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## PREFACE

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS IN FORESTRY is an effort to bring together in one place existing information concerning the use of photographs in forest mapping, inventory, and other phases of forest management. The book is written with the hope that it will find use both as a text and as a manual. It is, in addition, a report on research.

It is not the intention of this book to cover the entire field of photogrammetry. Rather, it touches only those aspects of that science which are considered to be essential to the forester. In chapters dealing with the measurement and inventory of forest stands, the author assumes that the reader has had, or is taking, a course in forest mensuration; that he has at least an elementary knowledge of this field.

Extensive application of aerial photographs in forestry has come about only recently. Consequently, a great deal of the material in this volume, especially in Parts III and IV, appears in published form for the first time, and has been gathered partly from original research at the Harvard Forest made possible by Harvard University and by grants from the Milton Fund of Harvard University and the Research Corporation of New York City. This research was also aided by the cooperation of the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station of the United States Forest Service, Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc., Eastman Kodak Co., and other organizations, both public and private. Special acknowledgment is due to C. T. Brown, Jr., who worked closely with the author for three years, particularly in the development of simplified instruments for mapping from and the interpretation of aerial photographs; and to M. A. Phillips, Earl J. Rogers, Myles Standish, and George R. Sonley, who initiated the author into the general subject.

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