 1970.

Dealer Catalogues:

Dawson Rare Books, London. No date, no number.

J.T. Monckton, Ltd., Chicago. No date. Catalogue Two.

- MC#16 Drawer 2 35.8 x 49.1 cm.
Abraham Ortelius. 1587.
Typus orbis terrarum. Quid ei potest videri magnum in rebus
humanis, cui aeteritas omnis ...
South America has lost some of its westward bulge. At top:
"Terra septemtrionalis incognita"; bottom:"Terra Australis
nondum cognita." Four corners: circles containing quotations
from Cicero (top) and Seneca (lower). Continents colored,
with darkened borders. Seas stippled, decorated with monsters,
fish, ship. Lots of islands.
- MC#71 Drawer 1 28.8 x 52.3 cm.
Rumold Mercator 1587 (1613?)
Orbis terrae compendiosa descriptio. Quam ex Magna Universali
Gerardi Mercatoris Domino Richardo Gartho, Geographie ac
ceterarum ... Rumoldus Mercator fieri curabat A^o M.D.LXXXVII.
Two hemispheres surrounded by green and shaded gold borders.
Astrolabe and compass rose at center top and bottom. Chile has
bulbous shape, as in the Ortelius maps. "Terra Australis" is
a vast unknown. "Nova Guinea" quite large, just south of the
Equator. French text on back, Latin on the face.
- MC#26 Drawer 2 34.7 x 50.6 cm.
Cornelis de Jode. 1589.
Totius orbis cogniti universalis descriptio. Cui etiam eandem
orbis terrae delineationem, duorum circulorum capacitate, huius
descriptionis mundi longitudinem documento admirantibus, adie
cimus. A^o M.D.LXXXIX.
Long rectangle, North America stretched. South America has
the bulging west coast. Regions outlined in color, sea is
blue. Australis is a vast unknown. Two small hemispheres
flank the title cartouche.
- MC#73 Drawer 2 33.3 x 48.8 cm.
Abraham Ortelius. 1589.
Maris Pacifici, (quod vulgo Mar del Zur) cum regionibus circum-
iacentibus insulisque in eodem passim sparsis, novissima
descriptio. [Below, in frame]: Genio et ingenio nobili
Dn. Nicolao Roccoxio ...
Two continents: Americae septemtrionalior Pars ; Americae
meridionalior Pars. Australia a vast unknown, many small
islands off the coast of Asia, northwest of Nova Guinea; the
Solomon Islands are on the east of N.G. Large ship in mid-ocean
firing guns, sailors on the deck, winged figure on bowsprit.
Latin text on the verso.

- MC#114 Bin # 5 54.8 x 89 cm.
Sanson / Hubert Jaillot 1687
Mappe-monde, geo-hydrographique, ou description générale du globe terrestre et aquatique en deux plans-hemispheres; ou sont exactement remarquées en general toutes les parties de la terre et de l'eau suivant les relations les plus nouvelles. Par le S^r Sanson, Geographe ordinaire du Roy, 1687.
Bright decorative inserts at center top and bottom. Countries colored. South America well-known. California is an island. Map has been mounted on plywood, is coming loose at center joint, Large frame, burlap mat.
- MC#100 Bin #5 53.4 x 89.4 cm.
Sanson / Hubert Jaillot 1696.
Mappe-monde geo-hydrographique ... [exactly as #114 above, to the date] 1696.
Colors lighter, and used only as outlines of countries. Calif. is still an island. Near duplicate of #114; hemisphere here is 1+cm. larger in diameter than the 1687 map. Framed under glass, far better condition.
- MC#66 Drawer #1 46.2 x 55.2 cm.
Niclao Visscher [III] 1690
Orbis terrarum nova et accuratissima tabula. Auctore Nicolao Visscher. Lower left: "N.P. Berchem invent."
Two large hemispheres with continents and countries outlined in color; two small ones showing polar regions. All the rest in fine, deep colors: mythical scenes. Australia = "Hollandia Nova" Drawings nearly identical to those of #76 by Ioanne à Loon.
- MC#10 Drawer #1 20 x 26.2 cm.
Herman Moll 172
A new map of the whole world with the Trade Winds, according to ye latest and most exact observations, by H. Moll, Geographer. Printed for Thos. Bowles ... and John Bowles ... London.
"To front the Title to Vol. 1"
Explanatory text above the two hemispheres. Colored pictures across the bottom depict explorers, natives, and riches found around the world. Small circle, North Pole projection, at center top.

