

# San Francisco Bay Map Collection / Neal Harlow (collector)

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# Collection Description

**San Francisco Bay Map Collection / Neal Harlow (collector).** – [1949?].  
86 maps ; lith. and photocopy ; various scales ; 73 x 123 cm and smaller.

## Collector's Biographical Sketch

Neal Harlow was born in Columbus, Indiana in 1908. He came to UBC as University Librarian in 1951, after serving in several positions at UCLA Library since 1945. His book *The Maps of San Francisco Bay* was published in 1950, immediately prior to his arrival at UBC. He was a founder of the Friends of UBC Library, and helped to found the School of Librarianship at UBC, now known as the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies. Harlow was also a proponent of fine printing and bookmaking, and brought his enthusiasm for the printer's craft to Vancouver. While serving on the President's Committee on University Publications, he was influential in improving the design of books and pamphlets bearing U.B.C.'s imprint, utilizing and encouraging the talents of local typographers. His work at UBC increased acquisitions tremendously, which led to an expansion of the library in 1960 with the addition of the South Wing. Harlow resigned from UBC June 30, 1961 to become Dean of the Graduate School of Library Service, Rutgers University. He retired on June 30, 1969. After his retirement Harlow renewed his research into early California history, and wrote a number of articles and books on the subject. Neal Harlow died on July 13, 2000.

## Scope and Content

Collection consists of maps (in the form of photocopies, sketches, and photographs) used by Neal Harlow while writing his book *The Maps of San Francisco Bay*.

## Notes

Hand-written inventory available through the University Archives.

Previously known as the "Neal Harlow Collection".

Neal Harlow brought these materials with him from California when he took his position as University Librarian. He donated the collection to UBC when he left in 1961.

More information on Neal Harlow can be found at the [Senate Tribute Committee Memorial Minutes](#), [University Librarians and Annual Reports](#), and the [Neal Harlow fonds](#).

Original maps date from 1771 to 1941.