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On the Map: The Function, Use, and Preservation of Maps in Archives

Editor's Note

There are a multitude of different types of maps stored in archives all over the world. The most common types of maps include political, physical, topographical, climate, economic, road, and thematic. With so much information included on a single map, patrons utilize them in various ways.

This issue of *Primary Source* focuses on those types of maps. What innovative ways have various archives used to encourage researchers to make use of maps? Is collecting maps become an important part of an institutions collection policy? If so, how and why?

The articles in this volume show how various repositories are handling maps within their collections and providing the utmost access to them for patrons. They also reveal how maps can be analyzed to discover societal implications.

These articles will hopefully help your institution decide how to best handle its map collection and how they can be utilized to further the mission of your repository.

Thank you,

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