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## Introduction

A "Scratch" atlas is one collected without redrawing or synthesis but with the aim of gaining a background or a basis for further work. We have gathered our scratch atlas with an eye to the day when we shall make the Atlas of North American Cultures. We have searched through a great many journals, some books, and a few personal files. And we have in our scratch atlas upwards of 1300 maps that impinge in some degree upon that larger task. Your associate editors, with considerable investments of their energies and their universities' resources, have gathered your suggestions, culled them, and sent them along to your editor. In his turn, he further culled them, organized them, and arranged for the printing and distribution.

The criterion for final editing was this: From the material sent by the associate editors, select any and all maps that bear at all closely on cartographic definition and exhibition of North American cultures. Maps showing remotely relevant topics (such as locations of golf courses or fish hatcheries, distributions of crops not related to ethnicity, population density, or the interstate highways) were omitted. Conflicting interpretations and overlapping treatments were kept. Care was exercised to embrace the viewpoints of all scholars of North American folk, vernacular, and popular cultures. Your editor reflected carefully on the interests expressed in the Penn State meeting of 1974. With a few exceptions, unless you sent it in, it was not considered, however.

Your materials have been arranged under twenty-five chapters, the divisions reflecting both expressed interests and volume. Some heads have little body; they were left so to call attention to the greatest deficiencies (We do have a lot of work to do!). Under each rubric, there is also a map that summarizes the coverage that we do have, and most summaries are nearly blank.

Within each chapter, maps are arranged in the same areal progression: Canada, U.S. as a whole, Western U.S., and so forth. The index to the sequence follows this introduction. Each page, in addition to its page number (lower corner), has a code number (upper corner). The

code number has two parts; the upper number is that of the chapter; the lower number is that of the area. Each of you can add material to your own copy of the Atlas, following this scheme. Or you may reorganize according to your particular needs and interests.

Although it is difficult to have more than an intuition about it, your editor feels that much has been missed. That may, however, mean that little cartographic presentation has been done. In several chapters, all maps are by one or two authors; in others, all are quite general; still others embrace only large-scale (i.e., local) maps. Your editor was also disappointed in the small number of manuscript maps from private files; are we stingy, lazy, or merely ignorant?

Some of the difficulties that we must surmount are listed here, in the hope of insightful discussion or, better, examples of how to overcome them:

1. Portrayal of sequential dominance by several cultures in one area.
2. Portrayal of interpenetration of several cultures.
3. Portrayal of the joint use of a folk, vernacular, or popular element by several different cultures.
4. What about mobile cultures, such <sup>as</sup> Mexican migrants?
5. And rapidly expanding cultures, such as Mexicans?
6. Or subtly expanding ones, such as Texans and Mormons?
7. The "econo-technic" (ugh!) articulations of folk, vernacular, and popular cultures with national structures, as through railways, interstate highways, regulatory agencies, and such.
8. We must have a single map of all of Canada and the U.S., showing the present compage (montage? melanges?) of cultures; this will require a lot of goodwill!
9. We should have, as well, single maps of each major topic.
10. The general progression of the "real" atlas.
11. How much non-cartographic illustration shall be included?
12. What about Indians? Gypsies? Basques? Chinese? Lebanese? Jews? Puerto Ricans? Foreign cultural enclaves (embassets, etc.)? Communes?
13. What shall we do with the ephemeral or fading aspects of fad? The Twenties? The Thirties? The Forties?

Finally, we must all recognize the debt we owe our sources of support. Among those that your editor knows of are:

