

## *Obituaries*

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Ted Layng, well known as a cartographic archivist/map librarian and historian of cartography, and the former Chief of the National Map Collection (Map Division) of the Public Archives of Canada from 1955 to 1973, died on 27 September 1988 at Kingston General Hospital.

Ted Layng joined the staff of the Public Archives of Canada in 1948. He had recently graduated from Queen's University, where he had studied history following military service during World War II and the Spanish Civil War.

During his years in the Map Division, Ted Layng directed an organization whose holdings increased from 20,000 to approximately 500,000 maps and plans. He was the initiator of the idea to found a national association of map curators — the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives, founded in 1967. He served

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as the Association's first President and, on his retirement, became the first Honorary Member.

As a scholar, he is perhaps best known for his unsurpassed reference work on sixteenth-century cartography, the catalogue *Sixteenth Century Maps relating to Canada*, published in 1958, and his editing of, and additions to, W.F. Ganong's famous book on Canadian cartography, *Crucial Maps in the Early Cartography and Place – Nomenclature of the Atlantic Coast of Canada*, published in 1964. He also published numerous articles on both the history of cartography and map custodianship.

Mr. Layng is survived by his wife Margaret and four children, Sandra Layng-Wolff, Patricia Layng-Costello, Anthony, and Michael, as well as a number of grandchildren.

**Betty Kidd**

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