

**California State University, Northridge (CSUN)
Oviatt Library Map Collection**



Title: *Historical Road Map Collection*

Dates (Inclusive): 1937-2007

Dates (Bulk): 1950s-1990s

Collection Number: MC/01

Creator/Collector: California State University, Northridge (CSUN). Geography Department

Extent: 14 linear feet (14 boxes); approximately 3,800 items

Repository: California State University, Northridge. Oviatt Library Map Collection, Northridge (CSUN), CA 91330

Abstract: The *Historical Road Map Collection* contains a variety of historical road maps, tourist maps, and highway maps from cities, states, and geographic regions throughout the world. The collection contains more than 3,800 road maps ranging from 1937-2007, with the bulk of the collection dating from the 1950s-1990s. Historical road maps from the United States detail the pre-Interstate system of automobile and travel networks, while often including interesting illustrative details of early tourist boosterism. Most of the maps were produced by private companies, like Chevron, Esso, Rand McNally, or AAA, as well as by various governmental agencies, with the goal of promoting travel and tourism.

Language of Materials: English, Russian, Spanish, French, German, Dutch, other.

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Access

The collection is available for research. Viewing hours may be limited. Please contact the repository for publication information.

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Arrangement of Materials

Materials are arranged geographically by region and sub-region.

Scope & Content of Collection

The *Historical Road Map Collection* was collected over time to support research in the Oviatt Library Map Collection. Most geographic regions are represented in the collection, including road maps from North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and Oceania. The collection emphasizes road and tourist maps from North America, particularly the cities and towns of the Western United States and California. Many of the maps from North America are folded to approximately 23 x 10 cm (gas station road map style) and generally include panel titles, indexes, and smaller insets. Some international road maps are folded in pamphlets or booklets. Scales and color vary.

Subject and Indexing Terms

American Automobile Association
Chevron Corporation
Shell International Petroleum Company
Michelin Tire Corporation
Pneu Michelin (Firm)
Texaco, Inc.
Roads – [Continent] – Maps
Roads – [Country] – Maps
Roads

Genre/Form of Materials

Road maps
Tourist maps
World maps

Box 1 (1937-2005)

Physical Description: 225 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps

United States (Regions):

- Continental United States (1965-2004)
- Central United States (1963-2005)
- Central and Western United States (1937-1984)
- Eastern United States (196?-1973)
- New England (1959-1969)
- North Central United States (1959-1969)
- Northeastern United States (1951-1999)
- Northwestern United States (1958-1969)
- Pacific Coast (1960-1963)
- Southeastern United States (1962-2003)
- Southwest United States (1957-2002)
- Western United States (1957-2005)

Box 2 (195?-2005)

Physical Description: 302 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps

- Western United States, contd. (1957-2005)

States, alphabetical (non-CA):

- Alabama (195?-1999)
- Alaska (1961-1980)
- Arizona (1961-2003)
- Arkansas (1964-1981)
- Colorado (1958-2005)
- Connecticut (1963-2000)
- Delaware (1966-2003)
- Florida (1958-1998)

Box 3 (1955-2006)

Physical Description: 321 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps, tourist maps

- Florida, contd. (1958-1998)

- Georgia (1962-1981)
- Hawaii (1960-1995)
- Idaho (1955-2000)
- Illinois (1959-2001)
- Indiana (1959-1996)
- Iowa (1960-1983)
- Kansas (1962-1998)
- Kentucky (1958-2006)
- Louisiana (1961-1998)
- Maine (1964-1992)

Box 4 (1947-2003)

Physical Description: 284 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps

- Maryland (1951-1999)
- Massachusetts (1961-1999)
- Michigan (1961-1999)
- Minnesota (1959-1999)
- Mississippi (1962-1990)
- Missouri (1947-1999)
- Montana (1962-1992)
- Nebraska (1961-1989)
- Nevada (1951-1996)
- New Hampshire (1963-1981)
- New Jersey (1959-2003)

Box 5 (1957-2005)

Physical Description: 301 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps

- New Mexico (1959-2000)
- New York/New York City (1957-2002)
- North Carolina (1977-1980)
- North Dakota (1964-1981)
- Ohio (196?-2005)
- Oklahoma (1958-1997)
- Oregon (1958-1997)

Box 6 (1951-2005)

Physical Description: 309 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps

- Oregon, contd. (1958-1997)
- Pennsylvania (196?-2001)
- Rhode Island (1960-1981)
- South Carolina (1963-1987)
- South Dakota (1965-1981)
- Tennessee (1960-1998)
- Texas (1960-2005)
- Utah (1962-2003)
- Vermont (1964-1985)
- Virginia (1960-1990)
- Washington (1951-200?)

Box 7 (1948-2007)

Physical Description: 298 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps

- Washington, contd. (1951-200?)
- Washington, D.C. (196?-1993)
- West Virginia (1962-1980)
- Wisconsin (1959-198?)
- Wyoming (1957-1990)

California (Regions):

- California (1948-2007)
- Central California (1957-1998)
- Northern California (1957-2002)

Box 8 (1951-2002)

Physical Description: 331 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps

- Southern California (196?-1986)
- California Bay Area (1961-1989)

California cities, alphabetical:

- California, A-B (1964-1990)
- California, C-D (1964-2002)
- California, E-F (1960-1998)
- California, G-H (1968-1992)
- California, I-K (1957-1993)
- California, L (1957-2000)
- California, Long Beach (1959-1973)
- California, Los Angeles (1951-2000)

Box 9 (1941-2005)

Physical Description: 299 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps

- California, Los Angeles, contd. (1951-2000)
- California, M (1960-2005)
- California, N (196?-2000)
- California, O-P (1947-2002)
- California, Q-R (1957-1996)
- California, S (1941-1999)

Box 10 (1941-2002)

Physical Description: 308 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps

- California, S contd. (1941-1999)
- California, San Fernando Valley (1962-2002)
- California, San Francisco (1950-1995)

Box 11 (1941-1999)

Physical Description: 297 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps

- California, S contd. (1941-1999)
- California, T (1957-1997)
- California, U-V (1951-1999)
- California, W-Z (1968-1997)

Box 12 (1948-19??)

Physical Description: 279 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps; world maps

Americas:

- Canada (1953-1977)
- Latin America (1956-1995)

World:

- World (19??)

Europe:

- Europe (1965-1976)
- Austria (1978)
- Belgium (1948-19??)
- Czech Republic (1959-196?)
- Denmark (1951-196?)
- England (1949-????)

Box 13 (194?-19??)

Physical Description: 174 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps

- England, contd. (1949-????)
- France (196?-1982)
- Germany (195?-19??)
- Great Britain (1964-19??)
- Netherlands (1949-1987)
- Norway (1952-1957)
- Poland (197?-????)
- Romania (1948)
- Scandinavia (1966-197?)
- Scotland (1961-1975)
- Spain/Portugal (194? -196?)
- Sweden (195?-1984)
- Switzerland (196?-1980)
- USSR/Russia (194?-1993)

Box 14 (19??-19??)

Physical Description: 82 items (approx.)

Subjects & Genres: Road maps; tourist maps

- Yugoslavia (19??-196?)

- Middle East (19??-19??)
- Asia (195?-1990)
- Africa (19??-1979)
- Australia/Oceania (19??-19??)