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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Jim McDowell collection
<b>ID:</b>	RBSC-ARC-1811
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<b>Note [sourcesDescription]:</b>	All file- and item-level titles and descriptions have been provided by Jim McDowell.
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Includes the following oversize maps: RBSC-ARC-1811-OS-01 to RBSC-ARC-1811-OS-04.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Jim McDowell is a veteran British Columbia historian. His first career was teaching, which took him into classrooms from northern California to Seattle, New York City, and Vancouver. He taught elementary school in California and Washington, worked as an inner-city education consultant in Harlem and Brooklyn, and educated teachers at Simon Fraser University. McDowell also worked for 20 years as a freelance writer and independent reporter; he wrote hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles for Canadian and U.S. publications.

McDowell has four published books: *Peace Conspiracy: The Story of Warrior-Businessman Yoshiro Fujimura* (McBo, Irvine, CA 1993), a partial biography of a once obscure Japanese naval commander; *Hamatsa: The Enigma of Cannibalism on the Pacific Northwest Coast* (Ronsdale, Vancouver, BC 1997), an investigation of the existence of cannibalism among early Northwest Coast Native people; *Father August Brabant: Saviour or Scourge?* by Ronsdale, which presents a thorough, unvarnished biography of the first Catholic missionary to work on Vancouver Island during the colonial period; and *Josè Maria Narvaez: The Forgotten Explorer* (Arthur H. Clark, Spokane, WA 1998), the first full life story of the Spanish-Mexican navigator.

## Scope and content

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Collection consists of documents and maps that supported the findings in McDowell's book, *Uncharted Waters: The Explorations of Jose Narvaez (1768-1840)*, published in 2015 by Ronsdale Press, Vancouver, BC.

All items in this collection are photocopies. The dates of the originals fall between 1788 and 1830. When available, information about the locations of the originals is specified in the file-level description.

From McDowell: "One of the least appreciated, but potentially most important set of historical documents in [RBSC] are those related to the overlooked Spanish navigator Jose Maria Narvaez (1768-1840), the first European mariner to explore the central and northern parts of what we now call the Salish Sea in 1791 -- one year before the famous captains Dionisio Alcala-Galiano, Cayetano Valdes y Bazan, and George Vancouver investigated the same inland sea. Although Narvaez's remarkable achievements and contributions were largely ignored, overlooked, or minimized until 1998, a more accurate assessment is emerging, and it has been supported significantly by the documentary information in [RBSC]."

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## Notes

### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

This collection was donated to RBSC by Jim McDowell in April 2019.

### Arrangement

Items have been arranged according to the numbering system provided by Jim McDowell.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

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## Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-01	File - Document related to Spanish Exploration of Pacific Northwest Coast by José María Narváez in 1788: Original photocopy of Narváez's diary of the 1788 voyage.			
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-02	File - Document related to Spanish Exploration of Pacific Northwest Coast by José María Narváez in 1788			

	and 1791–1792: Two photocopies of Narváez's Service Record in the Spanish Navy between April 23, 1782 and May 31, 1824.
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-03	File - Official, final draft of Juan Carrasco's Carta que comprehende los interiors y veril de la costo desde las 48° latitute N. hasta los 50° examinados excruciosamente por el Teniente de Navio de la Real Armada Don Franscisco Eliza...en este año de 1791. [MN 3-E-1 (13)].
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-03-OS-01	Item - Oversize Map
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-04	File - Photocopy of Gonzolo López de Haro's chart Plano del Estrecho de Fuca, 1790 drafted for Manuel Quimper, showing the strait was closed except for one channel (Canal de López de Haro).
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-05	File - Photocopy of Narváez's complete Carta esferica que comprehende los interiors...Año de 1791, which represented his original naming of places in the Gran Canal.
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-06	File - Photocopy of inset on Juan Carrasco's Carta que comprehende..., 1791 showing details of Puerto de la Santa Cruz de Nuca (the small harbour at the outpost of Cala de los Amigos or Friendly Cove)
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-07	File - Author's adaptation of small portion of Carrasco's Carta que comprehende..., 1791, showing the route of José Narváez's reconnaissance around Isla de Masarredo (Nootka Island) in Puerto de San Lorenzo de Nuca (Nootka Sound) aboard the schooner Santa Saturnina in April, 1791.
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-07-OS-02	Item - Oversize Map
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-08	File - Author's adaptation of photocopy of Carrasco's chart Plano del Archipelago de Clayocuat..., 1791, showing exploration routes taken in what was then known as "Puerto Narváez" (Clayoquot Sound) by Narváez (continuous line) and Juan Pantoja (broken line) May 10–20, 1791.
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-08-OS-03	Item - Oversize Map
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-09	File - Two photocopy versions of Carrasco's chart Plano del Archipelago de Nictinac ó de Carrasco en la Isla de Quadra y Vancuber en la costa No. de America, c. 1792, showing exploration route taken in Boca Carrasco (Barkley

	Sound) by Narváez from May 21 to June 10, 1791 in command of the Santa Saturnina.
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-09-OS-04	Item - Oversize Map
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-10	File - Enlargement and adaptation of a small portion of José Narváez's chart Carta esférica que comprehende los interiors . . . Año de 1791 (1-05), which represented his original naming of places during the first European reconnaissance of the Southern Gulf Islands, June 14–24, 1791 and shows the approximate route followed by two vessels: Santa Saturnina and its longboat.
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-11	File - Adapted photocopy of the central portion of Carrasco's Carta que comprehende . . . , 1791, showing the approximate route of exploration northwest along the eastern shore of the Gran Canal from Punta de San Rafael (near White Rock and Boundary Bay) to Isla de San Ignacio (Thormanby Islands).
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-12	File - Enlarged close-up of small portion of Carrasco's working chart for Carta que comprehende . . . , 1791, showing notation islas bajas y anegadas ("low and flooded islands") in the alluvial flood plain of what is now the dyked and built-up Fraser River delta.
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-13	File - Author's adaptation of northwestern part of Carrasco's Carta que comprehende . . . , 1791, showing approximate extent of exploration at head of Gran Canal between Isla de Texada (Texada Island) and Punta de Lazo de la Vega (Point Lazo).
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-14	File - Adaptation of central part of Carrasco's Carta que comprehende . . . , 1791, showing approximate route of exploration southeast along the western shore of the Gran Canal from Punta de San Leonardo (near Qualicum Beach) to Punta y Bajo de Santa Saturnina (East Point of Saturna Island).
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-15	File - Close-up of entrances to Boca de Wenthuisen (Nanaimo Harbour).
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-16	File - Narváez's Carta Corographica de los Estados de Jalisco . . . , 1824, gave the state, which was divided into eight cantons, its first scientifically drafted map.
RBSC-ARC-1811-1-17	File - Portion of Carta Corographica de los Estados de Jalisco showing area around San Blas and Tepic in 1824.

RBSC-ARC-1811-1-18	File - Photocopy of Narváez's Plano del territorio de la Alta California..., 1830, which is the earliest map of Mexican lands between Establecimiento Ruso (Fort Ross) in the north and Mission San Miguel in the south.
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