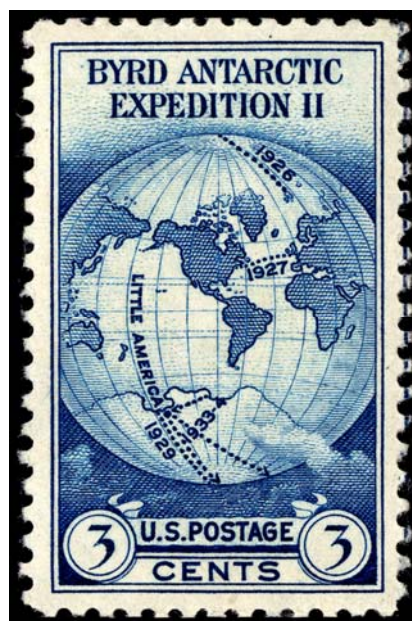

ALLAN LEE'S COLLECTION OF "MAPS ON STAMPS"

FINDING GUIDE



The World on Van der Grinten's Projection

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COLLECTION SCOPE & CONTENT

This is a specialized collection of *Maps on Stamps*. It consists of twenty-six albums organized into categories and mounted under subtopics: (1) The World Minutely Mapped, (2) Elements of a Map, (3) Geographical Areas, (4) Nations, (5) Islands and Archipelagos, (6) Genesis of the United States, (7) Routes, (8) Ancient Maps and Plans, (9) Political and Territorial Disputes, (10) Errors and Varieties, (11) Miscellanea, (12) Souvenir Sheets, (13) Unusual Stamps, (14) Omnibus Issues, (15) Marginal Map Stamps, and (16) Collateral Material.

HISTORY

From childhood, Allan Lee, the donor of this collection, was obsessed with a curiosity and interest in the geography and history of the world. During service overseas in World War II, as an officer in the Corps of Engineers, he chanced upon Walter Klinefelter's series of articles published under the title, "*The World in One's Vestpocket.*" As an engineer, it was only natural that the subject, maps on stamps, should fascinate him. While he was determined to collect every type of stamp showing a map, it was impractical to start such a massive project until the war ended and he returned to the United States.

One of the things he learned during the interrogation of an Italian intelligence agent was that a postal service by relay cycles had been established in the "Italian Socialist Republic." This unusual method of delivering mail had been occasioned by the great success of Allied bombing, which disrupted railways and highways. Upon returning from his next mission, the agent thoughtfully brought some of the stamps being used behind the German lines which showed a map of northern Italy. Thus the collection started with this stamp.



The stamp that started Allan Lee's "Maps on Stamps" collection

By the end of 1976 every type of map stamp cataloged by Scott, Minkus and Stanley Gibbons had been acquired. Related designs also had been added and for greater clarity, only mint issues were included. The format for mounting the collection was inspired by the scheme employed in "*The World Minutely Mapped,*" which was published by Walter Klinefelter in 1952 and listed in detail in the bibliography. The first four albums consist of pages from Klinefelter's book reproduced to fit on the album page with Lee's stamps mounted directly on the page (see illustration below).

