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This book investigates maps and their reflection of and influence on the contemporary society of early modern Britain. It is concerned with rural estate maps, which were primarily drawn to show landownership, and with the surveyors who drew them and the landowners who commissioned them. The links between different aspects of maps and their relation to society are exemplified by a study of the historic county of Cambridgeshire.

The work is based on a carto-bibliography of the estate maps of Cambridgeshire which were drawn by 1836. The book is divided into two parts. The first part examines three main areas: the maps and how map-making grew and changed from 1600 to 1836, the surveyors and the development of the surveying profession, and the landowners and how they used the maps. The second part is a carto-bibliography of 785 estate maps, which were found in 50 repositories. Details are recorded about each map's physical characteristics, the topographical information which it shows, and the amount and type of decoration which the surveyor used.

The study, therefore, is part of a wider concern with the inter-relations between maps and society, and with the way they interact and change. These factors can be seen as part of more general developments in the history of cartography, which in turn can be related to broader changes in society in early modern Britain.

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PREFACE

Estate maps have been a major interest of mine since a day in December 1983, when I had Sunday lunch with a group of friends in a bed-sit in North Oxford. I was hoping to compile a bibliography as part of an M.A. in librarianship, and we were discussing possible subjects for someone with geographical and local historical interests. One of our number had been using Welsh estate maps and described them in such glowing terms that I made up my mind to investigate them further; and so began the project which has resulted in this book.

I quickly discovered the excellent carto-bibliographies of estate maps of Essex, Sussex and Kent, and decided to embark upon one of Cambridgeshire. A pilot study, which formed my M.A. dissertation, showed that I had only discovered the tip of an iceberg. I continued searching for maps, initially part-time and then full-time when I became a Research Student at the Department of Geography, University of Cambridge. My enquiries took me to many places and institutions and everywhere I have been met by great helpfulness and hospitality. On occasion, I have ended up in some unexpected places or positions: I have seen maps in the company of stuffed birds in a museum basement, by climbing a step-ladder to examine a splendid example framed and hung high on a wall, in a Tudor muniment room, and by clambering over the roof-tops to reach the storage place of some archives. I have also made some startling incidental discoveries, and shall never forget the contents of a box described as containing 'miscellaneous items found in the attics': some broken pot, a squashed thimble and a dried-up and very dead mouse.

It soon became apparent that the scope of my study had to be limited in some way, and so I confined myself to rural estate maps of the historic county of Cambridge, drawn up to 1836. This led to some tantalizing omissions, of maps nearly in the county but not quite, of maps drawn in 1837, and of maps of estates in Cambridge itself rather than in the rural county. I have been resolute, so that the contents of the carto-bibliography are clearly defined; the broader areas would be well worth further study some day. I have made every effort to be comprehensive, but maps are still turning up, especially ones in private hands which I did not know of or which only turned up as dusty attics were cleared.

Examining many decorative and not-so-beautiful estate maps clearly told only part of the story: why were these maps drawn as they were, how were they used, who were the map-makers, who commissioned them? It became increasingly clear that such lines of enquiry were essential to an understanding of the maps and their reflection of and influence on the contemporary society of early modern Britain, and that this study could shed light on interactions

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between many different types of map in a wide range of societies. This book arises from the results of my researches, for which I was awarded a Ph.D. in October 1989.

I have been advised, supported and encouraged by many friends and colleagues in the course of my studies. I particular, I should like to thank Alan Baker, who supervised my Ph.D. thesis, Roger Fairclough and his staff in the Cambridge University Library map room, the staff of the Cambridge County Record Office, the archivists of Cambridge University and Clare, Emmanuel, Gonville and Caius, Jesus, Queens', St John's and Trinity colleges, Cambridge, and all the other archivists and librarians who have helped me in my search for maps and associated documents. I am also indebted to Tony Baggs, Peter Barber, Mark Billinge, Peter Burke, Robin Butlin, Steve Daniels, Robin Glasscock, Brian Harley, Paul Harvey, Anne Holton-Krayenbuhl, Ralph Hyde, Elisabeth Leedham-Green, Chris Lewis, David Moore, Peter Searby and Frances Willmoth for helpful discussions. In addition, P. C. D. Campbell, David Cubitt, Peter Eden, Myles Gleeson-White, Francis Herbert, Donald Hodson, Stuart Mason, Bob Silvester and Ruth Wallis have passed on to me some useful details about maps, surveyors and landowners; I am very grateful to them and acknowledge the information which they provided at appropriate points in the text.

