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Convener's Corner

My first Convener's Corner is both a happy and a sad affair. Happy because I am delighted to be able to represent and help bring together such an interesting group of fellow professionals. Sad because of the circumstances in which I succeeded to the role, following Ann Sutherland's death last June.

Ann has been a huge part of the Map Curators' Group, and the British Cartographic Society for so long that it is difficult for many of us to imagine it without her. This special edition of *Cartographiti* is an appreciation and remembrance of Ann from her many map friends. Ann never submitted a 'curator's choice' so we have gathered together suggestions of what her favourite map might be. I am certain though that much though Ann loved maps, she liked map people even more!

Ann will be a hard act to follow as convener, although I can honestly say I have no intention of emulating her 25 years in the role. With planning our workshop in September in full flow, I am missing her drive, determination and ability to herd cats. I am also missing our regular lunches over which we would run through, again and again, the fine detail of each event.

Further sad news is that our editor Tinho has had to step back due to a serious and long term illness. I know everyone will wish Tinho a speedy recovery and thank Judith for making this special issue happen.

Paula Williams

(Assistant) Editorial Effusion

This, the first *Cartographiti* of 2019, marks our opportunity to remember Ann Sutherland and the contribution she made to the Map Curators Group since 1993, when she became its Convener. It is also the first since 1988 not produced by our editor Tinho da Cruz, as due to ill health he has had to temporarily pass the reins to me.

Judith Fox

Around the Libraries

National Library of Scotland

Recent acquisitions

Charles Ross, *A map of Stirling Shire from an actual survey* (1780).
Online at:
<https://maps.nls.uk/counties/rec/6662>. A rare surviving copy of this county map, from a private donor.

Erhan Oner & Fatma Türe, *A journey through maps from the Ottoman world to the Republic of Turkey between the 15th and the 20th centuries : the cartographic collection of Erhan Oner* (Istanbul, 2016). A set of 4 facsimile volumes focusing on maps of Turkey and

Istanbul from the 15th to the 20th century.

You are here! Travelling exhibition

Based on the Library's map exhibition in 2016-17, this touring exhibition is in development, and should be ready this summer. It challenges our acceptance of maps and poses questions about how they are made, and how we understand them.

Chris Fleet, NLS

National Library of Wales

Map Curator Gwilym Tawy, who worked at the National Library for 38 years, retired at the end of February. We wish him well and are missing him already. With Gwilym's retirement we have lost a major part of our team; in order to remedy this we hope to be able to employ a trainee Map Curator in the near future.

Carto-Cymru 2019 will be on the 31st May. This year's event is titled Humphrey Llwyd - Inventor of Britain: An appraisal of the work and influence of the father of Welsh cartography.

Our current exhibition about Humphrey Llwyd is on until the end of June, come and learn about the father of Welsh Cartography

*Huw Thomas,
NLW*

Cambridge University Library

Out of Disorder came Order!

The 24th April 2019 saw the culmination of a four-month project to move approximately

49,000 German maps from Cambridge University Library Map Department to the new Library Storage Facility at Ely.

The maps in question are from the Deutsche Grundkarte 1:5000 map series, cover parts of Germany at a very large scale and date from (roughly) 1928 to 1992-ish. ('Large scale' maps like 1:5000 represent a relatively small geographical area, but show it in great detail). They were given to Cambridge University Library in 1993 by the Ministry of Defence Map Library.

Unfortunately, lack of suitable storage space at Cambridge University Library had meant that the maps had been largely inaccessible since that time. Until, that is, the opening of the Library Storage Facility (LSF) in Ely in early 2018 with, in addition to the km of shelving, some 600 new map drawers.

Space at last! But a logistical conundrum in terms of their transfer.

- Although the maps were not individually large (mostly measuring 44 x 44 cm, covering an area on the ground of 2 km x 2 km) there were an awful lot of them.
- Although many were printed on ordinary paper, a considerable number were printed on high-quality photographic paper and so were especially heavy.
- They were not arranged in any proper order!

Read more about how we went about sorting, processing and

moving these maps in our blog post.

Anne Taylor, CUL

Bodleian Library, Oxford Exhibitions

'Talking maps', which is being co-curated with Jerry Brotton, will be the Bodleian's lead exhibition for Summer 2019. The public opening will take place on Friday 5 July with the show running right through until 8 March 2020.

To accompany the exhibition, Bodley's Librarian and the University of Oxford have designated 2019 as "The Year of the Map". The University's Development Office has sent an appeal to Oxford alumni, which in its first two months has brought in over £33,000 in gifts, as well as a number of interesting maps previously languishing in lofts across the country.

Sheldon tapestry maps

After four years on display in Blackwell Hall, the Sheldon tapestry map of Worcestershire will be taken down on 20-22 May. It will be replaced by the Oxfordshire tapestry, which is to be officially unveiled at a ceremony on 4 July.

Research

The Library has successfully bid for Leverhulme Trust funding for our 'Understanding the medieval Gough Map through Physics, Chemistry and History' project with the award of £112,242 for a three-year project, which began on 1 May.

Nick Millea, Bodleian

British Library

Personnel

Magdalena Peszko has taken up a three month period of study leave (April-June 2019), funded by the Coleridge Fellowship Trust, to do research into printed maps of the Middle East corresponding with the area of Ptolemy's Tabula Asia IV.

Digitisation projects

Digitisation of the Topographical Collection of George III (40,000 maps and views) is now complete. Images will be made available on Wikimedia Commons as an interim solution to the delayed launch of the BL's Universal Viewer.

A further tranche of 'War Office Archive' mapping of eastern and southern Africa has been digitised, covering the former Transvaal Colony. A total of 1,840 images of maps and documents are now available on the BL website and Wikimedia, and can be searched from Google My Maps.

The Library's collection of Japanese-produced maps has now been digitised in partnership with Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto. The maps will be available on the Ritsumeikan Map Warper tool, and the project will be launched at the ICA conference this July in Tokyo.

In partnership with the Turing Institute, a project called 'Living with Machines' will make use of digitised historic maps from the Library's collection.

