

originality to this study. The modifications used in the methodology and incorporated into this study contribute to the knowledge and enhance past concepts of the discipline of comparative cartographic study by providing a method to test the originality and accuracy of source maps used in research. In the past, geographers and cartographers have taken an interest in the analysis of the information which can be extracted from maps. This chapter will present a conceptual framework of the research in historical cartography.

HISTORICAL CARTOGRAPHIC CONCEPTS

There exists an intellectual justification for cartographic history as related to the histories of other scientific or technological disciplines, as stated by Harley and Woodward. [1989] Some historians of cartography and geography have created strong associations with the history of science. Although scholars have tended to maintain their primary alignment with geography and map librarianship or with the world of collecting and antiquarian map selling, rather than with the wider history of science, there is development in the scientific and technological analysis in cartographic applications.

Harley and Woodward have indicated that the present