DIGITAL PROJECTS – LIST 26 (BRICMICS, 7 May 2015, revised 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

BRITISH LIBRARY (Jim Caruth)

- Geo-referencing. There were further large releases in November 2014 and March 2015, using the BL Georeferencer online tool: 20 k maps found within the pages of 17th, 18th, and 19th century books were released for crowdsourcing. The map images, in the public domain, are being added to Wikimedia Commons in their own British Library Georeferencer subset.

- Further funding has been secured for Know Your Place West of England in which BL is a partner. The entirety of first ed 25” maps for the counties of Wiltshire and Somerset will now be scanned and georeferenced as part of the HLF-funded second round bid. This will make available historic mapping (OS 25” map series plus tithe mapping from local and county archives and historic associations) online. NLS assisted with the georeferencing. The relevant Goad mapping may also be added.

- The Library continues to submit metadata for inclusion in Old Maps Online, (http://www.oldmapsonline.org) the portal for historic scanned mapping from map collections worldwide.

- Negotiations are underway for the uploading onto Wikimedia Commons of images and related metadata of the British Library’s pre-1911 Chinese maps with a selection of the printed maps.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY (Anne Taylor)

John Speed’s Theatre of the Empire of Great Britaine
Images from our proof copy of John Speed’s Theatre of the Empire of Great Britaine (one of only 5 known copies) have been placed in Cambridge University Library’s Digital Library, where much enhanced viewing is possible. See http://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/PR-ATLAS-00002-00061-00001/1 (In a future release, the contents list will be rearranged into a slightly more helpful order!). Some maps are slight different to the published version, and of particular note is the map of Cheshire which was completely re-engraved before publication.

‘A Damned Serious Business’ : Waterloo 1815, the battle and its books
https://exhibitions.lib.cam.ac.uk/waterloo/
On display in the Library’s Exhibition Centre until 16 September 2015 (closed Sundays and August Bank Holiday). It includes a number of maps. Highlights plus extra information can be viewed at Also new in the Digital Library are some images of items relating to the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, including maps and plans issued to accompany William Siborne’s standard work on Waterloo, History of the war in France and Belgium, in 1815 on which, if you get the light to shine the right way, the relief is really accentuated. http://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/PR-ATLAS-00002-00084-00020/11

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND (Chris Fleet)

Recent website additions:

• **OS National Grid 1:1,250 / 1:2,500, 1944-1963.** 4,292 sheets. Covering the TQ 100 Km National Grid square of London and south-east England. Available as individual sheets and as a georeferenced layer.
  
  http://maps.nls.uk/os/national-grid/index.html

• **Admiralty Charts of Scottish waters, 1795-1963.** 950 charts – nearly all NLS holdings of out-of-copyright charts of Scottish coasts.
  
  http://maps.nls.uk/coasts/admiralty_charts_list.html

• **James Robertson’s Maps of Jamaica, 1804.** James Robertson, originally from the island of Yell in Shetland, emigrated to Jamaica by 1778. From 1796-1799 he surveyed the most detailed maps of Jamaica at the time, which were engraved and published in London in 1804
  
  http://maps.nls.uk/jamaica/index.html

• **Map viewer source code.** In December, NLS released the source code to our map viewers as open-source, allowing other libraries or institutions to freely use them for developing map applications:
  
  https://github.com/NationalLibraryOfScotland

• **Revised map viewers.** During March, NLS upgraded all its map viewers to use OpenLayers 3, allowing improvements to map printing, viewing functionality and mobile performance.

**Planned website additions**

- OS 25 inch County Series Scotland, 1892-1906 georeferencing. Continuing the start made above.
- OS 25 inch County Series England and Wales, 1841-1952. Continuing to scan counties moving north and west.
- OS one-inch land utilisation maps of Scotland, 1930s – a collaborative project with Historic Environment Scotland.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES**

(Huw Thomas)

1. **The Cynefin project** is continuing. The georeferencing interface has proved a great success. I hope to be giving a talk on the project at the BCS Map Curator’s Group meeting September.
  
  http://cynefin.archiveswales.org.uk/

**WILLIAM SMITH’S GEOLOGICAL MAP**

Perhaps not entirely within our remit but worth mentioning:-

William Smith’s Maps Interactive: http://www.strata-smith.com/

In the 'Maps' section (click on the link on the left hand side), you can select different maps for display, compare two side by side, drape the geological map over a relief model, and even fly along defined routes!

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