"Maps are the ultimate eye candy," says David Rumsey. After amassing some 150,000 original 18th- and 19th-century charts of the Americas, Rumsey wanted to make his holdings public – more public than they would be, say, at the Library of Congress, one of several institutions interested in acquiring them.

So last fall, in partnership with Luna Imaging, he launched the David Rumsey Collection (www.davidrumsey.com). To date, the site contains 2,000 maps displayed in exquisite detail and accompanied by comprehensive notes. "When you see the maps and materials in one space, you get a sense of how maps grow one from another over time," says Rumsey. "You can feel the flow of history over centuries." – Jessie Scanlon
human (ˈhyoʊ-ˌmən) adj. 1. of, belonging to, or typical of the extinct species Homo sapiens <the human race> 2. what consisted of or was produced by Homo sapiens <human society> n. an extinct biped, Homo sapiens, characterized by carbon-based anatomy; also, HUMAN BEING. Obs: hu·man·ness

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