DIGITAL PROJECTS – LIST 13 (BRICMICS 4 December 2008)

Revised following the meeting

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, however, to replicate information already available on the History of Cartography website at: http://www.maphistory.info/projects.html and http://www.maphistory.info/webimages.html

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

1. PROJECTS REPORTED BY BRICMICS MEMBERS

BODLEIAN LIBRARY (Nick Millea)

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.

BRITISH LIBRARY (Kimberly Kowal & Peter Barber)

King George III’s Geographical Collections
The proposal to digitise all of the King’s Maritime, Military and Topographical collections in the British Library, British Museum and Royal Library Windsor has been approved by the Executive Team and a fund-raising campaign is to be launched.

Beudeker Collection
A new Turning the Pages presentation of Dutch Baroque gardens, including the digitisation of some of the most attractive images in the Beudeker Collection, is in progress.

Vulnerable Collections Items Project
Phase I of the project was completed in September 2008, with 3,126 maps in rare books having been selected, catalogued, and digitized. The complete results of Phase I are described briefly in LIBER Quarterly, Volume 18 (2008) no. 2. http://liber.library.uu.nl/

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND (Chris Fleet)

New website additions:

- **Ordnance Survey six-inch maps of Scotland, 1843-1882**
  
  The six-inch to the mile scale is the most detailed that covered the whole of Scotland, covering the country in 2,123 sheets. It is possible to view individual sheets, as well as a seamed, geo-referenced layer of maps, searchable by an interactive index map, and by county, parish and place names gazetteers.

  http://www.nls.uk/maps/os/6inch/index.html

- **Ordnance Survey large scale town plans for Scotland, 1847-95**

  Seamed, geo-referenced versions of 1,900 sheets, covering 62 towns in Scotland. The individual sheets have been viewable since 2004, but it is now possible to search seamed, geo-referenced maps using a modern street name gazetteer, and as an overlay on modern satellite imagery.

  http://www.nls.uk/maps/townplans/index.html
• **Geo-referenced map overlays** have been created on Google and Virtual Earth imagery at: http://geo.nls.uk/maps/ This includes the OS One-Inch New Popular mapping for England and Wales, 1945-47

**Projected NLS websites:**

• **Bartholomew Archive website** (Dec 2008)
  
  An overview and access portal to the Bartholomew Archive http://www.nls.uk/bartholomew

• **Great Reform Act Plans and Reports, 1832** (Dec 2008)
  
  Detailed maps and reports of 75 towns in Scotland for the purposes of implementing the Reform Act (Scotland) of 1832. http://www.nls.uk/maps/towns/reform/

• **Ordnance Survey 25 inch to the mile maps of Scotland, 1840s-1880s** (Feb 2009)
  
  13,000 sheets, covering cultivated / populated areas in Scotland

**Scanning**

• Scotland – 1:2,500, 1st ed. 1840s-1880s. 3,000 maps were scanned in November to complete the scanning of this series.

• Ireland - 1:63,360 - GSGS 4136. 3rd edition. 76 sheets

• Bartholomew’s "Half Inch to the Mile" Map of England and Wales. 37 sheets

We have been working with TARA on a pilot project to scan and geo-reference GSGS maps of Belgium:

• France and Belgium - 1:50,000 - GSGS 4040. 121 sheets

• Belgium and NE France - 1:100,000 - GSGS 4336. 21 sheets

• North West Europe - 1:250,000 - GSGS 4042. 11 sheets

**UNITED KINGDOM HYDRORAPHIC OFFICE**

*(Phillip Clayton-Gore)*

The digitization project for the evaluation and compilation of hydrographic data continues to roll-out, and is expected to be complete by the end of 2008.

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

*The International Survey of Library & Museum Digitization Projects*


This study, available for purchase, presents data from more than 100 library and museum digitisation programs from academic, public and special libraries and museums in the United States, Canada, Australia, Italy, the UK and other countries.

Europeana – the European digital library, museum and archive

http://dev.europeana.eu/home.php

“A 2-year project that began in July 2007 to produce a prototype website giving users direct access to some 2 million digital objects, including film material, photos, paintings, sounds, maps, manuscripts, books, newspapers and archival papers”.

Unfortunately the site was so heavily used when first launched on 20 November 2008 that it collapsed. You can register on the site so that you can be informed when the site re-launches.

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