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Biographical Note

John Parr Snyder was born 12 April 1926 in Indianapolis, IN, the son of Ralph W. and Freda (Parr) Snyder. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Purdue University in 1948, and a Master of Science degree in chemical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology the following year. In 1956, Mr. Snyder joined the CIBA-Geigy Corporation of Summit, NJ, as a chemical project engineer. He retired from full-time employment at CIBA-Geigy in 1978, and spent the following two years working part-time for that corporation and part-time as a physical scientist in map projection for the United States Geological Survey. In 1980, Mr. Snyder began full-time employment with the U.S.G.S., retiring to part-time employment with this agency in 1988.

Mr. Snyder is author of two publications especially vital to historical research in New Jersey. The first, The Story of New Jersey’s Civil Boundaries, 1606-1968 (Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Bureau of Geology and Topography, 1969), won him the American Association for State and Local History award of merit in 1970. His second work, The Mapping of New Jersey: The Men and the Art (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1973) traces the history of New Jersey cartography and cartographers. Both books include reproductions of important historical maps of New Jersey, as well as numerous original depictions drafted by John Snyder himself. Mr. Snyder has also authored several other publications, and contributions to articles on map projection.

Content Note

This series consists of original illustrations, reference materials, and research notes used by John P. Snyder for his New Jersey-related publications. In addition to drafts of illustrations and statistical notes, the research/reference files (in Box #1) also contain copies of newspaper articles, brochures, and pamphlets. Included in the collection of maps are: the complete set of original illustrations from The Story of New Jersey’s Civil Boundaries, 1606-1968; several original Snyder maps published in The Mapping of New Jersey: The Men and the Art; an extensive set of Standard Oil/EssO/Exxon New Jersey road maps, 1923-1980; and numerous published county road maps.

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53. Twenty-five Standard Oil/Esso/Exxon road maps of New Jersey, 1923 [reprint]-1980 [27 items]:

a) "Standard" Road Map of New Jersey and Contiguous Territory. New York, NY: General Drafting Co., Inc., 1959 reprint of 1923 map. Scale: 1"=5.75 miles and 1"=2 miles. 17"x31.5".

b) 1928 "Standard" Road Map of New Jersey. New York, NY: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Standard Oil Company of New Jersey), [1928]. Approx. scale: 1"=5.25 miles and various. 17"x32".

c) 1931 "Standard" Road Map of New Jersey. New York, NY: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Standard Oil Company of New Jersey), [1931]. Approx. scale: 1"=5.5 miles and various. 18"x33".

d) *Happy Motoring in New Jersey*, 1936. New York, NY: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Standard Oil Company of New Jersey), [1936]. Approx. scale: 1"=5.5 miles and various. 18"x33".

e) *Happy Motoring in New Jersey*, 1940. New York, NY: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Standard Oil Company of New Jersey), [1940]. Approx. scale: 1"=5.5 miles and various. 18"x33".

f) *Happy Motoring in New Jersey [also New Jersey with Pictorial Guide]*. New York, NY: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Standard Oil Company of New Jersey), [1942]. Approx. scale: 1"=5.5 miles and various. 15.5"x33".

g) *Happy Motoring in New Jersey*, 1946 [also New Jersey with Pictorial Guide]. New York, NY: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Standard Oil Company of New Jersey), [1946]. Approx. scale: 1"=5.5 miles and various. 15.5"x33".

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i) *New Jersey, 1955-56 [also New Jersey, with Special Maps of New York City Approaches, Northeast New Jersey, and Philadelphia]*. Convent Station, NJ: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Esso Standard Oil Company), [1955-1956]. Approx. scale: 1"=5.1 miles and various. 24"x33.5".

j) *New Jersey, 1959 [also New Jersey, with Special Maps of New York City Approaches, Northeast New Jersey, and Philadelphia]*. Convent Station, NJ: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Esso Standard Oil Company), 1958. Approx. scale: 1"=5.2 miles and various. 24"x33.5".

k) *New Jersey, 1961 [also New Jersey, with Sight-Seeing Guide]*. Convent Station, NJ: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Humble Oil & Refining Company), 1960. Approx. scale: 1"=5.2 miles and various. 24"x33.5".

l) *New Jersey, with Sight-Seeing Guide*. Convent Station, NJ: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Humble Oil & Refining Company), December 1961. Approx. scale: 1"=5.2 miles and various. 24"x33.5".

m) *New Jersey Happy Motoring Guide, Tercentenary Edition, 1664-1964*. Convent Station, NJ: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Humble Oil & Refining Company), November 1963. Approx. scale: 1"=5.3 miles and various. 18"x32.5".

n) *New Jersey Happy Motoring*. Convent Station, NJ: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Humble Oil & Refining Company), November 1965. Approx. scale: 1"=5.3 miles and various. 18"x32.5".

o) *New Jersey 1968 Happy Motoring Guide*. Convent Station, NJ: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Humble Oil & Refining Company), 1967. Approx. scale: 1"=5.3 miles and various. 18"x32.5".

p) *New Jersey 1970 Happy Motoring Guide*. Convent Station, NJ: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Humble Oil & Refining Company), 1969. Approx. scale: 1"=5.2 miles and various. 23.5"x34".

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r) **New Jersey 1972 Happy Motoring Guide.** Convent Station, NJ: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Exxon Company, U.S.A.), 1972. Approx. scale: 1"=5.2 miles and various. 23.5"x34".

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x) **New Jersey 1977.** Convent Station, NJ: General Drafting Co., Inc. (for Exxon Company, U.S.A.), 1977. Approx. scale: 1"=5.2 miles and various. 23.5"x34".

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b) **New Jersey County Subdivisions - Townships and Places.** Washington, DC: Bureau of the Census, 1971. Scale: 1"=4 miles. 36"x48".

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59. Five official state highway maps of New Jersey, 1964-1980:


b) **New Jersey Department of Transportation Official Map and Guide.** Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Department of Transportation, [1969]. Approx. scale: 1"=5.6 miles and various. 18"x36.5".

c) **New Jersey Official Highway Map and Guide.** Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1974. Approx. scale: 1"=4 miles and various. 24"x44".

d) **New Jersey Official Bicentennial Map and Guide.** Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1976. Scale: 1"=4 miles and various. 24"x44"


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61. **1966 Road Map of Warren County, New Jersey.** Convent Station, NJ: General Drafting Co. (for the county engineer), 1966. Approx. scale: 1"=1.33 miles. 19"x28".

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