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Finally, I acknowledge with thanks financial support from the Economic and Social Research Council and Emmanuel College, Cambridge. I am also grateful for the facilities which have been provided by Emmanuel College and the Department of Geography, University of Cambridge.

ABBREVIATIONS

BL	British Library, Map Library
BLM	British Library, Manuscripts Department
BLO	Bodleian Library, Oxford
BRO	Bedfordshire County Record Office
CCC	Christ’s College, Cambridge
CCO	Christ Church, Oxford
CLC	Clare College, Cambridge
COL	Cambridgeshire Collection, Cambridgeshire Libraries
CRC	Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
CRO	Cambridgeshire County Record Office, Cambridge Branch
CUA	Cambridge University Archives (in CUM)
CUL	Cambridge University Library, Map Room
CUM	Cambridge University Library, Manuscripts Room
DCC	Downing College, Cambridge
DEP	Burke, B., 1883. <i>A Genealogical History of the Dormant, Abeyant, Forfeited, and Extinct Peerages of the British Empire</i>
DNB	<i>Dictionary of National Biography</i> , 1885–1900
ECC	Emmanuel College, Cambridge
EDB	Burke, J. and Burke, J.B., 1844. <i>A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies of England, Ireland and Scotland</i>
EDC	Ely Dean and Chapter Records (in CUM)
Eden	Eden, P.G., ed., forthcoming. <i>Dictionary of Land Surveyors and Local Cartographers of Great Britain and Ireland c.1540–1850</i> , 2nd ed. by A.S. Bendall
EDR	Ely Diocesan Records (in CUM)
EPR	Ely Probate Records (in CRO)
ERO	Essex County Record Office
ESRO	Suffolk County Record Office, Ipswich Branch
Foster	Foster, J., 1888–92. <i>Alumni Oxonienses</i>
GCC	Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge
GHL	Guildhall, London
GLC	Greater London Record Office
HERO	Hertfordshire County Record Office
HRO	Cambridgeshire County Record Office, Huntingdon Branch

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Abbreviations

JCC	Jesus College, Cambridge
KCC	King's College, Cambridge
LBH	London Borough of Hackney, Health District Archives
LG	<i>Burke's Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Landed Gentry</i> , 1952
LPL	Lambeth Palace Library
Lysons	Lysons, D. and Lysons, S., 1808. <i>Magna Britannia. Vol. 2.i. Cambridgeshire</i>
MCO	Merton College, Oxford
NRO	Norfolk County Record Office
PB	<i>Burke's Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Peerage, Baronetage and Knightage</i> , 1970
PCC	Pembroke College, Cambridge
PRI	In private hands
PRO	Public Record Office
PTC	Peterhouse, Cambridge
QCC	Queens' College, Cambridge
RAY	c/o Lord Townshend, Raynham Hall, Norfolk
RCHM	Royal Commission on Historical Monuments
SCC	St Catharine's College, Cambridge
SJC	St John's College, Cambridge
SPA	Spalding Gentlemen's Society
SRO	Suffolk County Record Office, Bury St Edmunds Branch
TCC	Trinity College, Cambridge
TH	Trinity Hall, Cambridge
VAM	Victoria and Albert Museum, London
VCH	<i>Victoria History of the Counties of England</i> (Cambridgeshire unless otherwise stated)
Venn	Venn, J. and Venn, J.A., 1922–54. <i>Alumni Cantabrigienses</i>
WIN	Dean and Canons of Windsor, St George's Chapel, Windsor
WLT	Wiltshire County Record Office
WM	Wisbech and Fenland Museum
WMP	c/o National Trust, Wimpole Hall
WRO	Warwickshire County Record Office
YAS	Yorkshire Archaeological Society, Leeds

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CONVENTIONS USED IN TRANSCRIPTION

Spelling and punctuation have been preserved; words in small capitals have been transcribed in lower case.

xxx	expansions of abbreviations (some standard abbreviations have not been expanded)
[]	editorial insertions
< >	material deleted in MS
\ /	material inserted in MS
{ }	MS defective
()	parentheses in MS
~	hyphen in MS
‘ ’	former names of features and places (on maps)

DATES

In all cases, the year has been taken as beginning on 1 January; for documents which were drawn up before 1752 and between 1 January and 24 March, the two dates are separated by a slash: e.g. 1601/2.

MAP CODES

Each map is identified by a code, for example BAB78502.

