DIGITAL PROJECTS – LIST 19 (BRICMICS 16 November 2011, updated 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

BODLEIAN LIBRARY

Previously listed: (Nick Millea)

Large Scale Ordnance Survey Holdings
Digitisation and geo-rectification of the Bodleian’s large-scale Ordnance Survey holdings by Protinus Holdings (previously known as Data Holdings) has been underway since early 2005. The scanning operation has been moved from Oxford to Swindon to be close to the maps which are now stored there.

BRITISH LIBRARY

(Peter Barber & Kimberly Kowal)

- The digitisation of the Bauza collection of (mainly) eighteenth century manuscript maps and texts relating to Spanish America is proceeding, financed by Gale.
- Maps are being identified for digitisation as part of the WWI EU-funded digitisation programme being led by the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin.
- The British Library has secured a grant for the recataloguing and the completion of the digitisation of the Crace Collection of maps of London.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

(Chris Fleet)

Previously reported:

- Visualising Urban Geographies (http://geo.nls.uk/urbhist/)
  25 georeferenced maps of Edinburgh (1765-1950) and 20 boundaries shapefiles were loaded into Sharegeo (http://www.sharegeo.ac.uk) for easy downloading and onward use.

New website additions:

- Ordnance Survey Six-inch 2nd and later editions, Scotland, 1892-1960
  7,486 map sheets, including 1,136 full sheets and 6,332 quarter sheets. Revised for the whole of Scotland from 1892-1907, and then updated regularly for urban or rapidly changing areas from 1914 to the 1950s.
  http://maps.nls.uk/os/

- Ireland - seamed, georeferenced mosaics of 1940s mapping
  Bartholomew, Quarter Inch to the mile mapping of Ireland (1940), and War Office, One Inch to the mile, G.S.G.S. 4136, (1940-43), overlaid on Google/Bing mapping, and also made available to the Ireland Open Street Map community.
  http://geo.nls.uk/maps/
Maps of Scotland - Sheet Viewer application

This new application provides georeferenced graphic index access to 18,000 of our online maps. A range of both historic OS 1940s and modern Google mapping layers provides the user with a customisable backdrop to selecting areas of interest, and keyword searching is provided by placename and National Grid Reference, alongside browseable gazetteers of counties and their parishes. The new search interface integrates our previous five separate search applications into a faster and clearer interface. The application uses the open-source Geoserver and Openlayers software and was developed by Klokan Technologies.

http://geo.nls.uk/search/

Old Maps Online new search portal

NLS is one of several library partners in this new JISC-funded project, led by Humphrey Southall and based on Klokan Technologies' MapRank software. Running from November 2011 - February 2013. The aim is to develop a portal for georeferenced online maps.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND (Wesley Geddis)

- Digitisation of Valuation Books VAL/12B continues c.1864–c.1930 but there are no plans to digitise the maps.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES (Huw Thomas)

- We have resumed our programme of scanning maps for inclusion on our website, many of the flat maps have now been scanned, they include pre-1800 maps from the Gogerddan collection and a number of early printed and manuscript maps of Wales and Welsh counties. We are also going to scan a number of volumes including the famous survey of Crickhowell & Tretower. We hope to start putting these up on the Library’s website sometime in the New Year.

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