Our application for a Pelagios Commons small grant award has

been successful. The Web Maps-T working group, led by Gethin Rees and Adi Keinan-Schoonbaert will work to enhance the ability to visualise Linked Open Data on web maps, bringing front-end javascript developers; user-experience specialists and temporal and geospatial data modellers together in a two-day hack event this summer to produce a javascript web map with time slider component (Web Maps-T) and specifications for Timeline visualisation.

We have digitised around fifty Survey of India maps for the Two Rains project based at the Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge

Cataloguing

The modern map cataloguing project has been extended for another year until 31 March 2020. Last year we processed 37,196 items and catalogued 28,189 items. Since the start of the project in early 2016 we have now added 60,579 items to the Collection.

Tom Harper, BL

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)

Annual seminar on maps

From 2019, PRONI will offer an annual seminar on maps to showcase collections in the UK and Ireland, with a special emphasis on Irish maps or the depiction of Ireland on maps. This annual seminar is named in honour of Dr D.A. Chart. Chart was the first Deputy Keeper of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

Born to an army family in India, he spent his early career at the Public Record Office of Ireland (PROI) at the Four Courts in Dublin.

In April 1922, Chart transferred to the new administration in Belfast and laid the groundwork for what became PRONI. Serving until 1948 he expanded PRONI's archives by encouraging the donation of many important collections of landed-estate records, including maps and plans – and encouraged links with map libraries across Britain and Ireland including the British Library, and Trinity College Dublin.

The first seminar - *Our place on the world map* - will be delivered by Glynn Kelso, and take place on 26 June.

Glynn Kelso, PRONI

University of Reading

The maps have moved (again). They are now on the 4th Floor of our newly refurbished Library building, with the overflow in the basement and our off-site store. Staff (currently in an adjacent building) will move back over the Summer vacation and normality will be resumed!

*Judith Fox,
University Library, Reading*

University of Manchester

The University of Manchester map collection has recently received some external funding from the Manchester Geographical Society to catalogue around 3,000 maps which the Society transferred to the Library during the 1970's. The strengths of the collection appears to be and 19th century African

series mapping; 19th and 20th century ephemera and mapping of the North of England. Several interesting manuscript maps have also surfaced.

We have been running a six week seminar series for MSc Geography students studying GIS. This has provided us with a fabulous excuse for looking at travel maps, literary cartography, map projections, exploration and rare atlases.

In December we ran a one day workshop called Mapping Manchester for Researchers. John Davies and Dr. Alexander Kent visited us to talk about Soviet maps of Manchester. Dr. Martin Dodge from the University of Manchester talked about using maps as primary sources for research (and also to promote his new book: Manchester: Mapping the City by Terry Wyke, Brian Robson and Martin Dodge!).

Donna Sherman, University of Manchester Library

MCG News

MCG Workshop 2019

The annual workshop of the MCG will take place on Wednesday 11th September 2019 at Ordnance Survey, Southampton. (9.30 for 10.00-15.30). This forms a pre-conference day to the British Cartographic Symposium. Details are still being confirmed but booking is now available.

The MCG workshop theme will be:

Map collection development: dispersal, disposal and digital transition

Confirmed speakers:

Stuart Ackland (Bodleian Library, University of Oxford); Jennifer Hillyard, (The Common Room, The North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers); David Sherren (University Library, University of Portsmouth); Craig Statham (National Library of Scotland, and Museum of the Scottish Shale Oil Industry)

The business meeting will follow the workshop (16.00-17.00).

Forum

Ann Sutherland: 1934-2018

A memorial service for Ann took place on 20th July 2018. The following is Paula William's eulogy.

Ann's library experience and interest in travel meant that she was a natural fit as a Map Librarian. She built up the University Library's map collection to support the work of various academic teams. Her facility with European languages was helpful for buying and processing foreign map series. Before Google Earth and the internet buying internationally relied on letter writing and good relationships.

It was this area of her work that set Ann apart – she was constantly in communication with people, either talking or writing. She was always interested in the people she worked with, be they colleagues, staff or students. She would ask about and remember



Map curators at Ann's memorial reception. From L-R: Diana Webster; Phil Woodhall; Paula Williams; Graham Steel; Barbara Bond; Tinho da Cruz; Ken Winch; Karen Sutherland; Anne Taylor; Ian Sutherland; Margaret Wilkes; Chris Board; Dave Watt; Ken Atherton; Chris Fleet; Andrew Cook; April Carlucci. Photo courtesy Tinho da Cruz.

details like children's names or a parent's illness, building a rapport.

In 1988 Ann was invited by Margaret Wilkes, then head of the Map Library at the National Library of Scotland to help during their move into new premises at Causewayside. While maintaining her part time role at the University

Ann helped with reader enquiries, and got to know the quirks of the regular staff. Margaret says that Ann was marvellous and revelled in the new challenge, and I know Ann was pleased to be asked, being aware of Margaret's exacting standards!

After the move, Ann and Margaret combined their irresistible forces to coordinate Edinburgh "3-day events". These wonderful map events combined days of seminars and workshops with visits to other map collections and required significant organisation, something that Ann was very

good at. She was particularly skilled at organising people!

In 1993, Ann became the 7th convener of the Map Curators' Group of the British Cartographic Society. That is convener, spelt with an e, unlike her name! In the group's newsletter, *Cartographiti*, there is a small column called "Convener's Corner". Ann wrote

her first couple of pieces as “Convenor’s corner”, before a letter appeared from a previous convener Barbara Bond, stating that it should be spelled with an ‘e’ as used by the first convener and citing the Oxford English Dictionary. Ann replied in her next column, citing the Scottish based Chamber’s dictionary that convenor could be spelt both ways, but in deference to Helen Wallis, the first convener, she would revert to the spelling with an e... And convener she remained, for 25 years!

