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

BRITISH LIBRARY

(Vulnerable Items Project)
The project is currently wrapping up. Over 5,000 maps in rare books have been catalogued and photographed with images attached and visible in the OPAC. A further 1,000 maps have been selected and catalogued and await digitization. All material (images and metadata) has been ingested to online intermediate storage within the “Fast Track to Safety” Program. Using Ex Libris’ Digitool application, this ensures its security and integrity until it can be stored in the Digital Library System (the DLS).

King George III’s Geographical Collections
Efforts continue to raise money for the digitisation of these collections.

BODLEIAN LIBRARY

(Nick Millea)
Previously listed:

Large Scale Ordnance Survey Holdings
Digitisation and geo-rectification of the Bodleian's large-scale Ordnance Survey holdings by DigiData Technologies, now known as Data Holdings, has been underway since early 2005.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

(Chris Fleet)
Previously reported:

- Visualising Urban Geographies – due for completion in December 2010. This 15 month collaborative project will bring together historical data provided by Professor Richard Rodger with historical maps provided by the National Library of Scotland. This partnership will create an online resource allowing new insights into the spatial character and historical development of Edinburgh. The objective is also to enable others – students, academics and the public – to use new open source tools for related web-applications to reveal the spatial characteristics of their own cities. http://geo.nls.uk/urbhist/index.html

New website additions:

- New map viewer. In the first quarter of 2010, we have implemented a new viewer based on Openlayers for all of the NLS website maps. The new viewer allows much easier zooming and panning, a dynamic overview window, specific URLs for every zoomable image, and a Permalink feature. http://www.nls.uk/maps/imagery.html

- New historical map API. This new mapping application launched in May 2010 allows anyone to include historical maps of Great Britain in their own websites. It uses geo-referenced OS mapping from the 1920s to the 1940s at scales of 1:1 million to 1:63,360. The maps have been made available under a Creative Commons Attribution Licence. The application will also run on many mobile devices, including the iPhone, iPad or Google Android based phones. The hope is to add more detailed scales of mapping, and other countries, in the future. http://geo.nls.uk/maps/api/
Scanning

- **Ordnance Survey six-inch to the mile, Scotland, 1890s – 1940s.** 7,232 sheets were scanned between June and December 2009. Work is ongoing to present these on the web, hopefully before the autumn.
- **Ordnance Survey 25 inch to the mile, Scotland, 1890s – 1940s.** 17,000 sheets. Scanning will begin in June 2010, due for completion by February 2011.

**THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES**

*(Eunice Gill & Rose Mitchell)*

**Clickable Index Maps for Valuation Office Survey Maps**

A new tool which will allow you to identify and order Valuation Office Survey maps of England and Wales from 1910 to 1915 will shortly be available on our new development website area called The National Archives Labs. [Launched in June 2010, see http://labs.nationalarchives.gov.uk/wordpress/index.php/2010/04/valuation-office-map-finder/].

The Valuation Office Survey was made for tax purposes following the 1910 Budget and gives a fascinating glimpse into place and society in Edwardian England and Wales. The records of this vast survey date from 1910 to 1915 and show the use and value of lands and buildings, and their owners and occupiers. They contain a wealth of detail about people and places as they were around the time of the 1911 census.

The Valuation Office record maps, (county series Ordnance Survey maps c1910 with manuscript annotations) serve as the means of reference to more than 95,000 Field Books which contain descriptions of some nine million individual houses, farms and other properties. The survey is quite complex to use; you usually need to find the relevant map, find the handwritten unique survey number of the property in which you are interested and look it up in the right Field Book. Our Catalogue contains descriptions of nearly 50,000 Valuation Office Survey maps and this innovative tool provides a simple way to identify and order a map without having to visit The National Archives. The process previously required a complex, multi-stage onsite search.

**Tithe Apportionments (IR 29)**

These text documents which, together with the maps, form the Tithe Survey of c1840, are currently accessed on microfilm in the Map and Large Documents Reading Room. There are plans to digitise the apportionments and make them available free of charge via our website under Documents Online.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES**

*(Huw Thomas)*

The tithe map digitisation project mentioned in the last report is still at the planning stage. It is hoped to put a bid in to HLF sometime in 2011.

It is hoped that we will, over the coming year, be able to undertake a digitisation programme for some of the important and unique items in the Map Collection. These images would be available on the Library’s website as zoomable images and it is hoped that scanning work will start soon.

**SOCIETY OF ARCHIVISTS**

*(Jim Ranahan)*

**Tracks in Time – The Leeds Tithe Map Project.** [http://www.tracksintime.wyjs.org.uk/]

A project undertaken by West Yorkshire Archive Service supported by Heritage Lottery funding to conserve, capture digitally and provide free online access to the historic tithe maps which together span the modern Leeds Metropolitan District. The tithe maps and associated apportionment records cover the modern city. They provide details of land ownership and land use between 1838 and 1861 and they represent the earliest systematic, large-scale cartographic record of the area.

**TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY DUBLIN**

*(Paul Ferguson)*

The Map Library has recently completed the scanning of the 56 maps of the Bogs Commissioners – detailed maps of lowland bog surveyed 1810 to 1815 by some of Ireland’s best known surveyor-engineers such as Richard Griffith, John Longfield, Richard Edgeworth, William Bald and Alexander Nimmo. The maps were originally published in the Parliamentary Papers where they were tightly folded into the standard size volumes and hence often suffered damage.

Anne Taylor, 17 May 2010, and expanded following the meeting.