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Ernie Woodson

1938-2005

Ernest L. Woodson

UB Map Librarian 1974-2003

Ernest Lyle Woodson, UB Librarian is remembered here by his colleagues, friends, family, and the University at Buffalo community, which he served for 30 years until his retirement in 2003. He died age 67, on Friday, March 4, 2005, in New York City, after a short illness.

Ernie Woodson was born in Fairplay, Colorado and grew up in both Colorado and Kansas City, Missouri. He earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in geography and a master's degree in library science, at the University of Missouri. Though from a more rural background, he had a passion for seeing the world. Ernie worked for Offshore Oil, traveling to Alaska, Senegal, Gabon, Qatar, and Singapore. Following this, he served for two years with the Peace Corps in Swaziland. All of this experience would serve him well in his next career.

Ernie arrived at the University at Buffalo in 1974, becoming the Geology and Map Librarian, in the Science & Engineering Library, a position he held until retiring in 2003 as an associate librarian emeritus. His main responsibility was to develop and maintain the University at Buffalo Libraries Map Collection.

During his tenure at UB, Ernie worked with students and faculty providing maps, aerial photographs, and an enthusiasm for cartography and geography. His world travels brought many of our maps to life as Ernie explained not only the places but the features and character of the locations on the maps. He was always very good about helping students to understand not only how to use maps, but also the many things that a map could do.

Ernie was a "neighborhood geographer" who studied how individual neighborhoods in large cities develop their character and definition. With the advent of the World Wide Web, he was able to realize a way to share this study, by creating the *City of Buffalo Neighborhoods Map*. Ernie walked through the neighborhoods to describe each one and its unique traits. He took photographs, and with the help of fellow Libraries staff, created the popular Buffalo Map, which is a key resource of the collection.

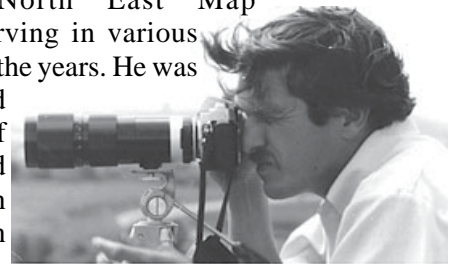


Following this, Ernie tackled his ultimate dream, the *City of Manhattan Neighborhoods Map*. Again, using first-hand experience, Ernie, along with colleague, David Bertuca, identified the neighborhoods, plotted the index map, and gathered resources on each to describe New York in detail.

The *City of Manhattan Neighborhoods Map* is a large project, and one that took years of research and collaboration with colleagues. Following his retirement, Ernie was still providing input and

references to this online map. This map will take years to complete but Mr. Woodson's vision for it has been the inspiration for this model.

In addition to his work at UB, Ernie was active in NEMO, the North East Map Organization, serving in various positions through the years. He was quite acquainted with the family of geographers and map librarians in this organization and will be missed.



Ernie was enthusiastic about athletics and sports. He enjoyed tennis and running, and even ran in the Boston Marathon and the New York Marathon. He ran in Buffalo with the Nickel City Road Runners and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Athletic Club. In addition, he enjoyed baseball and always made a point of visiting favorite stadiums.

Please remember Ernie and his family at this time. Surviving him are two daughters, Christina of New York City and Juliana of Richmond, Va.; his mother, Elsie Harris of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, John W. of Kansas City, Mo.; and two sisters, Paula Cartwright of Cedarburg, Wis., and Sarah West of Pittsburgh.

The **Ernest Woodson Book Fund** has been created in memory of Mr. Woodson at the University at Buffalo. Donations may be made to:

University at Buffalo Libraries-Woodson Book Fund
433 Capen Hall
University at Buffalo
Buffalo, NY 14260-1625

Tribute to Ernie

I had the great good fortune to come to know Ernie Woodson through NEMO. What a character! Few folks that I know had the irrepressible attitude that he had.

I visited him several times at Buffalo and stayed with him on my trips thru that part of the world. I met his daughters and they are both delightful. We had good times in Buffalo, biking thru the park, visiting local eateries and learning about the city which he knew very well. And how he could drive! Right thru the stop signs with nary a wink—but perhaps that is the Buffalo way. He came and stayed with us on one of our NEMO meetings, now seemingly a long time ago; he brought Julianne to look at some of the schools around Boston although she wound up at Vassar.