I first met Ann in 1998 at one of the group’s workshops at Keele University. When Karen and Ian asked me to speak today, I was keen to find out more about her map time before I knew her. Colleagues have kindly shared their memories and I resorted to Cartographiti. In her very first column Ann said:

‘In these stringent times, map collections are under pressure to justify their existence. It is becoming increasingly important that we promote our wares and make our users and potential users aware of the resources in our collections and the best use that can be made of them. Communication is the key to this aim. The MCG is the means by which this can be achieved.’

Ann never stopped believing that or striving towards it.

Ann’s organisational skills again came to the fore in the MCG’s workshops and trainings held all over the UK, from Leeds to Plymouth to here in Edinburgh.

Ann would cajole a local curator into volunteering, and would mutter about who she could nobble into speaking. Latterly she also had a small team of helpers, Anne Taylor (Cambridge University Library), April Carlucci (British Library) and I, providing administrative support and remotely organising speakers and visits to map collections. The visits were always a highlight of the workshop, and Ann drew on her many connections to arrange privileged access for us to the Royal Collection at Windsor, to Boughton House, one of the homes of the Duke of Buccleuch, as well as many local archives and libraries, including York Minster, the Cadbury Archive, and the National Railway Museum.

Occasionally trips would go further afield; Ann was among a group from the Society who visited the cartographic school at Enschede in the Netherlands. They went in a minibus, driven by her great friend and ally, Chris Board. I can imagine her muttering, sotto voce, as they went along, that he had forgotten he was driving a bus and not his motorbike... They had what she described as “navigational problems” en route – they got lost!

Ann would always notice new people attending the workshops, and go out of her way to talk to them. Often, before they realised it, they would have agreed to write a report on the event for Cartographiti. Ann had a way of asking you to do things that was very difficult to refuse! Eventually though you would find yourself

doing things simply because it was Ann who asked.

Ann ran business meetings efficiently, although I was intrigued by one report which described it as “a loose but racy affair” - I don't remember any like that! In chairing seminars she could always be relied upon to keep to time. Paper signs with a countdown of 5, 3, or 1 minute would be waved with increasing vigour at the unfortunate, over-running speaker.

Ann was elected to the council of the British Cartographic Society, providing information and perspective from her own experience as a map librarian and from the wider group, helping make decisions and lead the Society forward. She frequently attended their meetings, often in London. It was typical of Ann that she turned this necessity into pleasure, meeting with friends, particularly Dave Watt and again Chris, going for dinner, and on various outings, pre-planned like military operations!

Many of the stories I have heard about Ann revolve around food and drink. Pancakes in Enschede, buck's fizz in Newcastle celebrating the publication of Alan Godfrey's millionth map, whisky on a train from Southampton with Roger Fairclough, then Map Curator at Cambridge University Library, after meetings with the Ordnance Survey, and afternoon tea in the Borders. Ann was always mindful to arrange dinner the night before an event so people arriving early didn't have

to eat on their own in a strange town.

As convener Ann also sat on the British and Irish Committee on Map Information and Cataloguing Systems (BRICMICS). On taking over as chair, Nick Millea (Bodleian Library) was warned by the outgoing chair that he would know if he was doing all right if he could keep Ann Sutherland awake!

In 2013 Ann was awarded Honorary Fellowship of the Society in recognition of her work and commitment.

As a group the map curators' needed someone who could organise them, even when it was “like herding cats”, and make them feel as though their viewpoint counted. Ann was good at this, and she easily transitioned from a professional to personal relationship, with various curators welcomed into her home, or enjoying meals with her. Ann and I met regularly for lunch for about the last ten years and our last long chat included an invitation to lunch at home, with her volunteering Ian to make us soup! She remembered birthdays, sent cards, wrote condolences and thankyou's. Presents, often handmade chocolates or good wine, and even rose plants for new homes were sent out across the UK and beyond. Genuine care and kindness underlay the sometime blunt and brisk exterior. Just the week before she died, Ann sent a card to a colleague undergoing chemotherapy, offering positive thoughts and support.

It is this that I shall miss most about Ann – the warmth and personal touch. Ann would look after people, even if you didn't know you needed looking after! If you agreed to do something for her, from write a report to finding 8 speakers for an event, Ann never pestered you about how you were doing it – she only cared that it was done. If you were struggling with it, she would offer to help, usually by more letter writing, and not take over. And she always gave credit where it was due, and thanks.

So, credit to Ann – she held together a changing and disparate group through difficult times, providing advocacy and support. And thanks – thank you for being, in the words of map people who knew you:

bossy, doughty, enthusiastic, energetic, exhausting, indefatigable, interested, organised, organising, outspoken, thoughtful, vital and, above all, for caring.

Paula Williams, NLS



Ann, 2013. Photo courtesy of David Watt

Memories of Ann

It is likely that I first met Ann when, as part of the 'intellectual outreach' of the Glasgow University postgrad Diploma in Cartography, our year had a one day visit to Edinburgh in probably the spring of 1985. Other trips included Dundee for an evening RSGS lecture I think (heaven knows what time we got back to Glasgow on the train) and going up to Aberdeen to visit Mike Wood (Student No.1) and the cartography set up there.

We took the train and I suspect being students it was Shanks' Pony to the NLS Map Room (then still in the Old Biscuit Factory in Causewayside), Bartholomew's (then still in Duncan Street and fully functioning with print machines and drawing offices) and the University of Edinburgh Map Library. We finished off on the parade ground of Edinburgh Castle. I admit that I cannot remember the actual meeting but I must have made some form of positive impression as subsequently, without fail, I received positive welcomes whenever either the BCS, CCS or indeed just personal visits involved either institution.

What struck me even then, was the singular role of strong women in map curation and leadership, with Margaret Wilkes and Diana Webster at the NLS and Ann at the UoE. This was later backed up by Helen Wallis at the BL and Betty Fathers at the Bod. I felt a bit sorry for Ken Winch at Barts but he seemed to quietly hold his own.

