DIGITAL PROJECTS – LIST 20 (BRICMICS, 8 May 2012, 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 (Nick Millea)

Previously listed:

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 first batch of scanned maps was released for georeferencing via online crowdsourcing using BL’s customised Georeferencer tool in February 2012. All 725 maps were completed by the public in only 5 days and there is demand for more.
- As a result of the success of the Georeferencer project all of the selected maps were included in the initial unveiling of the Old Maps Online search portal www.oldmapsonline.org in February.
- The digitisation of the Bauza collection of (mainly) eighteenth century manuscript maps and texts relating to Spanish America is proceeding, financed by Gale.
- Gale financed the re-digitisation of one-third of the Ordnance Surveyors’ Drawings which are to be included in Nineteenth Century Collections Online http://gdc.gale.com/nineteenth-century-collections-online/
- Maps were identified for digitisation as part of the WWI EU-funded digitisation programme being led by the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND (Chris Fleet)

New website additions:

- Ordnance Survey, Scotland, 25 inch 2nd and later editions, Scotland, 1892-1949
  17,466 map sheets, revised for all the inhabited areas of Scotland from 1892-1907, and then updated regularly for urban or rapidly changing areas from 1914 to the 1940s. http://maps.nls.uk/os/25inch-2nd-and-later/index.html
  With the completion of this project we now believe we have available all County Series six-inch and larger-scale maps for Scotland: http://maps.nls.uk/os

- Ordnance Survey, Great Britain, Ten Mile to One-Inch Planning Map series, 1944-1960
  An initial set of 20 thematic maps, covering Great Britain on two sheets, along with Explanatory Texts. http://maps.nls.uk/os/ten-mile/index.html

- Ordnance Survey, Great Britain, One-Inch to the Mile, Seventh Series, 1952-1961
  192 sheets, available as individual sheets and as a seamless, georeferenced layer. http://maps.nls.uk/os/one-inch-seventh-series/index.html
• **Ordnance Survey, Great Britain, 1:25,000 Provisional edition, 1937-61**
  Underway, 2,000 sheets scanned so far, completion expected during May 2012 as individual sheets and as a seamless, georeferenced layer.

• **Historical Maps of Elgin and Lossiemouth (1747-1938)**
  In conjunction with a new iPhone application for schools in Elgin and environs
  [http://geo.nls.uk/search/elgin/](http://geo.nls.uk/search/elgin/)

Planned digitisation:

• **Ordnance Survey Books of Reference for Scotland, 1850s-1880s** (Autumn 2012)
• **Descriptive Gazetteers of Scotland (19th century)** (Autumn 2012)

  (these two projects will be scanned on a book cradle in a collaborative project with the Internet Archive)

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES**

  *(Huw Thomas)*

• The first batch of maps from the Library’s scanning project have now all been scanned, they should be appearing on the Library’s website sometime during the summer. A second batch has been added to the scanning workflow for the coming year and this includes some First World War material. Work will commence on the development of a web-mapping interface to access these images.

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