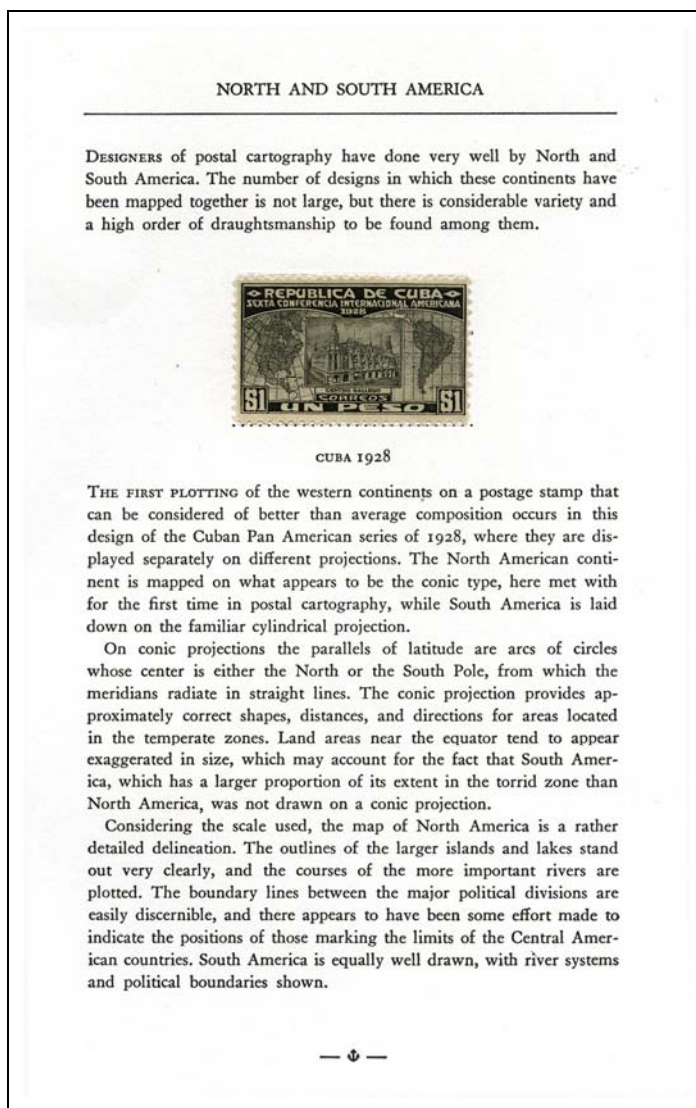
NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

There are twenty-six albums containing stamps, covers, postal cards and souvenir sheets with maps depicted from different countries.

CONTAINER INVENTORY

Album 1 – 53 pages with one stamp, a Foreword, an Introductory Explanation of each subject and a List of Contents of the remaining 25 volumes

Album 2 – 54 pages of *The World Minutely Mapped* – different types of projections, the oceans, the Western Hemisphere and North and Central America



The pages of the first four albums of this collection are actually Walter Klinefelter's 1952 book *The World Minutely Mapped - An Atlas on Postal Paper* which has maps by various hands and text reproduced by Bryon Weston Company of Dalton Massachusetts. To assure its uniqueness, the printing of the albums was limited to a single copy. Contributing further to its uniqueness and value, Mr. Lee mounted the appropriate stamps in mint condition on each page.

Album 3 – 51 pages of *The World Minutely Mapped* – South America, Antarctica and the Caribbean Islands

Album 4 – 55 pages of *The World Minutely Mapped* – the Eastern Hemisphere, Europe, the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Asia

Album 5 – 56 pages of *The World Minutely Mapped* – Africa, Western Asia and the Pacific Islands



Flemish Cartographer Gerardus Mercator



Europe Sectional Map and Compass Rose

Album 6 – 39 pages of *The Elements of a Map* – map projections, grids, scale, relief, compass roses and symbols



Portolanos were charts made by and for seamen during the Middle Ages using rhumb lines.

Album 7 - 67 pages of *Geographical Areas* - the World, Asia, Americas, Africa, Europe, Polar Regions and Water Areas

Album 8 - 59 pages of *Nations* - countries listed alphabetically starting with Afars and Issas to Ethiopia

Album 9 - 60 pages of *Nations* - countries listed alphabetically from Finland to Romania

Album 10 - 44 pages of *Nations* - countries listed alphabetically from Russia to Zambia and 21 pages of Islands and Archipelagos listed alphabetically from Aegean Islands to British Virgin Islands

Album 11 - 62 pages of *Islands and Archipelagos* - alphabetically from Castellorizo to Martinique



Tonga



Falkland Islands

Album 12 – 61 pages of Islands and Archipelagos – alphabetically from Mauritius to Zanzibar

Album 13 – 31 pages of the Genesis of the United States – including Jamestown, Louisiana Purchase and various states, and 29 pages of Routes – including tunnels, flight routes, highways and shipping lanes listed alphabetically by country from Albania to Czechoslovakia