Ann influenced me in many ways. Firstly she reinforced what I now understand to be my subliminal attitude developed in a one parent family (my father died of heart failure when I was 3) of strong women, not only unafraid to lead but who seemed naturally to assume leadership. I got this from my mother who struck out on her own from her parents farm in the Lake District during the war doing a dairying diploma at the Midland Agricultural College and then doing day-to-day monitoring of dairies and creameries across Yorkshire and Lancashire (she gave the Associated Dairies in Leeds 14 days to correct their cleanliness or be closed, so my mother almost nipped Asda in the bud!). She then moved to Aberdeen and, as MacKenzie and Lambert, published a paper on the importance of pasteurisation in milk and became one of the first women in the field in the Ministry of Agriculture to earn more than £1000 a year. So Ann as a leader seemed natural.

Secondly, once I got to know Ann within the BCS/MCG/Liber setting she taught me the value of international cooperation and contact. Ann's connections with France and Switzerland will be alluded to elsewhere, but all across Europe she cultivated friends and colleagues which I think enriched her professional and personal life. I decided if I could do something similar it would enrich my life too and this stood me in good stead when my job became liaising with colleagues across eastern Europe. Some of those friendships have

persisted long after I left that job, indeed a Polish colleague saw me last week.

Third, before I met my future wife, Ann was my closest personal friend with whom I could share experiences good and bad, bounce ideas and occasionally be a sounding board. I suppose in that respect she was something of a mother figure although I'm sure she probably would disagree. But she was always on the end of a phone no matter what and I always looked forward to our 'weekends away'.

Lastly she taught me to listen to others, understand and appreciate their points of view especially when they varied from my own and learn how these conflicting views might positively balance and influence my own, in other words become more tolerant! Ann could on occasions, especially oddly enough at MCG meetings, possibly appear abrasive and keen to get her point across no matter what the conversation had been up till then, but I think that was because she knew she needed to get things done and in a short time and so she couldn't 'muck about'. I realised that in my dealings especially at work, on occasions tactful use of Route 1 was sometimes in the end the most productive way forward. In doing so sometimes I was not Mr Popular, but things got done.

What did she get me to do for MCG? Well she persuaded me to stand for BCS Council which I did for 18 years and when, on rare occasions, she was unable to attend Council meetings I would

be briefed on what was going on, what I might say should questions arise and what not to say and above all defend MCG when others on Council with lesser knowledge of the importance of map curation sought in any way to question or diminish our importance. In practice this meant ensuring there was always time made for MCG Workshops and that map curation was always in people's minds when considering a new initiative. When I stood down a couple of sometime Councillors privately said it was a pity I'd stood down as I was on occasion the voice of reason. I hope in a small way I was able to fulfil my brief on these occasions,

if I hadn't I'd have been told pretty damn quick once the Minutes of the meeting were circulated!

Dave Watt

Ann Sutherland : a personal memoir

Edinburgh, the eventual focal point of Ann's personal and professional life, presents the opportunity to offer a less familiar map of the city (Fig. 1) of ca 1876 - the work of E.G. Ravenstein (1834-1913) from the 'Free State of Frankfurt in the Germanic Confederation' [Frankfurt-am-Rhein]. His British naturalisation application in 1861 was supported by London colleagues in the War Office's Topographical Department and by a commercial map publisher. To use a German-born connection is also appropriate because her husband-to-be, Ian, began his first sabbatical in and around Freiburg

in Breisgau and the Schwarzwald [Black Forest] (Fig. 2); it would become, especially following marriage to Ann, a location for frequent return visits. Ian, in an email to me, wrote :

"We lived in the northern suburb of Zaehringen . . . However, one little hamlet Horben due south of Freiburg Stadt, does hold special memories. We have been there many times as it is on the route down from Schauinsland (labelled Erzkasten on the map here), a popular walk after using the Seilbahn to start. About 5 years ago Ann and I were at the wedding of the younger daughter of our good friend Waltraud Wolf, held in the charming church (the family from whom we rented an apartment and have known through 4 generations). More recently, on our last visit to Freiburg, 3 years ago, Ann and I went to Horben for a little wander . . . followed by middag essen ['Mittagessen']. It is an excellent viewpoint across the Rhein Plain to the Vogesen [Vosges] in Alsace [Elsass]. So it does hold a very special memory for me."

Ian and Ann's later walks also included the Mittenwald and Oetztal areas, and in areas of France, Switzerland and Italy. These walking holidays were reported to myself and other friends at odd times: although averse to coming into the City, Ann and other 'Edinburgh Map Ladies' (many of us know who they are!) would kindly invite me to a snack lunch/coffee/tea, as a break in my researches at the National Library or elsewhere, to catch up on BCS and MCG news

