

## PREFACE

CALIFORNIA 49 is a compendium of forty-nine important maps of California spanning more than 500 years of the area's history. Mapping has played a critical role in the region, from publicizing discoveries to emphasizing the impact of population and continued growth. These maps trace that progress. Mapping techniques have evolved as well from woodblock prints to satellite imagery. Given this backdrop, it seems only fitting that the California Map Society should choose this project to enhance the sesquicentennial of the state of California being celebrated in the years 1997-2000.

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Glen McLaughlin, author of *The Mapping of California as an Island* (CMS Occasional Paper No. 5), suggested publishing a collection of maps that were representative of the most important maps of the state. A committee was formed to pursue the idea. In addition to Glen McLaughlin, the committee consisted of Warren Heckrotte, Editor; and past CMS presidents Al Newman, Chairman, Norman J. W. Thrower, and Gerald Greenberg. How many maps should be included? If any number says "California" to the world, it's "49," the reason for the Gold Rush sesquicentennial. And so this book was born.

A request went out to the members and others for suggestions. Ten or more maps were suggested by the following members: Gerald Greenberg, Warren Heckrotte, Glen McLaughlin, Al Newman, Bob Ross, Leonard Rothman, Norman J. W. Thrower, and Bill Warren. Several other members had one or more suggestions. Over 100 maps were reviewed in order to select the most representative and important. This process took much research and the selection process was subjective, but the final results include examples of many types of maps. The modern maps presented a challenge because of their size and coloration. We hope you will agree that the solution adopted was both innovative and representative.

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Map images have been obtained from a number of sources. We particularly want to thank The Bancroft Library, The Huntington Library, the Special Collections of the UCLA Research Library, and the U.S. Geological Survey Library for their help. In addition, the private collections of Warren Heckrotte, W. Michael Mathes, Glen McLaughlin, Al Newman, and David Rumsey have been tapped. The assistance of Matthew Roth, Automobile Club of Southern California Archives Manager, in obtaining the automobile maps is greatly appreciated. Captain (1st Rank) Valentin G. Mishanov, Director of the Russian State Archives of the Navy; Lyn Kalani, Administrator of the Fort Ross Interpretive Association; John C. Middleton; and E. B. Giesecke are thanked for their help in obtaining the Russian map. Translations were provided by Walter Futterman, W. Michael Mathes, and Vlad Shkurkin.

Each map is accompanied by text explaining its importance. The many contributing authors are listed in the back of the book. A special thanks to each of them and to Warren Heckrotte, Editor, who painstakingly reviewed their efforts along with Julie Sweetkind, his able Assistant Editor.

We are indebted to Gary F. Kurutz, Director of Special Collections at the California State Library, for agreeing to write the introduction to this work. His help and encouragement have been most appreciated.

We're fortunate to have also had the guidance of Marianne Hinckle of Año Nuevo Island Press in the design and printing of this volume.

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Carrying this project from conception to culmination, the committee of five were the ones who made this book possible. They put their hearts and souls into making this volume one the California Map Society can be proud to have produced. This book is the product of their dreams and we cannot thank them enough for their efforts.

Some months ago we decided to dedicate this book to one of our founding members for his great contribution to the Society. Sadly, our good friend Al Newman is no longer with us. We rededicate this volume to his memory.

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