BAB code for parish

785 add 1000 to give year in which the map was completed, in this case 1785

02 running number for maps drawn in a particular year

Conventions used in transcription

PARISH CODES

ABI	Abington Pigotts	DUL	Dullingham
ARR	Arrington	DUX	Duxford St John
ASH	Ashley cum Silverley	DUY	Duxford St Peter
BAB	Babraham	EAS	East Hatley
BAL	Balsham	ELM	Elm
BAP	Barrington	ELS	Elsworth
BAQ	Bartlow	ELT	Eltisley
BAR	Barton	EYC	Ely College
BAS	Bassingbourn	EYM	Ely St Mary
BEN	Benwick	EYT	Ely Trinity
BOT	Bottisham		
BOU	Bourn	FDI	Fen Ditton
BOX	Boxworth	FDY	Fen Drayton
BRI	Brinkley	FOR	Fordham
BUR	Burrough Green	FOW	Fowlmere
BUW	Burwell	FOX	Foxton
		FUL	Fulbourn
CAL	Caldecote		
CAM	Cambridge	GAM	Gamlingay
CAR	Carlton cum Willingham	GIR	Girton
CAS	Castle Camps	GRT	Grantchester
CAX	Caxton	GRV	Graveley
CHA	Chatteris	GTA	Great Abington
CHE	Cherry Hinton	GTE	Great Eversden
CHF	Chesterton	GTS	Great Shelford
CHG	Cheveley	GTW	Great Wilbraham
CHI	Childerley	GTY	Grunty Fen
CHP	Chippenham	GUI	Guilden Morden
COM	Comberton		
CON	Conington	HAD	Haddenham
COT	Coton	HAP	Hardwick
COU	Cottenham	HAQ	Harlton
COV	Coveney	HAR	Harston
CRX	Croxton	HAS	Haslingfield
CRY	Croydon cum Clopton	HAT	Hatley St George
		HAU	Hauxton
DOD	Doddington	HIL	Hildersham
DOW	Downham	HIN	Hinxton
DRY	Dry Drayton	HIS	Histon

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HRN	Horningsea	ORW	Orwell
HRS	Horscheath	OUT	Outwell
		OVE	Over
ICK	Ickleton		
IMP	Impington	PAM	Pampisford
ISL	Isleham	PAP	Papworth Everard
		PAQ	Papworth St Agnes
KEN	Kennett		
KIN	Kingston	RAM	Rampton
KIR	Kirtling	ROY	Royston
KNA	Knapwell		
KNE	Kneesworth	SAW	Sawston
		SHE	Shepreth
LAB	Landbeach	SHI	Shingay
LAW	Landwade	SHU	Shudy Camps
LEV	Leverington	SNA	Snailwell
LIN	Linton	SOH	Soham
LIT	Litlington	STA	Stanground
LLA	Little Abington	STL	Stapleford
LLE	Little Eversden	STM	Steeple Morden
LLG	Little Gransden	STN	Stetchworth
LLP	Littleport	STO	Stow cum Quy
LLS	Little Shelford	STR	Stretham
LLW	Little Wilbraham	SUT	Sutton
LOL	Lolworth	SWB	Swaffham Bulbeck
LSA	Long Stanton All Saints'	SWP	Swaffham Prior
LSS	Long Stanton St Michael	SWV	Swavesey
LSW	Longstowe		
		TAD	Tadlow
MAD	Madingley	TEV	Teversham
MAN	Manea	THE	Thetford
MAR	March	THO	Thorney
MEB	Melbourn	THR	Thriplow
MED	Meldreth	TOF	Toft
MEP	Mepal	TRU	Trumpington
MIL	Milton	TYD	Tydd St Giles
NEA	Newmarket All Saints'	UPW	Upwell
NEC	Newton (near Cambridge)		
NEW	Newton (near Wisbech)	WAT	Waterbeach
		WEC	Welches Dam
OAK	Oakington	WEL	Welney

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WEN	Wendy	WIC	Wicken
WEO	Wentworth	WLB	Wilburton
WES	Westley Waterless	WLL	Willingham
WET	Weston Colville	WMB	Wimblington
WEU	Westwick	WMP	Wimpole
WEV	West Wickham	WSM	Wisbech St Mary
WEW	West Wratting	WSP	Wisbech St Peter
WHA	Whaddon	WTC	Witcham
WHR	Whittlesey	WTF	Witchford
WHV	Whittlesford	WYD	Woodditton