

## Transfer of pre-1900 Map Collection to the Beinecke Library



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Following extensive reviews into ways to improve access to and care of the Yale University Library's cartographic resources, library staff have begun transferring the collection of pre-1900 sheet maps currently housed in the Map Department on the 7th floor of Sterling Memorial Library to the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

Before the maps are physically relocated, they will first be scanned, rehoused, and, as appropriate, re-cataloged, before being made available through the [Beinecke Digital Library](#) [1]. This will allow freely available, unrestricted, online access to researchers all over the world. Although the maps won't be physically moved until after the Beinecke renovation is complete in the fall of 2016, the process of digitization has already begun.

The Map Department's pre-1900 map collection is one of the primary collections of early printed maps in the

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