On one of my back road trips west, I even visited his hometown, Saguache, Colorado. He may have been born in Airplay, Colorado some 80 miles north, but I even met the Postmistress in Saguache who went to school with Ernie and remembered him! Saguache is one of those towns, err., places that time forgot. It is dusty place with little left if indeed there was much to begin with. It is one of those dots on the map that sometimes produces unusual people and Ernie was one of them.

I very much enjoyed Ernie; crazy Ernie. He is one of those people you regret not meeting much earlier in life. I, for one, will miss him very much.

Dick Gelpke

Tucson, Arizona, March 21, 2005

Hi David; Thanks for the great memorial to Ernie! He was one of the first geographers I ever met and a wonderful person. I enjoyed talking geography with Ernie and hearing his great stories. He had also an impact on many student's geography education through his hosting of Geog 120 on Maps and Mapping at the Map Room over the years. I was truly saddened to hear of his passing and will remember my interactions with him on and off campus. Thanks—Chris Badurek (MLS '99)

Map Librarian Colleagues: I also am saddened to hear of the death of Ernie Woodson, for whom I worked as a graduate assistant in 1981-1982 while in library school at UB. I shook the hand of a man who shook the hand of Albert Schweitzer, who, as I recall, Ernie met while in the Peace Corps. Ernie gave me a nice opportunity to work in the map room and I wish I could have known him better.—Tom Zogg

This comes as a complete shock and surprise. What sad news. Ernie was one of the nicest people I ever met.

I got to know Ernie through his active participation in NEMO, North East Map Organization. Ernie was active from early on. A regular attendee at our meetings and also served as Capt'n, not once, but twice.

Even though I only saw Ernie once a year at the NEMO meeting, it was always as if we had talked just the day before.

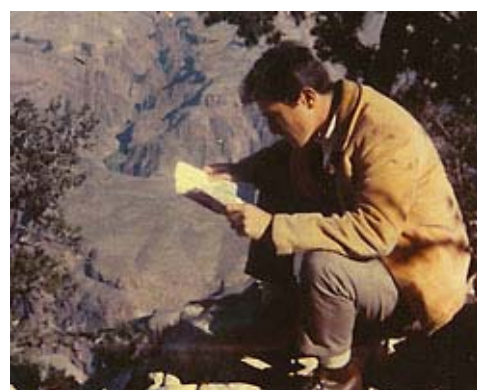
His work on the neighborhoods of Buffalo and NYC was a true work of love. I was so excited for him when I learned that he had retired. I couldn't think of a better person to enjoy retirement.

My condolences to his family. He always talked about his daughters and their progress through Vassar. He was the very proud father.

Ernie, take care. You will be missed. I was fortunate to have met you and got to know you.—Your friend, Jim Walsh [Jim also commented to the editor "*If the only thing I got out of NEMO was meeting Ernie, it was worth it.*"].

Having just noted Jim Walsh's comments, I'd like the honor to do the same. I agree wholeheartedly with many of the things Jim brought up, what a genuinely nice, funny, pleasurable person Ernie was, and what a huge shock when I found out from David last week that he had passed away! I was so fortunate to follow in Ernie's footsteps as the next "Captain NEMO" after his second go-round of leading NEMO, he was great to work with. We share a love of baseball too so Ernie's and my conversations often turned to baseball chatter when we were together at NEMO annual meetings. Indeed, he was so very proud of his daughters and talked of them every time we were together. David, THANK YOU for creating such a fantastic memorial page with those pictures of Ernie and an excellent summary of Ernie's life and passions! I shared this with my wife just this morning. And I am keeping this page bookmarked too.

Ernie, as Jim said, you will be missed, especially amongst your NEMO family...—Sincerely, Paige Andrew



Young geographer, Ernie Woodson studies the Grand Canyon.

Members in Focus

Nancy Kandoian Awarded Bertha Franklin Feder Award September 2004

[It is wonderful to be able to print announcements and news about fellow members and this was so nice that we publish it here for you to enjoy.]

It is a pleasure to announce to all of you that Nancy Kandoian, Senior Map Cataloger, Map Division, NYPL, has won the Bertha Franklin Feder award given to two outstanding staff members each year. Portions of the following nominating document were read today in a ceremony in NYPL President LeClerc's office.

