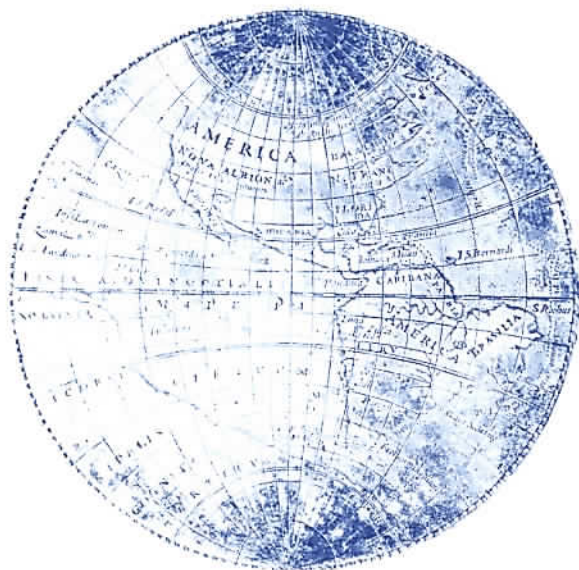


Society for the History of Discoveries



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COVER DESIGN

The western hemisphere of the Drake Silver Map or Silver Medal is reproduced on the cover of this program. This 68-millimeter medallion, which commemorates Sir Francis Drake's 1577-1580 circumnavigation of the world, is one of only nine known copies of the Drake Silver Map. It is the only extant copy with a cartouche that identifies the engraver Michael Mercator (grandson of Gerardus Mercator) and the date of engraving, 1589.

The map is of considerable cartographic importance. It depicts not only the newly established colony of "Virginea," but also the Drake discoveries in Upper California. It is the second published map to include these features, apparently only preceded by the map inserted in the Hakluyt edition of Peter Martyr's *Decades* (1587).

The medallion is part of the rich Sir Francis Drake collection presented to the Library of Congress in 1980 by Hans P. and Hanni Kraus.

Program

Thursday, November 14, 1985

6:00-8:00 p.m. Registration and reception. Host, National Geographic Society in the Society's Explorers Hall.

Friday, November 15, 1985

9:00-10:00 a.m. Registration, National Geographic Society auditorium.

9:30-12:00

Session I

Chair: David Buisseret

Clinton R. Edwards

The Discoveries of Mexico and the Meaning of Discovery

Thomas D. Goodrich

Ottoman News and Vistos of Early Discoveries

Roger Schlesinger

André Thevet's North America: Some Examples of the Dissemination of Geographical Lore in 16th Century France

Vincent Ponko, Jr.

An Audit of Historical Writing about the U.S. Navy and Exploration in the Post Civil War Period: The Record During the First 25 Years of the Society for the History of Discoveries

Sanford H. Bederman

Rogue-Gin-and-Whiskey: Polish Exploration in the Cameroons, 1883-1885

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Lunch in local restaurants.

2:00-4:30 p.m.

Session II

Chair: Louis DeVorse

Bernard G. Hoffman

Portolan Simulation and the Early Discovery of Ungava Bay and Baffin Island

Oliver C. Dunn and James E. Kelley, Jr.

Columbus' Diario Still Has Something to Say

Robert H. Power

Columbus' Royal Flush of Islands Visited on his Route to Cuba

Robert H. Fuson
Cape Francis, a 16th Century Name Returns to the Map

Stephen D. Glazier
To Have But Not to Hold: Trinidad, 1498-1592

- 5:30-7:00 p.m. Reception and reviewing of exhibit "Surveyors of the Pacific: Charting the Pacific Basin, 1768-1842," with curators James Flatness and Gary Fitzpatrick. Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, Geography and Map Division exhibition gallery.
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. Banquet. Buffet Dining Room, 6th floor, Madison Building. Special program on the past 25 years of the Society and some prognostications for the future. President Bruce Solnick with Tom Goldstein and John Parker.

Saturday, November 16, 1985

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Late registration.
Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, L. Quincy Mumford Room, 6th floor.

- 9:00-12:00 *Session III*
Chair: Peter Guthorn
- Ursula Lamb
The Past 25 Years of the History of Nautical Science
- Charles A. Burroughs
Reconstruction of Early Methods of Marine Surveying
- John R. Hébert
Vicente Sebastian Pintado, Surveyor General of West Florida, 1805-1817: The Man and his Maps
- Eric W. Wolf
Cartobibliographies: Whither and Why
- Jackson C. Boswell
Ben Franklin's Maps

- 12:00-2:00 p.m. Luncheon and business meeting. Buffet Dining Room, 6th floor, James Madison Building.

General Information

Exhibitions

An exhibition entitled "Surveyors of the Pacific: Charting the Pacific Basin, 1768-1842" is on display in the Geography and Map Division gallery on the basement level of the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building. The cartographic display, illustrating the growth of European knowledge of the Pacific Basin, focuses on the published results of national expeditions extending from Captain James Cook through the United States Exploring Expedition led by Lieutenant Charles Wilkes. The charts, maps and books on view are from the Library's Geography and Map Division and the Rare Book and Special Collections Division.

A complementary exhibition in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History will also be of interest to Society members. Entitled "Magnificent Voyagers: The U.S. Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842," this major display features some 700 objects and related materials drawn largely from the Charles Wilkes collection in the National Museum of Natural History.

Receptions and Meals

The opening reception and registration will be held in the National Geographic Society's Explorers Hall (17th and M Street, N.W.) from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday, November 14.

Coffee and tea will be served prior to the Friday and Saturday morning sessions and during coffee breaks.

Lunch, on Friday, November 15 (12:30-2:00 p.m.) is not included in the registration fees. Dining facilities are available in several nearby restaurants.

After the Friday afternoon session, the conference attendees are invited to the Library of Congress for a reception (5:30-7:00 p.m.) in the Geography and Map Division exhibition gallery on the basement level of the James Madison Memorial Building. During the reception, the Library's new cartographic exhibition, "Surveyors of the Pacific," may be reviewed.

Following the reception, Society members will convene in the Buffet Dining Room of the 6th Floor of the James Madison Memorial Building for the annual banquet (7:00-9:00 p.m.).

Saturday morning's paper session in the L. Quincy Mumford Room on the 6th Floor of the James Madison Memorial Building will be followed by a buffet luncheon and the annual business meeting (12:00-2:00 p.m.) in the Buffet Dining Room (6th Floor, James Madison Memorial Building).

The Society for the History of Discoveries

The Society for the History of Discoveries is an organization formed for the purpose of stimulating interest in teaching, research, and publishing the history of geographical exploration. Founded in 1960, the Society includes members from several academic disciplines, librarians, archivists, non-affiliated scholars, and laypersons with an interest in history. Fields of specialization include such related subjects as the history of European expansion, cartography, navigation, and colonial settlement.

The Society's publications program includes *Terrae Incognitae*, an annual journal of research papers and book reviews, which first appeared in 1969. Five volumes in the series, *Studies in the History of Discovery*, were published jointly with the Newberry Library from 1971 to 1976.

An occasional newsletter reports activities of members and general news of activity within the discipline. Papers are read and discussed at annual meetings which are usually held in libraries and museums.

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