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In conjunction with David Rumsey, they created the Digital Philanthropy Map Collections Project whose aim is to work in conjunction with private map collectors to allow scanning of their collections. To date, one major map collection has been completed with two more in process. Two additional collections are in the preparatory stage.

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