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.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF SCOTLAND

(John McLintock)

ScotlandsPlaces: Joint project NAS and Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland

ScotlandsPlaces is a joint collaborative project between RCAHMS and NAS. ScotlandsPlaces will be a web delivered service combining historical data from two of our national collections to provide a unique new resource for enjoying and studying localities across the country. It will initially combine historical site information, plans, photographs and textual records with an easy to use gazetteer and map based interface. The project will complement and build on the One Scotland One Geography strategy, which sets out a proposed approach to the more systematic and effective use of geographic information in the development and delivery of services to the benefit of the public.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

(Chris Fleet)

New website additions:

- Bartholomew Archive website
  An overview and access portal to the Bartholomew Archive, with descriptions of the family and firm, its background and significance, and highlights of selected publications. The half-inch to the mile mapping for England, Wales and Scotland from the 1930s has recently been added. Links to inventories and summary lists, and a regularly updated Curators’ blog. http://www.nls.uk/bartholomew

- Great Reform Act Plans and Reports, 1832
  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/

- Satellite image overlays of Bathymetrical Survey Lochs, 1897-1909
  Geo-referenced Google map overlays of 33 of the larger Scottish bathymetrical charts http://geo.nls.uk/maps/index.html#bathymetric
• Second World War geo-referenced military mapping of Belgium, 1942-1944

Seamed geo-referenced Google map overlays of British War Office map series:

  o France and Belgium - 1:50,000 - GSGS 4040. 121 sheets
  o Belgium and NE France - 1:100,000 - GSGS 4336. 21 sheets
  o North West Europe - 1:250,000 - GSGS 4042. 11 sheets

http://geo.nls.uk/maps/belgium/index.html

• ScotWays Heritage Paths website

A collaborative project with ScotWays (the Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society). The website provides information on rights of way with an historical use (eg. military roads, drove roads, coffin roads, sheiling paths, salters’ ways). It dynamically displays historical geo-referenced mapping from NLS and the path routes as a Google overlay. http://www.heritagepaths.co.uk

Projected NLS websites:

• Ordnance Survey 25 inch to the mile maps of Scotland, 1840s-1880s (June 2009)

  14,000 sheets, covering cultivated / populated areas in Scotland
  http://www.nls.uk/maps/os/25inch/

• Ordnance Survey Air Photo Mosaics - 1:10,560 – 1940s

  220 sheets, covering the more settled parts of Scotland, mosaiced and geo-referenced (August 2009)

Scanning:

• Ordnance Survey Air Photo Mosaics, Scotland - 1:10,560 – 1940s. 220 sheets. (completed)
• GSGS Town Plans of Belgium (GSGS 4420) and Holland (4458), 1940s. ca. 100 sheets (June 2009)
• Ordnance Survey six-inch to the mile, Scotland, 1890s – 1940s. ca. 10,000 sheets (August 2009)

2. MISCELLANEOUS

The International Survey of Library & Museum Digitization Projects
This report, which is available to purchase, was mentioned in the previous list but the following web site provides more information about the survey and the results:
http://www.researchandmarkets.com/product/86f620/the_international_survey_of_library_museum
The report 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.

Trends in Rare Book & Documents Special Collections Management
“This study profiles the efforts of more than a dozen American academic, public and special libraries to develop, manage and market their special rare book and document collections. The report covers security, acquisitions, cataloging, digitization, exhibitions, lending policies, inventory control, financing, preservation, and many other aspects of rare book and documents collection management” Available to purchase from the website.

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