
Historical Road Map Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Historical Road Map Collection

Dates: 1937-2007 (Bulk 1950s-1990s)

Collection Number: MC/01

Creator/Collector: California State University, Northridge. Oviatt Map Collection

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

Repository: California State University, Northridge. Oviatt Library Map Collection
Northridge, California 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 Material: English

Access

Collections are open for research. Viewing hours may be limited.

Publication Rights

Please contact the repository for publication information.

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Scope and Content of Collection

The Historical Road Map Collection was developed over time by the CSU Northridge Geography Department to support research on campus. 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.

Indexing Terms

Roads -- [Country] -- Maps

Roads -- [Continent] -- Maps

Roads

American Automobile Association

Chevron Corporation

Shell International Petroleum Company

Texaco, Inc.

Pneu Michelin (Firm)

North America

South America

Europe

Asia

Africa

Oceania

California

Los Angeles (Calif.) -- Maps

San Fernando Valley (Calif.) -- Maps

Road maps

Tourist maps

World maps