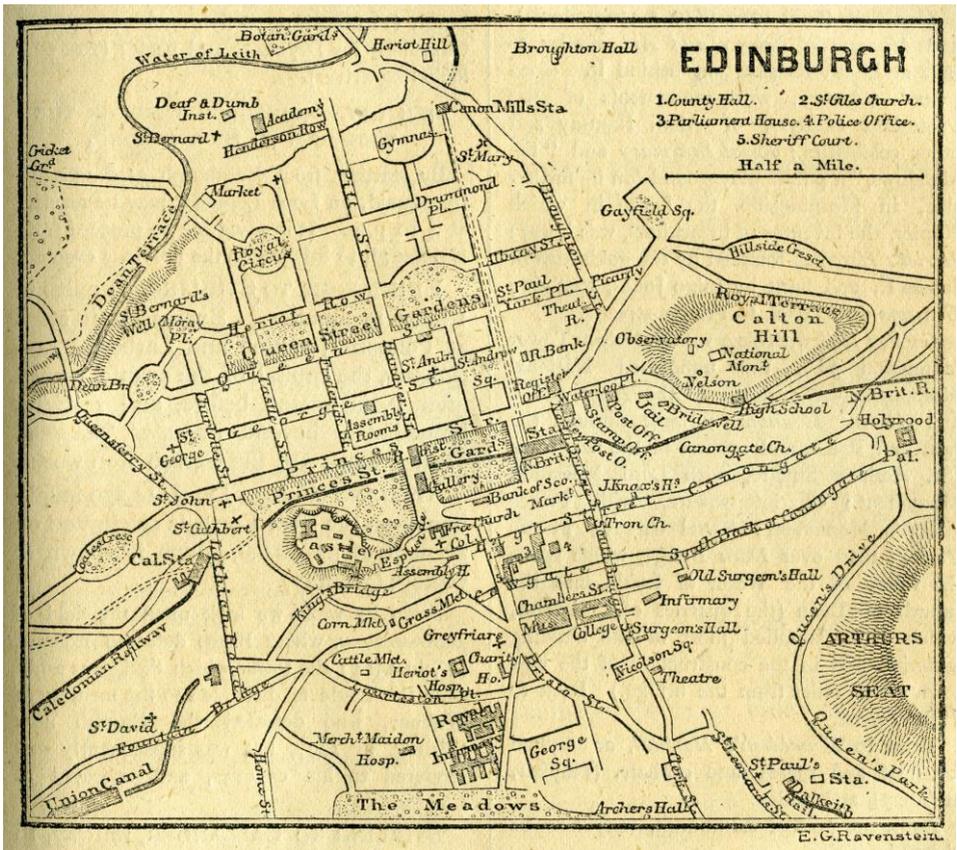


Fig. 1: 'Edinburgh' by E. G. Ravenstein. The 'College' shown on the western side of South Bridge Street forms part of today's Edinburgh University's 19th-century buildings complex; further to the south-southwest, on George Square's south side, is today the 20th-century University Library where Ann worked in Special Collections from the 1980s.

(i.e. gossip) from south of the border. And to bring Ian and Karen into her own news. One year (I cannot find which) she also invited me to an 'Away Day' of my choice (within, of course, limits); I chose another 'crag-and-tail' city: Stirling, and Ian was duly appointed official chauffeur. This venue (vis-à-vis my decades-long interest in W.H. Lizars) was of additional interest owing to 'The Stirling Heads' in the Castle (see

W. & D. Lizars' illustrations in Lacunar Strevelinense: a collection of heads, etched and engraved after the carved work which formerly decorated the roof of the King's Room . . ., Edinburgh, 1817).

As regards the British Cartographic Society, Ann – as Map Librarian in Edinburgh University Library – appears on the 'List of BCS members who have registered an interest in the

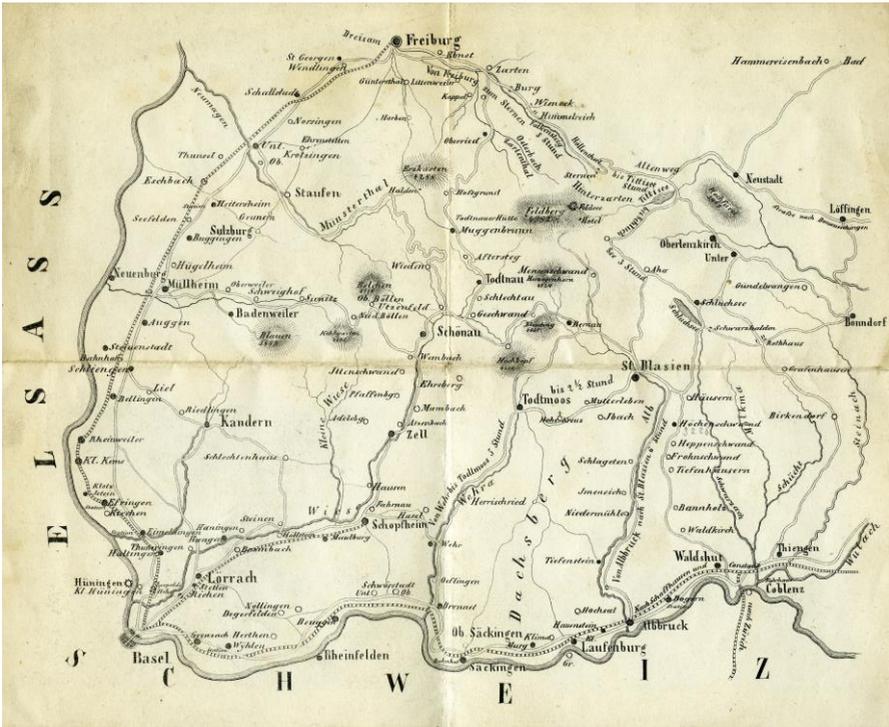


Fig. 2 : Map [of Freiburg & SW Schwarzwald area to Basel & Coblenz (Switzerland)]. On verso of publicity for 'Hotel Sommer zum Zaehringer Hof am Bahnhof in Freiburg i/B.'; [ca 1872-85]. Typically, the front-of-hotel view's text is tri-lingual – in German, French and English. Horben, Erzkasten, Alsace and the enclosing Rhein are shown (latter not named !)

Map Curator's [!] Group: current at September 1983'. She came to my personal notice during the already popular and multi-societies' 'Edinburgh 3-Day Event' of 24-26 November of that year, co-organised by Margaret Wilkes from the National Library with other willing partners and successors.

As reported by "A.G." [Alan Godfrey] in the BCS Newsletter (1984, No. 1): "On the Friday evening there was a soiree, organised by Ann Sutherland, which rounded the whole thing off

in sparking vein." ; and a fuller mention of the occasion in our own MCG's Cartographiti (March 1984, No. 5).

The increasing spread of Ann's map library community connections encouraged her to telephone me in 1988 (when she was running the University's African Studies Collection) – on behalf of an Edinburgh University student – during my 'Tomás López Period' in the RGS Map Room, to possibly provide a date for López's 'Mapa de Africa, Construido segun las noticias mas

modernas . . .' (Madrid, [s.d.]). The best result I could provide in return was an approximate dating of [ca 1771-80] ; but neither she nor I heard from the enquirer again ('Some students, eh, don't you love 'em . . .!'). Only with La obra de Tomás López : imagen cartográfica del siglo XVIII by C. Lítér Mayayo & F. Sanchis Ballester (Madrid : Biblioteca Nacional, 2002) could one identify this EUL-held map (where is it now?) as representing the 3rd state, datable to 1803-1805.

