At the Spring 2002 BRICMICS meeting it was suggested that BRICMICS should maintain a list of British and Irish digital projects, to include announcements of upcoming projects, details of those in progress or completed, and information about new maps on the Internet.

The intention of the list is to alert colleagues to projects which might be of interest. It is also hoped that it will help to prevent duplication of effort.

It is not meant to replicate information already available on the History of Cartography website at: http://www.maphistory.info/projects.html or at http://www.maphistory.info/webimages.html

All lists compiled so far are available at: http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/deptserv/maps/digital.html

This list is in two sections:

1) Projects reported by BRICMICS members
2) Other Sites and Projects of Interest

1) PROJECTS REPORTED BY BRICMICS MEMBERS

BODLEIAN LIBRARY

Project previously listed:

Large Scale Ordnance Survey Holdings
Digitisation and geo-rectification of the Bodleian’s large-scale Ordnance Survey holdings by DigiData Technologies has been underway since early 2005 and is still ongoing.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

A) In May 2007 there were two main additions to the NLS map websites:

1. Bathymetrical Survey of the Fresh-Water Lochs of Scotland, 1897-1909 – texts. With funding from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, the accompanying textual descriptions to the lochs (about 1,500 pages) have been scanned and OCR'd, and made available online at: http://www.nls.uk/maps/early/bathymetric/ . The texts have been incorporated with the existing zoomable map images, and links have been added from the loch map images to their accompanying texts, and vice versa, the texts are also searchable by keyword and by page browse.

2. Roy Military Survey of Scotland, 1747-55. In collaboration with the British Library, this new website allows a seamed, geo-referenced version of the Roy Military Survey Map of Scotland to be viewed. 1,100 images relating to each invididual dissection of the Roy map were seamed together into two composite images, the “Fair Copy” for the north, and “Original Protraction” for the south. The website allows the original map to be accessed by a zoomable map search, by a gazetteer and by a county/parish search. http://www.nls.uk/maps/roy/index.html

B) Digitisation: Completed

- Ordnance Survey. 25 inch to the mile, 1st edition County Series “Parish” edition for Scotland (ca. 1840s-1880s). 3,000 maps scanned in March, with the intention to continue to complete all 1st edition County Series maps for Scotland.

C) Digitisation: Projected 2007

- William Roy’s The military antiquities of the Romans in Britain. 1793. For an intended facsimile publication by Birlinn
- Great Reform Act (1832) maps and descriptions of Scottish burghs, from the Parliamentary Report upon the Boundaries of the several Cities, Burghs and Towns in Scotland.
- Ordnance Survey. One inch to the mile. Scotland. 1st - 3rd editions (1845-1912). ca. 400 sheets

D) The NLS Digitisation Programme, with details of several ongoing/forthcoming map projects, is available at http://www.nls.uk/professional/digitalprojects/digitisation_programme.html
SOCIETY OF ARCHIVISTS

Cheshire & Chester Archives & Local Studies
The Cheshire Tithe Project has almost completed the digitisation of 19th century tithe maps and apportionments. On-line access is expected during June 2007. Please refer to www.cheshire.gov.uk/recordoffice for further details.

2) OTHER SITES AND PROJECTS OF INTEREST

Electronic atlas of archaeology. Lots of satellite images but also some maps.

Have launched LinesMan a 'comprehensive archive of 750 British trench maps of the Great War for France and Belgium in 1:10,000 scale' with The Great War Western Front GPS Companion, a 'revolutionary new Memory-Map compatible product that has taken four years to complete. This product is unlike any other trench map viewer and we believe this to be the first commercial application of historical data to a satellite navigation system'.

Project to scan the Great War maps of the Imperial War Museum.

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