

## ABOUT GEODAESIA AND JOHN LOVE

**Congratulations!!!!!!!**

**You now own a rare classic and historical surveying textbook.**

**GEODAESIA, written by John Love, was probably the first surveying reference book written and produced for the Colonial American surveyor.**

**Little is know/about the author, John Love. He was born in England, probably around 1660. He became a land surveyor at an early age and called himself *Philomatheticus*. Prior to 1688, probably commencing around 1680 he traveled to the New World and started surveying grants for settlers mainly in the Carolinas and on the Caribbean Island of Jamaica. He was accompanied by his friend and fellow surveyor, Maurice Mathews. Together the two surveyors produced one of the early maps of The Carolinas.**

**Have encountered problems in the New World, he set out to write one of the first practical guides for the field surveyor, *GEODAESIA, or the Art of surveying and measuring of land made easie*.**

**His first edition was published in 1687 for English surveyors, and in all probabllity was included in many surveyors' packs when they departed for the America. The book was so successful and that it went into 11 editions in London, before it was re-published in 1793 in America. The 12<sup>th</sup> edition was published in New York by Samuel Campbell. Research indicates this was the first survey book to be published in the newly formed United States of America. A later 13<sup>th</sup> edition was published in 1796 in New York.**

**In his popular historical text *English Land Measuring to 1800 A.W.* Richeson pointed out that "*Geodaesia* is significant in that it is a clear, concrete exposition of the description of instruments and methods of surveying... and to consider the survey of land in America where the conditions under which the field work was conducted differed from those in England."**

**This reprint is from an original book of the first edition in the ownership of Jan DeGrave of Brussels, Belgium.**

**There are only four known copies of this first edition, three in Europe and I know of one copy owned by a surveyor in Washington State.**

**The last copy to be auctioned was in 1998 in London for \$4,900.**

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