The closing and disposal of much of Edinburgh University Main Library's map collection, and the uncertainty of that in the University's former Geography Department over 2006-2007, must have been a body-blow to Ann's nearly 25 years' enthusiasm and hard work; the breaking of her wrist certainly could not have helped around that time. As Convener of the MCG, however, she proved constant in interest and in encouraging the younger generation to participate, share and take on organisational responsibilities. At the very least her efforts and work remain within the memories of her many BCS colleagues, friends, and students – and 'on record' for the future.

*Francis Herbert
ex-Map Room, Royal Geographical
Society/RGS-IBG, 1971-2006*

Ann in short

"I remember meeting Ann at my first Map Curator's Group workshop in 2009. Ann made me feel part of the group instantly and was very keen to know all

about the map collection at Manchester and how former colleagues were getting on there. During the following workshops Ann encouraged me to part take part in various activities, including writing up the commentary for one of the events and delivering a presentation at another. Although reluctant to volunteer at first, it was very difficult to say 'no' to Ann! Ann's ability to cement us as a group has led to some of the most enjoyable and informative experiences as a map librarian. I have met wonderful and supportive colleagues and learned so much. Over the years, I looked forward to seeing Ann at the workshops and her dry wit always made me laugh. Thank you Ann for bringing us together and helping to make the workshops so much fun. Although, I think the most memorable moment must be when a group of us got lost on our way to of the organised visits (despite being in the possession of a map!)"

Donna Sherman

"When I was working for Northumberland County Libraries, there was a map-related event (in Edinburgh, I think), and Ann was named as the contact. I didn't know her; she didn't know me, but I recall phoning her from the reference library desk at Morpeth Library, and Ann talking to me about map librarians for about 20 minutes – I'm not sure I contributed much to the dialogue, but I certain knew an awful lot more about the profession than I had done 20 minutes previously – it was a great welcome from her, totally unnecessary in terms of the

context at the time, but turned out to be invaluable and very much appreciated.

In addition, it is worth noting that beyond the world of maps, Ann was wonderfully supportive and encouraging. Since our daughter was born in 2005, Ann never missed a Christmas or a birthday, and always sent Evelyn a present. As Evvie grew older, she also got to know Ann. For the past six or seven years we have had an annual trip by sleeper train to Edinburgh during the summer holidays. Heading north on the first night, spending a day in the city, then taking the sleeper south in the evening. Once Ann heard about this, we were invited round to her house for breakfast, and this tradition has continued. Even last year, after she had passed away, Ann's husband Ian insisted we pop in, as we were delighted to do so."

Nick Millea

"I first met Ann in the early-1990s at a Symposium in Glasgow and she became a both friend and mentor, particularly during my early years on Council. Later Ann introduced me to the Bedford in Bloomsbury where she usually stayed when attending Council and other meetings. My abiding memory of those days was after a Fellows' evening at the RGS. We returned to the hotel by taxi but did not feel like turning in straight away so we decided to share a bottle of scotch in my room. We were discussing the success of the event and generally putting the world to rights when there was a knock on the door. It was a lady

from next door trying to get to sleep. We rather shamefacedly called it a night.

To me Ann was the epitome of the saying; 'If you want a job done properly then ask a bust person'. I will never cease to be amazed at her ability to organise events that were always successful."

Frank Blakeway

"...wandering round the Lullingstone Roman Villa, the second hand book shops of Rochester ... or the national fruit collection just outside Faversham spring to mind as do the somewhat more cartographic expeditions to view the Greenwich Meridian marker in the subway of Hither Green station or a trek into Epping Forest to record the obelisk marking the northerly track of the Meridian, the latter with Chris [Board] in his distinctive overcoat. These were generally on cold winter's days so getting back to the car was always welcome whereupon the conversation would turn to her latest Paris visit or why the BCS was in such a state and this wouldn't happen with the Liberton Association or Edinburgh University although if Alex Salmon had his way who knows what chaos might ensue."

Dave Watt

"For many years I helped organise the annual MCG workshop. The team was assembled by Ann and although she would have understood if you had been unable to assist, you never quite felt like saying no! She did do a lot of work herself - making contacts,

persuading other people to get involved, liaising with BCS Council, cajoling - so the burden on any one person was never too large. And she was always very encouraging and extremely appreciative, never failing - in her usual generous manner - to produce a box of hand-made chocolates from a favourite Edinburgh establishment.”

Anne Taylor

“I must have first met Ann some time in the 1990s, but my first proper contact with her was when the BCS and SoC held a joint symposium at the University of Reading in 2003. I booked a small room in the hall of residence we were staying in for the MCG business meeting one evening (the only previous one I had attended was at Oxford Brookes in 1999, and consisted of about eight people). I don’t know if it was the proximity to the bar, but the room was soon full to bursting point and we decided to move next door. This room was bigger and had plenty of seating, but because it was usually the student TV room, had no windows and a single 20 watt lightbulb. Ann complained bitterly and at length about the shortcomings, before producing, from the depths of her capacious handbag, a small yet powerful torch, with which she proceeded to illuminate the agenda.”

Judith Fox

“Ann was a warm and welcoming presence as convener of the Map Curator’s Group at BCS, so much so that she was known to some of

us as “Aunty Ann”. She did a great deal to encourage and involve new members. She managed the MCG for 25 years, working unobtrusively behind the scenes, and organising us all with efficiency and good humour. She will be greatly missed.”

Debbie Hall

Curator’s choice(s)

Ann never submitted a Curator’s choice - here is Ian Sutherland’s suggestion about what it would have been.

