DIGITAL PROJECTS – LIST 17 (BRICMICS 2 December 2010)

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

( Kimberley Kowal & Peter Barber)

Previously listed:

Vulnerable Items Project
The project was completed in October. Over 6000 maps were catalogued and photographed, with all records and images attached and visible in the OPAC.

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

New additions:
The BL is preparing an app based on its Treasures (including maps) and is approaching possible funders for other apps as well as looking to add content to existing apps.

The BL is collaborating with the University of Chicago’s Digital South Asia Library and the University of Tokyo’s project Audio, Maps and Images from South-Asia in the provision of pre-1947 1/4", 1/2" and 1" mapping of India. The project will be spread over three years.

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 February 2011. This collaborative project is creating an online resource allowing new insights into the spatial character and historical development of Edinburgh. The objective is also to enable students, academics and the public to use new open source tools for related web-applications to reveal the spatial characteristics of their own cities. Over the last six months, 18 georeferenced maps of Edinburgh (1765-1945) have been made available at: http://geo.nls.uk/maps/index.html#edinburgh. There are further thematic mapping examples and 3-D views at: http://geo.nls.uk/urbhist/examples.html and a growing set of user Guides at: http://geo.nls.uk/urbhist/georeferencing.html

New website addition – NLS Georeferencer application – November 2010

• Taking advantage of software developed by Kløkan Technologies GmbH, this new application makes available several hundred early maps of Scotland in a pilot online Map Georeferencer application. The application allows anyone to georeference various historical maps on the web, including county maps, town plans, coastal charts and estate maps, and then view them as an overlay in Google Earth or using the Google Earth browser plugin. http://geo.nls.uk/maps/georeferencer
Collaborative website projects:

- **AddressingHistory**
  
  The AddressingHistory project, which ran from April to September 2010, created an online tool enabling a broad spectrum of users, both within and outwith academia (particularly local history groups and genealogists), to combine data from digitised historical Scottish Post Office Directories with contemporaneous historical maps. The AddressingHistory project was managed by EDINA in partnership with the National Library of Scotland, using materials already digitised under ongoing NLS programmes. The project focused on three eras of Edinburgh mapping and Post Office Directories (1784-5; 1865; 1905-6); however, the technologies are hopefully scalable to the full collection of digitised materials which include over 400 directories and associated maps covering the whole of Scotland. Funding has been secured to expand the AddressingHistory website in 2011. The ongoing NLS/Internet Archive digitisation of Scottish Post Office Directories is also making these available on the Internet Archive website: [http://www.archive.org/](http://www.archive.org/)

  AddressingHistory website: [http://addressinghistory.edina.ac.uk](http://addressinghistory.edina.ac.uk)

- **ScotlandsPlaces**
  
  This collaborative website, hosted by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, allows access through good spatial search methods to records and images of material held by the National Archives of Scotland and RCAHMS. 18,000 NLS maps are in the process of being added to ScotlandsPlaces, including:

  - Bathymetrical Survey of the Fresh-Water Lochs of Scotland, 1897-1909,
  - Ordnance Survey 1st edition 6-inch mapping, 1843-1882
  - Ordnance Survey 1st edition 25-inch mapping, 1855-1882
  - Historical county maps of Scotland, 1580-1928, and,
  - Historical town plans of Scotland, 1580-1919.

  The new ScotlandsPlaces website with NLS maps is due to be formally launched on 20 December 2010: [http://www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/](http://www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/)

**Scanning**

- **Ordnance Survey 25 inch to the mile, Scotland, 1890s – 1940s**
  17,000 sheets. Scanning began in June 2010, due for completion by February 2011.

- **Bartholomew printed publications, 1877-1900**
  8,000 items from the Bartholomew Printing Record. (Scheduled for scanning February – May 2011)

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES**

(Huw Thomas)

- The Tithe Map Project is progressing and the First Phase submission will be sent to HLF by the end of the month. The business plan has been completed.

- Work has started digitising the maps which will be displayed on the Library’s website. A lot of work has still to be done, both in terms of digitising and in terms of processing images and making them available online.

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