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# Introduction

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significant is, firstly, its status as a collector's atlas. It is now also known as a civil atlas, and secondly, as a composite atlas because it has survived in its entirety, in its original structure, and with the original catalogues (maps and graphics) treated by the author. These facts reveal the peculiarity of

critical, historical (from a historical perspective) and, finally, geographical point of view. They also reveal the causal connections among them. Collections were generally very diverse (in Moll's case they also included both a library and