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British private antique map dealer of over 20 years' standing, I am a Modern History graduate from Oxford University [M.A.Hons, 1983]. After a career false start in international accountancy, I now consider myself very fortunate to have fallen, almost by chance, into the world of antique maps. Here I discovered an unrivalled guide and very generous mentor, London dealer Jonathan Potter, with whom I trained in the mid-1980's. I subsequently set up my own business in 1989.



Over the past 18 years I have built up a highly-regarded business dealing with a wide range of private and institutional clients around the world. The latter include some of the foremost international cartographic collections: the British Library Map Library, The National Library of Scotland, The Bibliothèque Nationale (Paris), The Newberry Library (Chicago), Yale University Library, The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology Library and The National Library of Australia.

I have travelled and exhibited antique maps throughout South East Asia and the Far East. I have also regularly participated in specialist Map Fairs in London and Miami. I take considerable pride in continuing to issue fully illustrated printed map catalogues.

I have written the forewords to two books, *Decorative Maps* [Studio Editions, London, 1989] and *The County Maps of Old England* (by Thomas Moule) [Studio Editions, London, 1990]. I also contributed to *Japan – A Cartographic Vision* [Prestel Verlag, 1994], a catalogue of an exhibition of European antique maps of Japan displayed concurrently in Tokyo, Berlin and New York in 1993-94. In 2002-03, working closely with Editor and Library Director, Min-min Chang, I was privileged to assist in the publication of a beautifully illustrated Catalogue of European Map holdings in the Library of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, entitled *China in European Maps* [HKUST, Hong Kong, 2003].

Over the years, I have become increasingly interested in so-called 'cartographic curiosities' and have accumulated an extensive personal collection of these imaginary, allegorical, moral and satirical maps.

A Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and long-established member of IMCoS and the ABA, I am married with two teenage daughters. I work from private premises in the market-town of Sevenoaks in Kent, 20 miles from London.