Wanderkarte

Oberengadin-Bernina

1:50000 Kümmerly & Frey

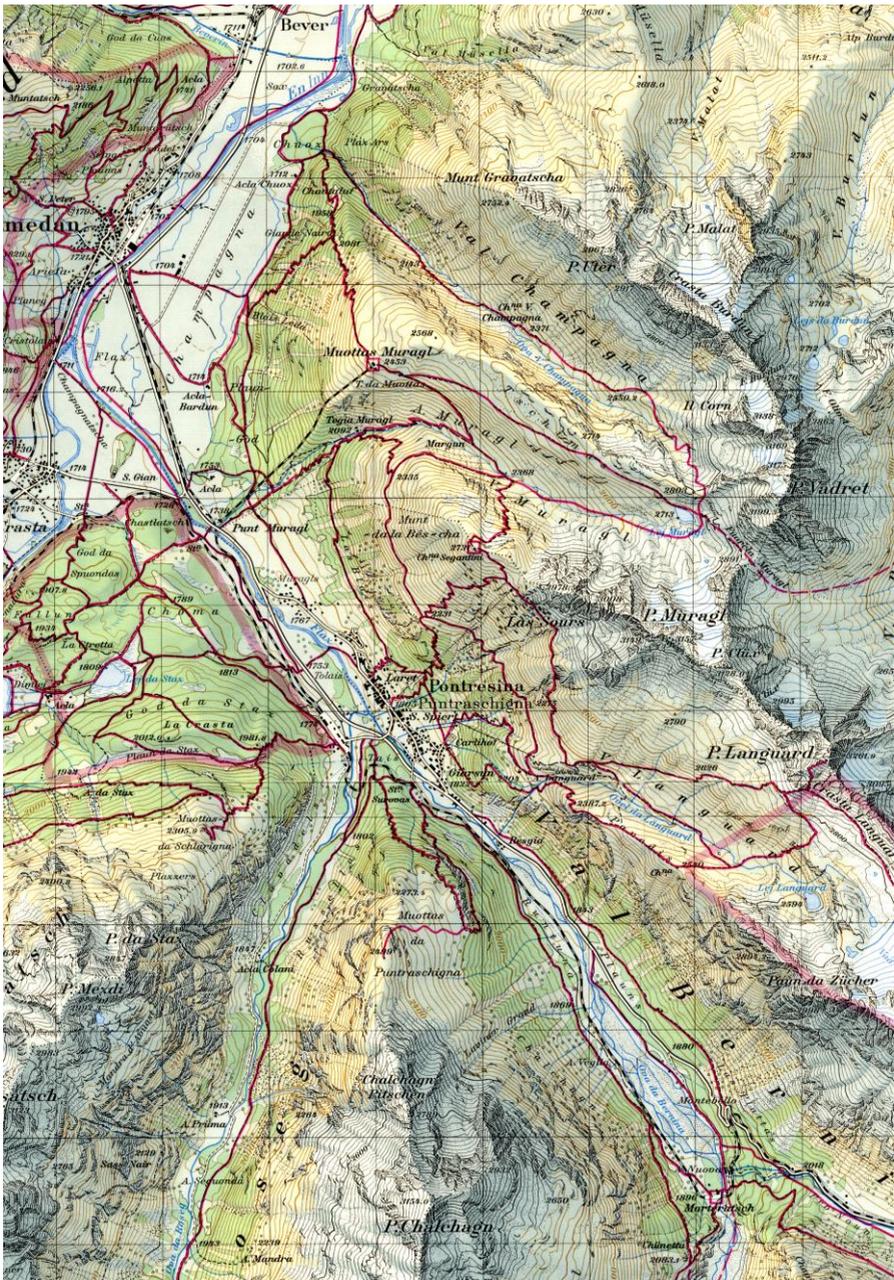
Why?

From the first time she saw them, Ann like me, was fascinated by the alps, their scenery, their flora and their culture. From weekend excursions while living in Freiburg, we became addicts, spending our summer holidays, camping and walking in the French, Swiss and Italian Alps.

Just look at the contours and all those glaciers on this map! But there is so much more. The walls of the houses in this Romansch-speaking part of Switzerland, many 300 years or older, are covered in s’Graffiti wall paintings. On the map are miles of footpaths to enjoy with stunning scenery.

And!

We have walked on so many of them, we have camped many times at the beautiful Morteratsch site and we have even travelled on



Map extract: Oberengadin Bernina, Wanderkarte 1:50 000 Kümmerly + Frey. ©Eidg. Landestopographie

the Rhätische Bahn or the Postbus at the beginning or end of walks. Even though the glitzy village of St. Moritz lies in the middle of the map, escape from its opulence is easy especially when one climbs higher from the valley floor. Geographically and historically the area is interesting as it covers the confluence of so many valleys, including the old salt route over the Bernina Pass from Northern Italy. Not all travellers through the Bernina Pass were benign. The area immediately to the south, the Valpellin, was a key route wooed by all factions in the 40 years war.

I think we first discovered the area as a family about 1973 and very quickly found many fascinating alpine flowers as well as encountering the sharp whistle of marmots warning their families of the 'danger' we posed to them as we disturbed their sun-bathing. Using our binoculars we could see the ibex come lower down in the evenings and sometimes chamois as well.

Back to the map! We were spoiled for choice as far as walks were concerned and cable cars eased several but not all initial climbs. One of the latter, by no means easy took us along the lateral moraine of the Morteratsch Glacier to the Boval Hütte and views into the snow-covered basin surrounding it. Another, much longer walk down Val Roseg let us see into the more remote peaks at the head of the valley where they mark the frontier with Italy. A less energetic walk from Maloja to Sils revealed some of the houses used in filming 'Heidi' and displayed a more gentle landscape. The walk

that stands out in my memory started after we reached the Segentini Hütte almost directly above Pontresina. The views on a glorious sunny and clear day covered almost the whole of the Upper Engadin. After reluctantly leaving the viewpoint, we had two choices – both almost level paths towards the Bernina Pass before descending past the lovely little Chapel to Pontresina and the reward of Panache (shandy) or Kaffee and Kuchen. Ann and Karen took the lower path while I followed the Steinbock (Ibex) – weg. Both easy paths, then down to the village and back to our tent!