MC#50

Drawer # 4 L

21.5 x 38 cm.

Young & Delleker

[1826]

Geographical, statistical, and historical map of America.
Engraved by Young & Delleker.

Side-by-side maps of the two continents. North American outline accurate, but Rocky Mountains shown as just 1 thin line, probably east of the main location. South America much better known. Rivers and a few cities shown. Considerable text down the sides and across the lower third of the sheet.
After Lewis & Clarke exploration, after the 1820 census.

MC#95

Bin #8 -- Framed

47 x 72 cm.

E. Piton

1837.

Carte des deux Amériques, dressée par E. Piton, Géographe,
élève de Dufour. Paris, 1837.

Elliptical projection in a rectangle, sides have large-scale inset maps of French Caribbean holdings -- islands and north coast Guyanes. Countries outlined in pale colors, as known. Coastal areas well documented. Rocky Mountain chain shown from Canada to the Straits of Magellan.

Maps of North America

- MC#65 Drawer #3 16.3 x 27.3 cm.
Matthias Quad 1600
Novi orbis pars Borealis, America scilicet, complectens Floridam,
Baccalaon, Canadam ...
North America only, stretched horizontally, with regions outlined
in color. Lots of mountain ranges, but only the Appalachians
where they belong. Seas blue and stippled. Two long islands
inside the Arctic Circle, labeled "Incognita". Latin text, both
front and back.
- MC#19 Drawer #5 44.8 x 53.4 cm.
Jansson 1642
America Septentrionalis. 1642.
Title cartouche has natives with spears, bows, arrows -- "tropical"
clothing. The few known areas have rivers marked and named. Only
Lac des Iroquois (Lake Ontario) of the Great Lakes appears.
California is an island. The northwest ²/₃ of the continent is a
blank... The seas show a few ships and monsters. The Grand Banks
are marked off Nova Scotia. A blank sign occupies a cartouche at
lower left.
- MC#32 Drawer #6 45.2 x 54.8 cm.
Nicolao Visscher c1690
Nova Tabula Geographica complectens Borealiorem Americae partem;
in qua exacte delineatae sunt Canada, sive Nova Francia, Nova
Scotia, Nova Anglia, Novum Belgium, Pennsylvania, Virginia,
Carolina, et Terra Nova, cum omnibus Littorum ... a Nicolao
Visscher ... Luggardus van Anse schulp.
Bright colors, but bad stains on the right side. Coast line
well represented and known -- but interiors rather arbitrary.
More lakes of considerable size appear than actually exist.
- MC#30 Drawer #5 59.6 x 87 cm.
P. Coronelli 1696
America Settentrionale, Colle Nuoue Scoperte sin all'Anno 1688.
Divisa nelle sue parti secondo lo Stato presente, e Descritta
dal P. Mro Coronelli M.C. Cosmografo della Serenis^{ma} Repub^{ca}
di Venezia.
Very colorful. Title cartouche has large scene of gods and
goddesses of navigation (map, sun-dial, sun, etc.) at left and
large maroon drape above. Scale cartouche at right encircled
by drapes, ribbons, trees. California is an island, with a
large mountain ridge down its east side. Longitude 0° goes
through Iceland. Mississippi River has moved some 200 mi. west,
so its mouth is near Kingsville, Texas. Ohio River has been
pushed south. Various small scenic additions... All boundaries

MC#30 cont'd:

and coasts outlined in color. Fine condition.
See: Tooley. California as an Island. #57.

