

From a modest beginning in 1800 with the purchase of three maps and an atlas from a London bookseller, the Library of Congress today houses the largest and most comprehensive cartographic collection in the world. Collecting in all geographic areas, time periods and cartographic formats, the Geography and Map Division's holdings number over five million maps, atlases, microforms, globes, models and spatial data sets. It is the nation's major center for the preservation and study of cartography.

The Geography and Map Division's collections document the development and history of mapmaking worldwide and include original cartographic materials dating from 14th century portolan charts to modern computer-generated maps produced from satellite imagery.

An experienced staff of reference librarians, catalogers, specialists, cartographers and technicians acquire and preserve cartographic materials, develop national and international cataloging standards and make the Library's resources available to researchers around the world. An active scanning program is making many of the Division's historical maps available through the Library's acclaimed "American Memory" web-site (found at [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)). Most recently, the Division has undertaken the production of maps in direct support of the work of Congress.



Nicholas Scull. *A Map of Philadelphia and Parts Adjacent*. [Philadelphia : 1752]

The Philip Lee Phillips Society was established in 1995 as an association of map enthusiasts, collectors and producers as well as geographers, cartographers and historians with a shared interest in supporting and promoting the programs and activities of the Geography and Map Division.

The Society's mission is to:

- Help the Division and its staff develop and preserve the cartographic collections of the Library of Congress
- Encourage financial donations, gifts and bequests
- Make the Division's vast resources more widely known and available
- Advance the Division's publication, symposia and exhibition programs

### PHILIP LEE PHILLIPS (1857-1924)

The Society is named in honor of Philip Lee Phillips, the Library's first Superintendent of Maps. Appointed in 1897, Phillips devoted over thirty years to the development of the Library's map and atlas collection. Phillips was also an innovator in the preparation and publication of bibliographic tools for describing the Library's collections. Most of these publications are still in use today, one hundred years later.

James Wilson. *A New American Terrestrial Globe...* Albany : 1819. This and its matching 13-inch celestial pair were the first cartographic pieces acquired by the Phillips Society.



### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Publications such as the *Library of Congress Geography and Maps: An Illustrated Guide*, map facsimiles and the Society's *Occasional Paper Series*
- The Society's *Newsletter* describing the Division's collection development, exhibition and publication activities
- Behind the scenes tours of the Geography and Map Division, including its outstanding rare materials collection



Rand McNally. *Washington, D.C. and Metropolitan Area, Sunoco Road Map*. Chicago : 1950. This is one of 16,000 maps from the Peterson Road Map Collection.

- Workshops that provide opportunities for learning from specialists in map preservation, map cataloging, cartographic research and scanning operations
- Invitations to exhibition openings, lecture series and symposia sponsored and hosted by the Geography and Map Division
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- Interactions with other map enthusiasts

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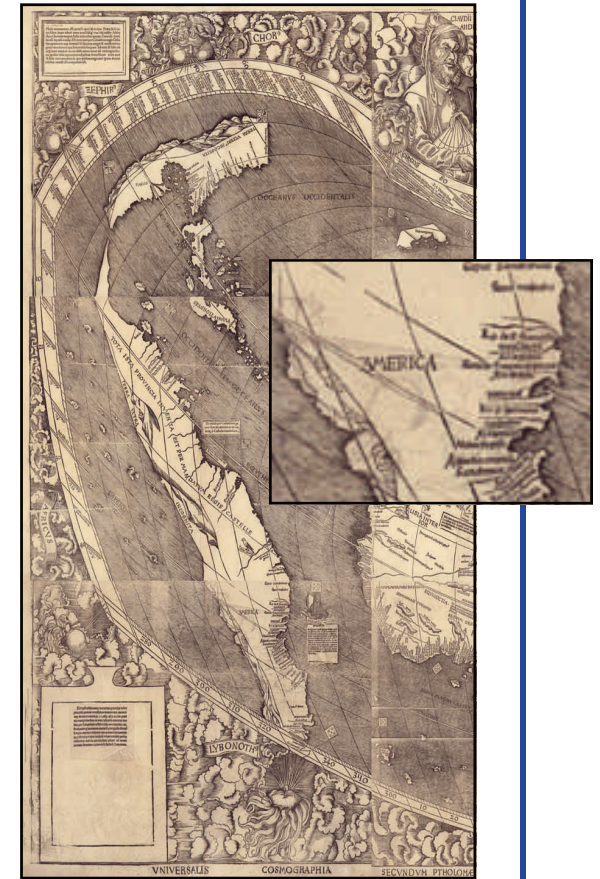
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Martin Waldseemüller. *Universalis Cosmographia Secundum Ptholomaei Traditionem St. Dié* : 1507. Illustrated is the western portion of the map. Known in only one copy, it is the first map to name America and the first to define a separate American hemisphere.

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