Nancy Kandoian is one of the country's premier map catalogers. She has a chapter in *Maps and Related Cartographic Materials, Cataloging, Classification, and Bibliographic Control*, Haworth Press, 1999. She makes maps more accessible to the public through her own cataloging, teaching others about cataloging practices, writing for publications, and participating in professional activities. She is an outstanding, talented employee and a gracious, hard-working colleague.

Despite having a Masters in Library Science from Rutgers, Nancy began her career at The New York Public Library as a technical assistant in the Map Division because she wanted to work with cartographic materials as research tools. Her BA was in geography, and she wanted to combine that undergraduate area of interest with her library work. She soon was promoted to a Librarian I/II position as the Senior Map Cataloger. Nancy's efforts to catalog and make accessible the many maps of New York City and its neighboring communities, in order to serve the public need for information, has been strong and continuous. New York City maps have priority for acquisitions and cataloging, as the Map Division endeavors to meet the needs of its local constituency. After several years as a cataloger at the beginning level, Nancy was promoted to Librarian III in 1982.

Nancy's 20+ years of map cataloging have brought some 10,000 maps to the public's eye, via CATNYP and the union catalogs RLIN and OCLC. The integration of these formerly little known materials into the national databases brings NYPL map collections to the attention and accessibility of researchers around the world. She is sensitive to the access issues of the public, since she also assists the public at the reference desk, and this enhances her cataloging and its goal of increased access to Library materials via useful subject headings. Nancy's cataloging is particularly notable for the innumerable notations to further sources for research on particular antique maps, a feature that is of great interest and use to scholars and researchers.

When the Map Division received a multi-million dollar map collection as a gift, Nancy eagerly began the intricate process of cataloging hundreds of antiquarian maps. A totally different sort of work, most often generating original records, not copy

cataloging, antiquarian cataloging is time consuming, but Nancy finds great pleasure in the beauty of the materials. She made certain that many maps from this gift appeared in CATNYP soon after they were acquired, so that the gift is now accessible to researchers nearby and also known via the Internet to researchers around the world. Nancy wrote about her antiquarian map cataloging experiences in an article for the American Library Association's Map & Geography Round Table journal *Meridian* 13, 1998 and also in *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*, Summer 1999, and *Maps and Related Materials*, in order to share her hard won expertise with other map catalogers. Prior to these publications she had shared her love of Maine and Mt. Desert Island with a long bibliographic essay, "'Supreme and Distinctive' on the East Coast: The Mapping of Acadia National Park," published in *Exploration and Mapping of the National Parks* for A.L.A.'s Map & Geography Round Table *Occasional Papers Series*, No. 4, 1994. She was awarded a one week research grant from the American Geographical Society in Milwaukee, enabling her to use their research collections as she develops a cartographic reference tool for Armenian genealogical studies.

Her current long term research involves the use of early map resources to enable Armenians to do intensive family history and research centered on their former homelands now in Turkish hands. She uses older maps which still have Armenian terminology, along with older gazetteers, to locate and identify villages and other geographic and political areas, which now have non-Armenian names and identities. Her goal is to create a website and/or a book to serve as an aid to research in the lost history of Armenia.

A recent outstanding achievement has been Nancy's cataloging of over 1,400 maps and atlases in 2002-3, to fulfill the requirements of a NEH grant. Nancy cataloged antique maps of the Middle Atlantic colonies and states up to 1850 and taught and then supervised another staff member assigned to the project. As maps were cataloged, they were forwarded to the conservation lab for treatment and then to the digital imaging lab for scanning for the Library's digital repository. Nancy contributed hours and hours of her own time to make sure deadlines were met and maps were cataloged properly so they could go to the next step of the process. The end result of this hard work is now the "American Shores" website. It focuses on these early maps of the Middle Atlantic region, from New York south to Virginia, providing CATNYP links and digital imagery of hundreds of maps from NYPL's collections. Without Nancy's diligence and professionalism, the website would be of little account.

In addition to cataloging, Nancy also works at the reference desk in the Map Division, answering in person, on the phone

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Current Officers (2003-2004)

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and occasionally by letter or email, all sorts of cartographic reference enquiries. She is rarely stumped by questions, and can assist with research topics that range from finding a shtetl in Poland to abandoned subway tunnels in 1930s New York. In a single afternoon, Nancy may help one researcher discover the paths of old underground waterways flooding basements and construction sites in Manhattan while assisting another Library user in finding the exact location of the address of her grandfather's jewelry store on Jane Street in the 1880s.

