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We would like to publish an original map on the cover of each number, so a special request is made to all who have maps of the state or regions of the state which would be of interest to the Society's membership.

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About the Cover ...

The Florida Geographer does not regularly feature book reviews. However, when The Free Press gratuitously sent *The Historical Atlas of United States Congressional Districts: 1789-1983* (a one hundred-fifty dollar book) we felt compelled to print a review of it. The cover of this *FG* shows a detail of the map showing the Congressional Districts of The Ninety-seventh Congress, page 215 of *The Historical Atlas of United States Congressional Districts: 1789-1983* edited by K. C. Martis and R. A. Rowels. The map was reprinted by permission of the Free Press, A Division of Macmillan Publishing Company, Inc., copyright © 1982. This volume is reviewed on page 11 below.

Also, we welcome for the first time a new cover masthead, designed by Paul R. Stayert of the University of Florida. Many thanks to him for his contribution.