Mapping the World: Maps and Travel Literature

Archive Overview

Spotlighting a distinguished array of historic atlases, gazetteers, travel narratives and a variety of maps, the Nineteenth Century Collections Online: Mapping the World: Maps and Travel Literature archive presents unique insight into the age of cartography and the rise of leisure travel. The materials focus on travel and exploration during the nineteenth century, including a myriad of sketch maps created during colonial exploration and expansion.

Maps, historic atlases, and gazetteers offer unique city, town, and country information first used by the nineteenth century traveler, providing a window into the Age of Imperialism and the burgeoning middle classes. Featuring a multitude of both European and non-European travel narratives, the collection offers a glimpse not only of the lands and peoples these travelers encountered, but also valuable insight into how the Industrial Revolution changed people's experiences in their ever-shrinking world.

Key benefits include:

- Supports studies on the evolution of transportation and travel
- Includes cartographic materials representing Europe, Asia, the Americas, and Polar Regions
- Spans multiple disciplines, providing insight to societal values, interests, Colonialism, and exploration

Sample items include:

- Maps, charts, and travel narrative manuscripts from the British Library's India Office Records
- Admiralty Charts
- European, Asian and African rail/canal routes
- Product, trade and mineral resource maps
- The U.K. National Archives War Office
- The British Library's Ministry of Defense Maps and Charts
- Historic gazetteers and nineteenth century handbooks for travelers

QUICK FACTS

- Languages: English, Catalan, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Scottish Gaelic, Spanish, Swiss, Russian
- Maps, journals, atlases
- Recommended for academic institutions with programs in history and cartography

Nineteenth Century Collections Online provides full-text, fully searchable content from a wide range of primary sources. These archives support diverse academic disciplines of study, offering exciting, new research opportunities for one of the most studied historical periods.
About Gale Digital Collections

Gale has changed the nature of research and learning with Gale Digital Collections. We’ve opened a wealth of rare, formerly inaccessible historical content from the world’s most prestigious libraries to faculty, researchers, and students. Our longstanding commitment is to provide libraries of all sizes with the most accurate, authoritative material on the market today.

Nineteenth Century Collections Online: Mapping the World: Maps and Travel Literature is available on Gale’s cutting-edge research platform. It was developed using our flexible Agile approach, incorporating user testing and feedback throughout development to ensure that we provide the features that scholars require for research in the digital age.

Tools and features include:

- **TEXTUAL ANALYSIS TOOLS** — Identifies and visualizes patterns, trends, and relationships to explore content in new ways, then offers export of underlying data and text for further analysis
- **SUBJECT INDEXING** — Makes content accessible and exposes key data elements
- **ZOTERO COMPATIBLE** — Optimizes content for Zotero to collect, cite, and organize sources
- **USER-GENERATED TAGS AND ANNOTATIONS** — Allows users to create and add their own metadata
- **USER ACCOUNTS** — Enables users to save and edit tags and annotations
- **IMAGE VIEWER** — Zooms, highlights, rotates, reverses (negative image) and views pages in full-screen mode

Advisory Board

**Nineteenth Century Collections Online** has been crafted with the expert guidance of an international advisory board in order to ensure the program fulfills the needs of students, professors, and researchers.

The **Nineteenth Century Collections Online: Mapping the World: Maps and Travel Literature** archive is curated by Jordana Dym, Associate Professor of History at Skidmore College.

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