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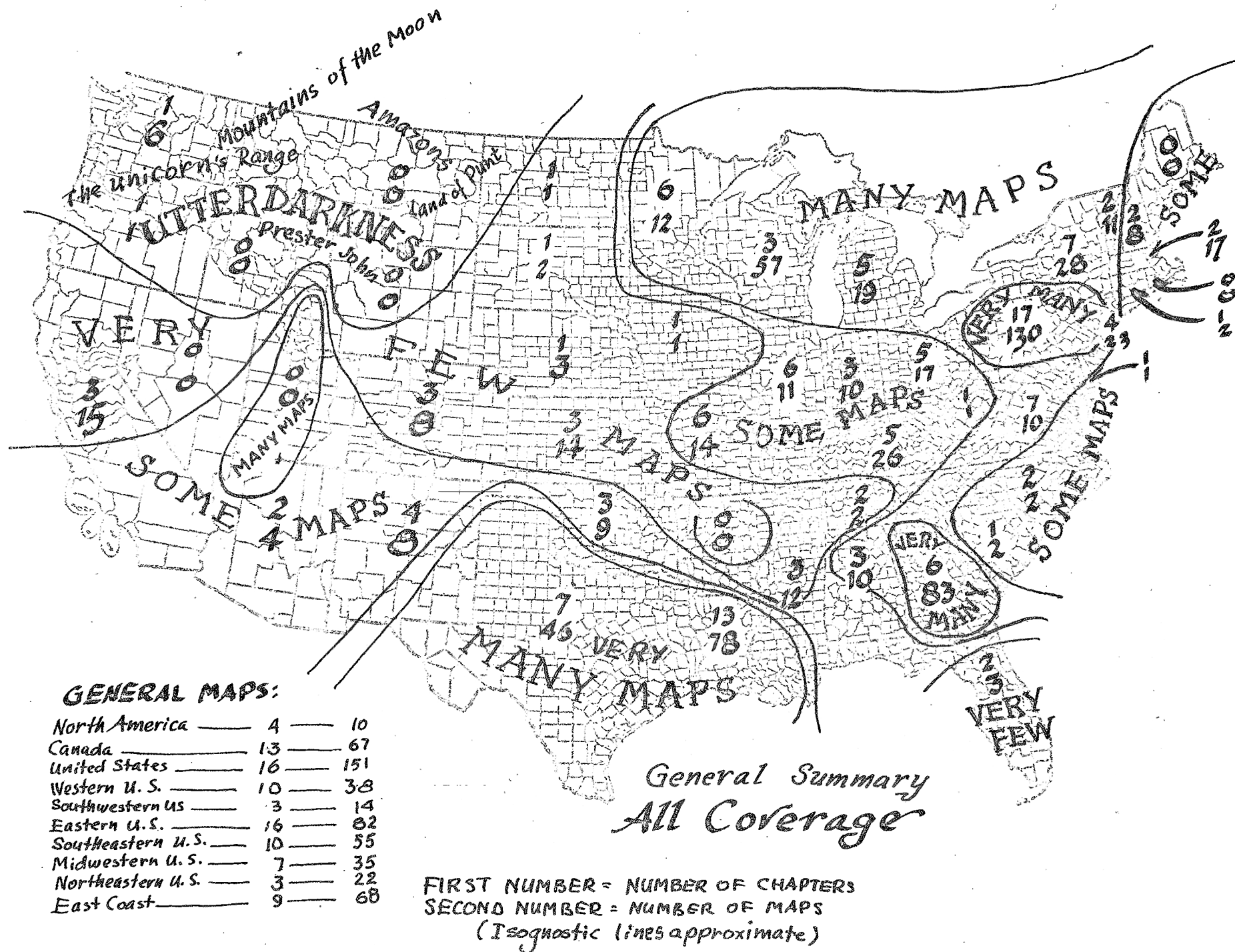
Certainly, we appreciate the substantive support that these have so generously given. But perhaps even more, we are grateful for the tacit expression of confidence in, and comprehension of, the goal that we have set that such support implies.

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## AREA NUMBERS

00	NORTH AMERICA	47	East North Central States
01	ANGLO AMERICA	48	Wisconsin
02	Greenland	49	Illinois
03	Canada	50	Michigan
04	Northwest Territories	51	Indiana
05	Yukon Territories	52	Ohio
06	British Columbia	53	Southern States
07	Alberta	54	West South Central States
08	Manitoba	55	Texas
09	Ontario	56	Oklahoma
10	Quebec	57	Arkansas
11	Newfoundland	58	Louisiana
12	New Brunswick	59	East South Central States
13	Prince Edward Island	60	Kentucky
14	Nova Scotia	61	Tennessee
20	United States of America	62	Mississippi
21	Western States	63	Alabama
22	Pacific States	64	Gulf Coastal Area
23	Washington	65	Atlantic States
24	Oregon	66	South Atlantic States
25	California	67	Delaware
26	Alaska	68	Maryland
27	Hawaii	69	District of Columbia
28	Mountain States	70	Virginia
29	Montana	71	West Virginia
30	Idaho	72	North Carolina
31	Wyoming	73	South Carolina
32	Colorado	74	Georgia
33	New Mexico	75	Florida
34	Arizona	76	Middle Atlantic States
35	Utah	77	New York
36	Nevada	78	New Jersey
37	Eastern States	79	Pennsylvania
38	North Central States	80	New England
39	West North Central States	81	Maine
40	North Dakota	82	New Hampshire
41	South Dakota	83	Vermont
42	Nebraska	84	Massachusetts
43	Kansas	85	Rhode Island
44	Minnesota	86	Connecticut
45	Iowa	87	Mississippi Valley
46	Missouri		



If our gathering of material reflects at all accurately the state of our knowledge, we can refer to the zone of greatest coverage as the Southeast Crescent. That zone, beginning in the northeast, passes from Pennsylvania to Texas. Major areas of coverage include: Pennsylvania, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas. Secondary coverage appears for New Jersey, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Missouri. Southeast Canada, New York, North Carolina, Missouri, and Minnesota also have some coverage. The rest of North America is a dark continent, so far as cartographic description of cultures is concerned.

True enough, we have a large number of general maps covering all or large parts of the two countries. Some of these are quite insightful; but others are more suggestive than definitive. And we can be certain the authors of all of the general maps would have liked more guidance from detailed, local maps.

We must contrive to have the cartographic study and portrayal of North American cultures diffuse north and west from the Southeast Crescent.