U.S.S.R. – The Moscon-Volga Canal



Turkey – The Dardanelles

Album 14 – 59 pages of Routes – including flight routes, power line routes, military routes, caravan routes and shipping lanes listed alphabetically by country from Ecuador to Monaco

Album 15 – 61 pages of Routes – including flight routes, power line routes, military routes, caravan routes and shipping lanes listed alphabetically by country from Monaco to Zambia

Album 16 – 59 pages of Ancient Maps and Plans – as drawn by English, Spanish and Portuguese explorers listed alphabetically by country from Aitutaki to Luxembourg



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Album 18 - 59 pages of Miscellanea - *Graf Zeppelin's* map stamps, weather map stamps, overprints, surcharges and battle maps

Album 19 - 55 pages of Errors and Varieties - listed alphabetically by country from Argentina to the United States

Album 20 - 41 pages of Political and Territorial Disputes - listed alphabetically by country from British and Argentine Claims to the Vietnamese Civil War and 25 pages of Souvenir Sheets - listed alphabetically by country from Anguilla to the Dominican Republic

Album 21 - 63 pages of Souvenir Sheets - listed alphabetically by country from Egypt to Zambia

Album 22 - 66 pages of Unusual Stamps- stylized designs and stamps that require more than one stamp to project a map, listed alphabetically from Austria to the United Arab Republic

Album 23 - 53 pages of Omnibus Issues - stamps issued identically or similarly designed stamps by several countries commemorating some occasions of mutual interest including UPU issues, Commissions, Banks, Tourism

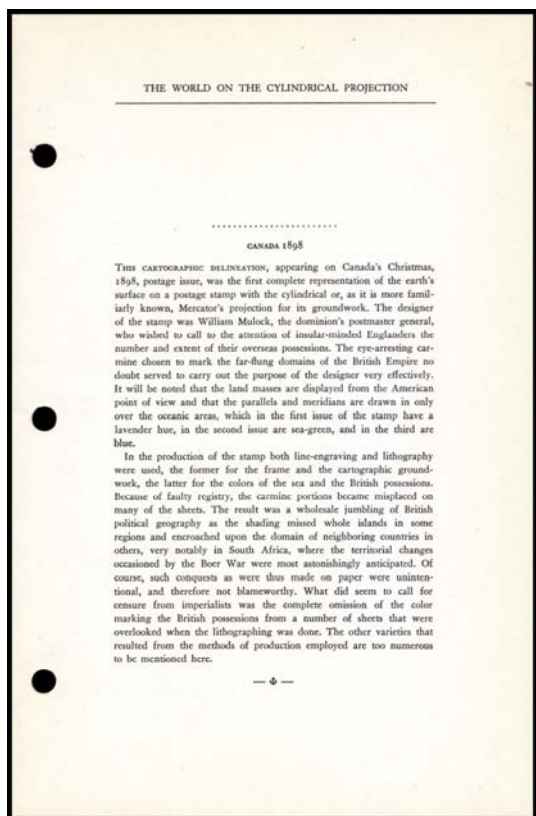
Album 24 - 56 pages of Marginal Map Stamps - maps of inferior design as categorized by Mr. Lee

Album 25 - 68 pages of Collateral Material - Essays listed alphabetically by country from Algeria to Viet Nam; Locals from Biafra to Shuna; Semi-Officials from Anti-Bolshevik Corps to London

Album 26 - 75 pages of Collateral Material - Revenues listed alphabetically by country and type from Argentina to World Telecommunication Conferences; Labels from Aosta to Wayzata; Phantasies from Clipperton Island to Vichy France

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This is a page from Klinefelter's book. The book is designed to be an album with places to mount stamps above or below the description. Most pages are for only one stamp, however, there are several with places for two or more stamps.

The NPM library copy does not have any stamps mounted on its pages.

The new list below, prepared by Miklos Pinther, identifies the Scott Number for each stamp.

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