Within the Library she has served on a variety of cataloging committees and taskforces, bringing to the book-oriented discussions the perspective of the non-book cataloger. Nationally, she chairs the ALA Map and Geography Round Table Cataloging and Classification Committee. Her expert knowledge has been called upon via the map library and librarians electronic discussion list, "Maps-L." Nancy has also shared her map cataloging expertise by consulting with and advising map collections at the New-York Historical Society and the Osher Library at the University of Southern Maine.

She has given remarkably practical and useful two-hour workshops on map cataloging to students from Pratt School of Library and Information Science over the last three summers, in the Map Librarianship course taught by Map Division Chief Alice Hudson. Nancy is a natural teacher, able to bring to life, in an interesting way, the fundamentals of map cataloging as they differ from those for geographies and atlases.

Nancy is a most wonderful colleague; she is generous, courteous, mannerly, and kind. She is precise and careful in her work, but open to new and exciting programs, as in the digital efforts described above, teaching map cataloging to others, serving on ALA cataloging committees, training and guiding fellow staff, and always, always being a guide and inspiration for her colleagues as well as her supervisors.

Respectfully submitted by
Alice C. Hudson Chief, Map Division, NYPL

NEMO Member Featured in the News

Member **David J. Bertuca**, Map Librarian at the University at Buffalo, has been in the news a great deal lately for a variety of activities. Recently he was as a quoted source in an AP news article on libraries and digitization: "From Musty to Megabytes: Archives Go Digital to Survive," published in late January 2005. The story was carried in local papers across the country as well as major papers, such as *USA Today*, the *New York Times*, and CNN:

<http://www.cnn.com/2005/TECH/internet/01/25/libraries.online.ap/index.html>.

Previously, David was a featured guest on a BBC Radio talk show and on CBS, and on TV for a web page that he

developed with another librarian, Fred Stoss. The page's theme is holiday gift buying for academics. Links are made to a variety of retailers of gifts for scientists, researchers, scholars in the humanities, and others. Included are gifts for cartographers and geographers. See: http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/guides/asl_gifts.html.

Several other pages have gathered an enormous amount of exposure world-wide. They include: the "Indian Ocean Tsunami Disaster, December 2004: A Select Guide to Information," <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/guides/indian-ocean-disaster.html> and "Albert Einstein and the World Year of Physics 2005," <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/exhibits/einstein/>. Both pages have been nominated for awards.

Mark Jaquith and **Thelma B. Thompson** are our new NEMO representatives to the Cartographic Users Advisory Committee (CUAC). CUAC is an organization comprised of representatives of seven national and regional library and mapping organizations who advise federal agencies on matters pertaining to their cartographic production. Mark and Thelma are serving as the first two NEMO representatives.

The general responsibilities of a CUAC member are to attend the annual meeting and report on the status of cartographic production and policies of the federal agencies he/she has been assigned as well as to report back to their home organization.

The standard term of appointment is three years (2005-2007). The annual meeting is held in Washington, DC and is hosted by a different federal agency each year. The 2005 CUAC meeting will be held in conjunction with a major map librarianship meeting at the Library of Congress. Both of our representatives will be assigned federal agencies to contact during the year.

The CUAC Web page is at <http://cuac.wustl.edu>.



MASSART!!

NEMO MEETING

June 2-3, 2005

Registration and Meeting Information
to appear in April.

The 2005 NEMO annual meeting is set for June 2-3 in Boston at the Massachusetts College of Art:

<http://www.massart.edu/about/>

Final planning is in progress for the meeting and arrangements are forthcoming. We hope you can attend this year and have a great lineup of presentations. In addition to registration materials in the April *NEMO Newsletter*, these will also be on the NEMO website.

The location is convenient to public transportation (plane, train, trolley). Lodging is available in the college dormitories and also in local hotels and B&B's.

June will be a beautiful time to visit this campus. It is located near the site of a previous NEMO conference, Simmons College, in a section of Boston's "Emerald Necklace"

<http://www.emeraldnecklace.org/index.cgi?page=necklace>

Program topics, suggestions and presentations welcome.

Paige Gibbs

NEMO Captain-in waiting
<mailto:pgibbs@umass.edu>

A few recent notes from Paige:

I visited MassArt recently. The conference room is FABULOUS. Our biggest problem will be keeping our attention on the presenters and not the view.