MC#104 Bin #8 -- Framed 53 x 86⁻ cm.
Sanson - Jaillot 1696

L'Amérique Septentrionale divisée en ses principales parties, où sont distingués les uns des autres les Estats suivant qu'ils appartiennent présentement aux François, Castillans, Anglois, Suédois, Danois, Hollandois. Tirée des Relations de toutes ces Nations par le S^r Sanson ... Présentée a Monsiegn^r le Dauphin par ... Hubert Jaillot ... avec privilège ... 1696.

Elaborate title cartouche, upper left. Elaborate scale cartouche, lower left. California is an island :See Tooley, op. cit., No. 37, plate XIX. Entire northwest left open. Mounted on board, the map is very brown, yet legible.

MC#74 Drawer #6 45.2 x 54.3 cm.
Iusto Danckers c1700.

Novi Belgii novaeque Angliae nec non Pennsylvaniae et partis Virginiae tabula multis in locis emendata, a Iusto Danckers.

A source for Seutter's maps of the same area (MC#27, #35) -- less detail, less "filler" work, fewer place names. Title cartouche directly above inset map of New York/New Amsterdam -- which has fewer buildings than Seutter's, and no harbor installations. Major political areas shown by solid color blocks. Place names mostly Dutch.

MC#27, -#35 Drawer #6 45.2 x 54 cm.
Matthaei Seutteri 1740+

Recens edita totius Novi Belgii in America Septentrionali siti, delineatio cura et sumtibus Matthaei Seutteri, Sac. Caes. Maj. Geographi August. Vind.

99½% identical -- differences in colors outlining physical and political features. Title cartouche at lower right, with large scene stretching to the left which shows natives bringing offerings to heroic soldiers and a European ruler. An elongated inset picture of New York [City/Harbor] is beneath this. "Busy" map, with many trees, animals, birds, mountains, streams. Area: Chesapeake Bay north to Canada, east to New Brunswick, inc. present New England, New York, New Jersey, Penn., and Virginia.

MC#49

Drawer #5

29.7 x 21.8 cm.

J. & F. Tallis, pub.

c1850

North America. "The Map Drawn & Engraved by J. Rapkin. The Illustrations by J. Marchant & Engraved by J. Rogers."

North America centered, surrounded by colored pictures: Niagara Falls, Mt. Hekla; animals, cossacks, Indians, "convoy of diamonds". True extent of the Rocky Mts. not known -- shows 1 great ridge from Alaska to Panama. Major political divisions shown by (pastel) colors. Texas is shown as part of the United States.

Jeffreys, Thomas

1775

The western coast of Louisiana and the coast of New Leon.
By Tho^s Jeffreys Geographer to His Majesty. London, printed
for Rob^t Sayer ... 1775.

New Kingdom of Leon = Texas. The map shows the coast, with
rivers coming from the interior: "Vast plains which are a
continual savanna intermix'd with Woods and full of Wild Beeves,
They are inhabited by the Canokosses, Caouaches, Quelamelou-
eches, Teaos and several other Tribes of wandering Indians."
Across bottom: Longitude West from London. Across top:
Longitude West from Ferro. Deep ivory color with black ink.

