DIGITAL PROJECTS – LIST 23  (BRICMICS, 28 November 2013, and 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 continues in Swindon where the maps are stored.

BRITISH LIBRARY  
(Kimberly Kowal)

BL Georeferencer http://maps.bl.uk
Nearly 2,800 scanned maps were posted online and released for georeferencing 20 November. The Klokan Tech customised BL Georeferencer tool was developed and enhanced in terms of social media and visualisation flexibility for this release. All previously-georeferenced maps have been added to the Old Maps Online http://www.oldmapsonline.org search portal.

WWI maps
Maps selected for inclusion in the WWI EU-funded digitisation programme being led by the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin have been digitised, and appear via BL Georeferencer http://www.bl.uk/maps/. They will be available in Europeana http://www.europeana.eu/ in 2014.

Goad fire insurance mapping of British towns
The first edition Chas. E. Goad Ltd. fire insurance plans of British and Irish towns and cities for Britain and Ireland are online and available via the Online Gallery http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/firemaps/fireinsurancemaps.html and BL Georeferencer http://www.bl.uk/maps/

Mapping of the Persian Gulf
Maps of areas in the Persian Gulf and Middle East will continue to be selected and scanned as part of the larger Qatar Foundation Partnership Programme.

Ordnance Surveyors’ Drawings
The existing digital images of the Ordnance Surveyors’ Drawings have been “opened up” for reuse under an Open Government Licence and posted to Wikimedia Commons http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page.

King George III’s Topographical Collection
Funding has been secured to catalogue and digitise major parts of King George III’s Topographical Collection, and particularly its coloured images and the volumes covering the Americas, the Iberian Peninsula and Spanish Empire, China, Scotland and parts of England and large-scale mapping of the Netherlands, northern Germany and southern India.
Website enhancements:

- **New zoomable image viewer** (June). New faster viewer for all map images based on the open-source IIPImage software and using JPEG2000 images. Also standardising all map image viewer URLs to a common format: http://maps.nls.uk/view/[image ID]

- **Side-by-side georeferenced maps viewer** (November). New viewer for comparing different dates and scales of historical georeferenced mapping as a dual-map display within the Explore Georeferenced Maps viewer:
  
  http://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/sidebyside.cfm

Recent website additions:

- **Bartholomew Duncan Street Explorer** (May). An interactive guide to Bartholomew's premises in the 20th century, looking at map production through the various rooms of draughtsmen, engravers, colourists, printers, etc.
  
  http://digital.nls.uk/bartholomew/duncan-street-explorer/

- **OS sheet records viewer** (September). 152,332 records for OS County Maps of England and Wales were added to our former National Grid viewer, renaming it as the OS sheet records viewer. These new records are for the OS 25 inch (1:2,500) and OS six-inch to the mile (1:10,560) series of England and Wales, complementing the coverage of Scotland already included.
  
  http://maps.nls.uk/geo/records/

- **OS Five feet to the mile - London (1893-1896)** (August). The zincographed series of 729 sheets, based on a revision and survey of 1891-5. Available as individual sheets and as a georeferenced mosaic.
  
  http://maps.nls.uk/os/london-1890s/index.html

  

  
  http://maps.nls.uk/os/one-inch-2nd-hills/index.html

Planned website additions

- **Mapping History website.** A collaborative project with Archaeology Scotland for secondary schools on using and interpreting maps for historical and archaeological projects (due December 2013)
  
  http://digital.nls.uk/mapping-history/


- **OS six-inch quarter sheets** of England and Wales (1880s-1960s) (March 2014).

- We have scanned our holdings of trench maps (ca. 300 sheets) including the main trench map series at 1:20,000 (GSGS 2742) and 1:10,000 (GSGS 3062) and hope to have these online by April 2014.

- We are currently planning to scan and georeference selected Admiralty Charts of the World, ca. 1850-1950
• Have completed scanning all of the OS 1:500 town plans we hold and also all the Welsh town plans we hold by John Wood of Edinburgh.
• In addition we have scanned most of the fair copies of Jim Taylor’s Land Use and Vegetation Survey of Wales.
• The Cynefin project has been given the go-ahead and we are recruiting for the project manager’s post, to start in the New Year.
The following was taken from: http://www.hlf.org.uk/news/Pages/Cynefin.aspx
The Heritage Lottery Fund grant has been awarded to the project ‘Cynefin: Mapping Wales’ Sense of Place’ which is led by Archives and Records Council Wales working in partnership with the NLW and local authority record offices throughout Wales. The three year project aims to encourage more people to get involved with their archival heritage. Working in conjunction with local heritage groups, six community based projects across Wales will take the tithe maps as a starting point to develop their own local projects based on the changing landscape of their area.

NATIONAL RECORDS OF SCOTLAND

Ordnance Survey Original Object Name Books for Scotland, first series (NRS ref: OS1)
The first edition OS name books for Scotland have now been completely digitally captured (with the exception of about 20 volumes requiring conservation work). All but one county (Midlothian) are available on the ScotlandsPlaces website (www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk) and these interact on the site with the NLS first edition OS maps and the OS name book index compiled by RCAHMS. The name books for Midlothian will be added to the site on 6 December. The crowd-sourced transcription of the name books is proceeding very rapidly on the site (for progress see www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/transcribe).

Valuation Office (Scotland) maps and field books, 1910-1915 (NRS ref: IRS51-IRS133)
This series of records was produced as a result of the Inland Revenue survey of properties in Scotland following Lloyd George’s 1909 budget. A full explanation can be found at http://www.nas.gov.uk/guides/irs.asp

Imaging of the IRS maps has effectively concluded. A scoping exercise on imaging the related field books is underway, covering one county (West Lothian) and the four cities (Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow). There are no plans to make the maps or field books available online.

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

A project led by the same team in the History Department who undertook the Down Survey project (http://downsurvey.tc.ie) has recently been established to develop a website to host maps from the library’s Fagel Collection of eighteenth century maps of Europe and much of the world. There are about 3,000 maps, 1,200 townplans, 6,000 images from atlases as well as route and battle plans. The maps will be imaged, catalogued and geo-referenced.

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