Programs so far:

"Digital maps and maps of historic Vermont town highways" presented by Johnathan Croft, Vermont state digital geographer.

"Design of the map for Lloyd State park" a class project presented by Professor Jean Fairbairn, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

"Map projects by MassArt students" see the attached call for projects The Communications Design department head is circulating the attached announcement.

"Maps as Artifact" A graduate students here uses copper map plated to make bowls, etc.

More to come!

Carto Clips

21st International Conference
on the History of Cartography
Budapest, Hungary, 17-22 July 2005



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ICHC meetings are thoroughly interdisciplinary, academically rigorous, and have a reputation for friendliness.

The Wyoming Digital Atlas:

<http://www.wygisc.uwyo.edu/atlas/>

Cartographic Cataloging News & Info

There is one proposal before the Machine-Readable Bibliographic Information Committee (MARBI) of particular interest to the cartographic community. Proposal 2005-04 concerns the usage of hierarchical geographic names and proposes that Field 662 (Subject added entry: hierarchical place name) be created to allow a hierarchical approach to subject-oriented geographic coverage.

There was a discussion paper and a proposal on this topic prior to the current proposal so you may remember this coming up before. The prior proposal had given some options and the option of creating a new field was approved in part at the Orlando meeting.

Another proposal that may be of interest is Proposal 2005-02 which would define subfield y in Fields 020 and 010 to contain either an ISBN (for Field 020) or LCCN (for Field 010) that is a valid number but is not unique or does not apply to the manifestation being described. This would give us a definite place to put those ISBNs that publishers re-use.

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IFLA has released the draft of the International Standard Bibliographic Description for Cartographic Materials to worldwide review. Comments are due by March 31, 2005; the draft is: [http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/pubs/ISBD\(CM\)_21Dec04.rtf](http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/pubs/ISBD(CM)_21Dec04.rtf)

Finally, the MARC code lists for Relators, Sources, and Description Conventions have been updated and two codes for the U.S. National Gazetteer have been added. They are:

natgazfid - U.S. National Gazetteer Feature Name Identifier; field 024, subfield \$2 (Other Standard Identifier) in Bibliographic and Holdings records.

natgaz - U.S. National Gazetteer Feature Name Identifier - Code natgaz signifies that the heading (geographic feature name) for the record has been approved by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names for inclusion in the National Gazetteer maintained by the U.S. Geological Survey. The name is the official name for a U.S. geographic feature. It is for general use and for use in Federal printed and electronic products; field 042 (Authentication Code).

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“Map and Geographic Information Collections in Transition” Conference at Library of Congress May 12-13, 2005.

Registration details are complete for the jointly sponsored Library of Congress/ Cartographic Users Advisory Council (LC/CUAC) May conference. The conference will be held May 12-13, 2005 at the Library of Congress.

Registration fee is:

\$100, if registration postmarked by 15 March 2005.

\$125, if registration postmarked 16 March to 2 May 2005.

NOTE: No registrations accepted after 2 May 2005. Conference attendance will be limited to 150 registrants.

The conference registration form (<http://cuac.wustl.edu/registration.doc>) and a preliminary program listing (<http://cuac.wustl.edu/MapsInTransition.htm>) are on the CUAC website (<http://cuac.wustl.edu> <http://cuac.wustl.edu/>). Program details will be updated as speakers confirm their attendance with conference planners.

£70,000 Rare Map Thief is Jailed

A former landscape gardener who cut rare maps from atlases at the National Library of Wales is jailed. Full story: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/-/1/hi/wales/4118631.stm>

Crossword Puzzle Solution

In case you didn't notice last month, the crossword puzzle had the answers. Here they are again:

