

Guide to Accessing Uncataloged Maps

Special Collections and Archives (Denver Public Library)

In addition to the over 30,000 maps you can find in the Denver Public Library's catalog, Special Collections and Archives (SCA) also holds a backlog of approximately 1,200 uncataloged maps that are continuously being cataloged and processed for public access. These maps focus on the same geographic areas and themes as the cataloged map collection, namely the Trans-Mississippi West, with a strong concentration in Denver, Colorado, and bordering states. The geographic distribution of the uncataloged maps is similar to the cataloged collection, with much larger numbers in SCA's areas of focus than peripheral areas. The maps depict cities and towns, mines and mining claims, transportation development, and geopolitical boundaries.

This overview of SCA's uncataloged maps is intended to provide a basic guide to the additional cartographic resources available to researchers. If you are unable to find the information you are looking for in the maps available in the DPL catalog, the following groups of maps can be retrieved according to their geographic area by providing the classification number beginning with CG to a librarian at the 5th floor reference desk. For instance, asking for "Arizona - CG4330" will cause all uncataloged maps of Arizona to be delivered to the Mullen Manuscript Room for browsing. Individual maps are not able to be retrieved from the uncataloged map backlog, and holdings across individual areas vary widely in number and theme.

Canada (CG3400)

Maps show partial or full coverage of Canada.

United States / Eastern United States (CG3700-3705)

Maps show partial or full coverage of the United States and the region east of the Mississippi River.

Arkansas (CG4000)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Louisiana (CG4010)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Oklahoma (CG4020)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Texas (CG4030)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Middle West / West / West North Central (CG4040-4130)

Maps show partial or full coverage of the regions of the United States from the Great Lakes to the Rocky Mountains, the Rocky Mountains to the Allegheny Mountains, and all states west of the Mississippi River.

Minnesota (CG4140)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Iowa (CG4150)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Missouri (CG4160)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

North Dakota (CG4170)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

South Dakota (CG4180)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Nebraska (CG4190)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Pacific and Mountain States (CG4210)

Maps show partial or full coverage of the region of the United States across Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

Montana (CG4250)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Wyoming (CG4260)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Idaho (CG4270)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Washington (CG4280)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Oregon (CG4290)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

New Southwest (CG4300)

Maps show partial or full coverage of the region of the United States corresponding to the old Spanish province of New Mexico, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.

Colorado state (CG4310-4311)

Maps show coverage of the full state.

Colorado regions (CG4312)

Maps show coverage of Colorado regions and natural features, including national and state parks and forests.

Colorado counties (CG4313)

Maps show coverage of Colorado counties (excluding Denver County).

Colorado cities/towns (CG4314)

Maps show coverage of Colorado Cities and towns (excluding Denver).

Denver (CG4314.D4)

Maps show coverage of Denver and the greater Denver metropolitan area.

New Mexico (CG4320)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Arizona (CG4330)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Utah (CG4340)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Nevada (CG4350)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

California (CG4360)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Arkansas (CG4370)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Hawaii (CG4380)

Maps may include coverage of the full state, counties, cities, or natural regions.

Mexico (CG4410)

Maps show partial or full coverage of Mexico.