Maps of the United States

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| MC#101 | Bin #12 | 40.8 x 46 cm. |
| Buell, Abel | | 1783-84 |
| <p>A New and correct Map of the United States of North America Laid down from the latest observations and best authorities, agreeable to the Peace of 1783...</p> <p>0° Longitude = Philadelphia.</p> <p>Title cartouche has a "Betsy Ross" flag at the top, with angel, cherub, sun, etc., stylized border and greenery across the bottom. The states' western borders go straight across to the Mississippi River. Present Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota are shown as U.S. territory, but are not named. This area and the Canadian lands to the north carry Indian tribal designations. Across the mid-west there are descriptive passages such as "level, rich land, good water, fine timber, rich meadows."</p> <p>The margins of the map are poor, but the rest is well-framed and preserved. This is the first map engraved and published by an American <u>in</u> America.</p> | | |
| MC#109 | Bin #12 | 45.7 x 50 cm. |
| Bowles, Carrington | | 1784 |
| <p>Bowles's New Pocket Map of the United States of America; the British Possessions of Canada, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland with the French and Spanish Territories of Louisiana and Florida ... 1783. London.</p> <p>The area shown is basically that east of the Mississippi River -- "XIII United States" and "Reserved Country" belonging to the U.S., Canada and the fishing banks off the Atlantic Coast. The title cartouche has ladies on either side in bright gowns. Spelling of place names is phonetic and unusual. Indian tribal areas are marked, as are major physical features.</p> <p>The map is quite brown from having been mounted on wood.</p> <p>0° Longitude = London.</p> | | |
| MC#4 | Drawer #6 | 18.6 x 22.2 cm. |
| I. Makin.(?) (Plate XXVIII) | | 1812 |
| <p>States of America, from the best Authorities.</p> <p>Poor condition -- spotted/stained.</p> <p>Georgia extends west to the Mississippi. Maine shown as "Dist of Main". Northwest Territory has a few settlements, forts, Indian tribal areas located. The existing states are shown in various pastel colors.</p> | | |

MC#110 Bin #11-- Framed 41 x 52 cm.
 United States & Texas. c1840
 With all the railways & canals.

0° Longitude = Greenwich. Arkansa Territory goes west to 100° L., Republic of Texas north to the Red River and west to about 101° -- with an irregular border. "Great Desert" and "Missouri Territory" occupy the whole Great Plains area. The National Road is shown from Cumberland, Md., west to the Mississippi. Lat. 46° should read 44°. Wisconsin and Minnesota are "Nth W^t Territory". Brownish; borders outlined in pale colors.

MC#108 Bin #11 -- Framed 37.5 x 65 cm.
 Colton, J.H., pub. 1855?

The United States of America.

Two sheets marked N° 10 and N° 11, joined at the center. Quite brown as a result of having been mounted on wood. "Kansas" still includes much of Colorado. Utah includes Nevada, present Utah, and western Colorado; New Mexico includes Arizona. The whole northwest is split among Nebraska, Oregon, and Washington. Routes of various explorers are marked in the west.

0° Longitude centered on Washington, D.C.

MC#41, -#48 Drawer #4 - L 36.4 x 29 cm.
 36.7 x 29 cm.

Desilver, Charles 1856

A new map of Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico, and Indian Territories. Published by Charles Desilver, Philadelphia.

Maps are essentially duplicates; the engraved borders are different. Featured areas are colored. Nebraska goes north to the 49th parallel, adjoining Minnesota. Kansas stretches west to 38°, inc. Pike's Peak and a great deal of Colorado. There is considerable detail in what is now Utah and Wyoming. "New Mexico" includes Arizona. #41 lacks the left margin.

MC#85 Drawer #8 30.6 x 39 cm.

H.D. Rogers & A. Keith Johnston 1857

Territory of Kansas and Indian Territory [Oklahoma]. By Prof. H.D. Rogers & A. Keith Johnston, F.R.S.E. Engraved by W. & A.K. Johnston, Edinburgh.

Kansas, here, includes a large part of Colorado. For the first time, Indian Territory [now Oklahoma] has a western panhandle. Proposed railway routes to the Pacific are shown. Map is taken from an Atlas of the U.S. and is no. 12. Physical features are shown, with notes about the area. Paper is yellowed and the territories' boundaries are outlined in color.

- MC#42 Drawer #4-L 31 x 39 cm.
H.D. Rogers & A. Keith Johnston 1857
Pub. by John Murray, London, and W. & A.K. Johnston, Edinburgh.
From: Atlas of United States &c. II.
States of Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas.

The three states have counties neatly platted, with county seats,
and major physical features. To the west: "Kansas", and Indian
Territory, with few settlements, Indian tribal areas are
identified.
- MC#31 Drawer #7 41 x 61.6 cm.
J.H. Colton
Colton's new map of the State of Texas, compiled from J.
De Cordova's large map.