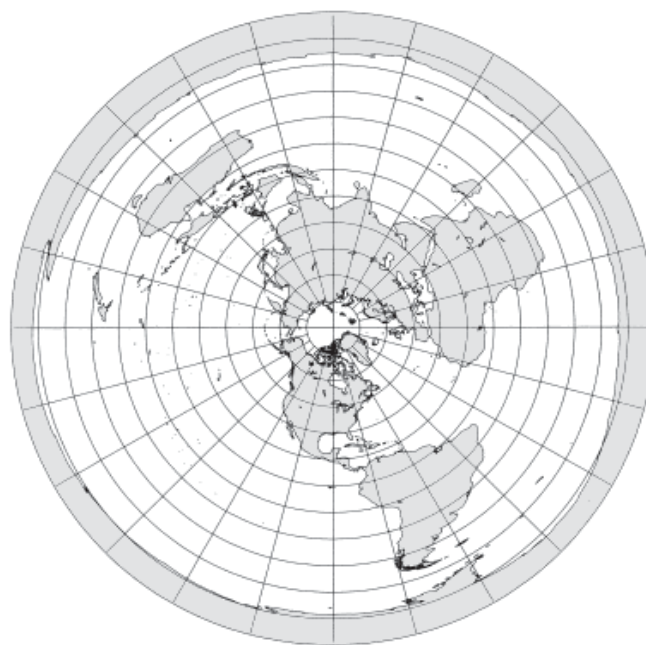
Word List:

atlas, azimuthal, cartographer, mercator, physical, political, projection, road, robinson, sinusoidal, thematic, weather



Azimuthal Equidistant Projection

An azimuthal equidistant projection allows the distance between two points on a straight line to be measured accurately. Here is a second example:





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CALL FOR STUDENT MASSART PROJECT PRESENTATIONS ON MAPPING OR GEOSPATIAL TOPICS

On June 2-3 (Thursday and Friday) the North East Map Organization will hold its annual meeting in the Board of Trustees Room on the MassArt campus in Boston.

The North East Map Organization (NEMO) seeks three MassArt student presentations on topics related to maps or other aspects of geospatial information. The three students will present these projects in a 90 minute session in the afternoon of June 2. Each student can expect a period of a half hour to present the project and respond to comments and questions.

Each student who presents a project will receive:

- A stipend of \$50
- Free registration for the NEMO dinner and conference
- A gracious and grateful letter of commendation suitable for inclusion in a portfolio
- A feature on the NEMO website
- An article in the NEMO newsletter

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In the event of more than 3 submissions a committee of NEMO members will be formed to determine which submissions will be accepted and/ or determine how all the submissions can be accommodated.

An intention to submit, which will include the topic and a brief explanation of the objective of the project must be received no later than **May 1, 2005** by:

Paige Gibbs, Program Chair

Email pgibbs@umassd.edu

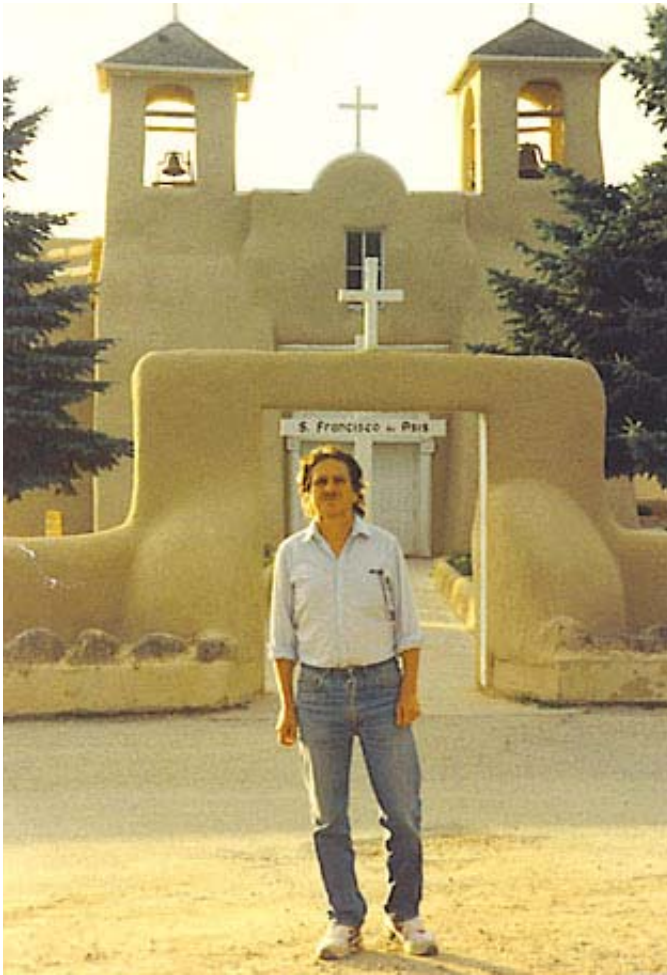
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For further information also contact Paige Gibbs





Ernie Woodson on another of his travels, this time in Rancho de Taos, New Mexico.

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