*Ian Sutherland 31st March
2019*

*A second Curator's choice
suggestion comes from Karen
Sutherland*

Turgot's Map of Paris

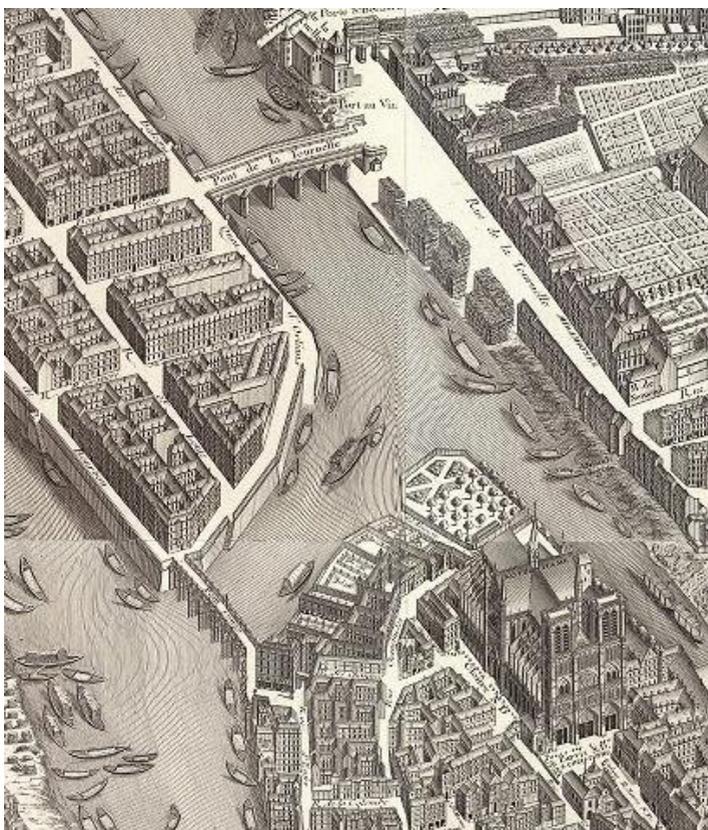
Ann first fell in love with Paris in 1947, when my grandfather arranged an exchange visit there for army families after the war. She took me to Paris for the first time in 1996 as a treat after I had been ill with chicken pox. We emerged from the RER at Etoile and blinked at the Arc de Triomphe. I was hooked and we returned every year together thereafter. We had such fun over the years, visiting art exhibitions, enjoying excellent food and wine, shopping to add to Ann's extensive shoe and handbag collection and walking for miles. Each year, we spent a day exploring off the beaten track in a different arrondissement, studying

architectural highlights amongst backstreets.

Turgot's Map of Paris, published in 1739, corresponds closely to the inner 11 modern arrondissements of Paris. The detail of all the buildings and gardens is exquisite and although Haussman later rebuilt large swathes of the city, the medieval street pattern remains particularly recognisable in the Marais and Latin Quarter.

My mother and I often planned a mythical Three Day Event to Paris. So let's be guided by Turgot for a whistlestop tour of her favourite

Paris sights, with a few cartographic curiosities. After a coffee stop, people watching under the arcades of Place Royale (now Place des Vosges), cross Rue St Antoine and head over the Seine to the Ile St Louis, and the best view of Notre Dame, away from the tourists, on Quai d'Orleans. Stop for an apricot ice cream at Berthillon before heading over to the Musee du Luxembourg, the first French public museum, for an exhibition. Maybe a detour to the Jardin du Luxembourg to find an Aragon medallion marking the Paris



Extract from Turgot's map of Paris (David Rumsey)

meridian, when Paris was the centre of the world. Then down to St Sulpice for a concert on the rousing Cavaille Coll organ. We discovered over the years that many Paris churches held free concerts on Sunday afternoons, a wonderful way to hear organ music. Meander over to the shopping area of Croix Rouge, try on some shoes at Mephisto, window shop for a Longchamps handbag and look in Alain Figaret, Ann's favourite shirt shop, where she would collect points on her loyalty card (your Convener had to look the part!) A lunchstop at La Petite Chaise, 36 Rue de Grenelle, an old fashioned but excellent restaurant. (We took

Dave Watt there on a Eurostar day trip in 2001 and he was amazed that Ann was greeted as a longstanding customer as soon as we walked in.) Purchase some chocolate at Foucher, 134 Rue de Bac, then west along Rue de Grenelle, paying salutations at 136 bis, former headquarters of Institut Geographique National, before heading into the magnificent Hotel des Invalides. Through the entrance dedicated to Ludovicus Magnus, past the canons and up the wooden stairs to the attics of the Musee des Plans Reliefs, for a display of Vauban's forts and citadels.

We'll always have Paris.

Karen Sutherland, Edinburgh, April 2019.



Ann, Paris, 2009. Photo courtesy Karen Sutherland.

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Dates for your Diary

2019

31 May. Carto-Cymru 2019
Humphrey Llwyd - Inventor of Britain. NLW

6 June. Charlotta Forss, *Rivers and ice: Early Modern maps of the far North*. TOSCA seminar, Weston Library, Oxford.

26 June. Glynn Kelso, *Our place in the world*. D.A. Chart Seminar on Maps. PRONI

11 September. *Dispersal, disposal and digital transition: Map collection development*. MCG Workshop, Ordnance Survey, Southampton.

12 September. Annual conference of the BCS/SoC, Ordnance Survey, Southampton.

17 October. Dr James A. Welu 'Vermeers "mania for map"'. Maps and Society Series, Warburg Institute.

19 November. Hugh Torrens, *Geologist William Smith (1769-1839) and his struggles to both earn a living, and finance his scientific and cartographic projects to 1820*. Cambridge Seminars in the History of Cartography, Gardner Room, Emmanuel College.

5 December. Dr Mordechai Lewy 'The apocalyptic Abyssinian: Transferring an Islamic motif to Europe and giving Horn of Africa an eschatological meaning after the fall of Acre.' Maps and Society Series, Warburg Institute.

2020

25 February. John Davies & Alex Kent (tbc), *On the Red Atlas (Soviet military mapping)*. Cambridge Seminars in the History of Cartography, Gardner Room, Emmanuel College.

5 May. Michael Bravo, *On the Pan Inuit Trails atlas*. Cambridge Seminars in the History of Cartography, Gardner Room, Emmanuel College.

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