The map is currently in two pieces. Lower Rio Grande Valley
goes through the decorative border. Across the bottom: "Longitude
[calculated] west of Washington"; across top: west from Greenwich.
There are inset maps of Galveston Bay, Sabine Lake, and the Pan-
handle. Counties are pictured as they then existed -- i.e., none
west of [Del Rio] on the south, Runnels, Taylor, Jones, etc.
Counties in west-central area. Roads and trails are shown, as
well as railroads and towns. Western part quite blank!
- MC#55 Drawer #4-L 31 x 38.2 cm.
Walker, J.&C. Sculp. 1868(?)
Edward Stanford, Pub., under the Superintendence of the
Society for Diffusion of Useful Knowledge.
North America, Sheet XV. Utah, New Mexico, Texas, California,
&c. and the northern states of Mexico ...

State boundaries outlined by hand (?). A note in northern
Nevada states that the rivers "have no outlet to the sea", and
another that the Great Basin is "between 4000 & 5000 feet above
the sea". State/territory boundaries date the map after 1866
when Arizona acquired its southern tip; Arizona became a sepa-
rate territory in 1863.
Map is stained on the right margin.
- MC#102 Bin #10 -- Framed 79 x 120.7 cm.
Hammond, C.S. & Co. 20th century
Hammond's Continental Map of the United States.

Large framed wall map, quite stained from the material on which
it is mounted. There are inset maps of major metropolitan areas
and ports across the top and on the sides.

Map of South America

✓ MC#105

Work-room Wall

54 x 87 cm.

Sanson - Jaillot

1696.

l'Amérique méridionale divisée en ses principales parties
scavoir La Terre Ferme, Le Péru, Le Chili, Le Brésil, Le Para-
guay, La Terre et les Isles Magellaniques ... par le S^r Sanson ...
Presenté à Monsiegnur le Dauphin par ... Hubert Jaillot.

Elaborate title cartouche in the lower left corner -- birds and
fruits below, "natives" above; the whole brightly colored. It
is flanked by a similar map scale cartouche at lower right. The
latter has a crowned figure in a hammock across its top. Map is
browned as a result of having been mounted on plywood.
The continent has the outline approximately as known today.
0° Longitude goes up toward the Canary Islands, as was common
at this time.

Maps of the Pacific Ocean

C#92 Spec. Coll. Reading Room 78.5 x 140 cm.

Chatelain-Guedeville 1719

Carte très curieuse de la Mer du Sud, contenant des remarques nouvelles et très utiles non seulement sur les ports et îles de cette mer, mais aussy sur les principaux Pays de l'Amérique, tant Septentrionale que Meridionale, Avec les Noms & la Route des Voyageurs ...

See: Tooley, California as an Island, #80.

Little round pictures of the 9 voyageurs, with identification, at top center. The whole is very colorful. There are many colored pictures across the bottom (interrupted by Cape Horn, Chile, and Argentina!). At top left, a large scene with beavers making a dam, and Niagara Falls in the background. The Solomon Islands appear in mid-Pacific, with Guadalcanal very large. Various early voyages of discovery are traced across the ocean -- Magellan's in 1520 being the earliest, that of Guillaume Schouten and Jacob le Maire in 1616 important for their discovery of many islands.

MC#36 Drawer #3 57 x 93 cm.

And. and Henry de Leth 1740

Carte nouvelle de la Mer du Sud, dressée par ordres des principaux Directeurs, et tirée des Mémoires les plus recens ...

See: Tooley, California as an Island, #94.

Large map, with the Americas to the right of center -- regions in contrasting pastel colors. California is shown as an island. The coast of Asia shows at the left, and major islands extend southward. In the lower right corner, in an elaborate cartouche, there is a bright scene -- the Cape of Good Hope with wild animals likely to be encountered there. The coasts of Europe and Africa occupy the far right side. There are several framed insets of ports included; title information is given in three languages. 0° Longitude passes through l'Isle de Fer in the Canaries.

