

DIGITAL PROJECTS - PRELIMINARY LISTING 9 – BRICMICS 29 November 2006
(revised 21 December 2006)

At the 2002 Spring meeting I was actioned to look into the following:

'It was suggested that BRICMICS should maintain a list of digital projects, such as announcements of upcoming projects, those in progress or completed, and new maps on websites'

The purpose of the list is to alert colleagues to projects which might be of particular interest. However it is not meant to replicate information 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>

This list is in four sections:

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1) PROJECTS

BODLEIAN LIBRARY

(Nick Millea)

Project previously listed:

Large Scale Ordnance Survey Holdings

Digitisation and geo-rectification of the Bodleian's large-scale Ordnance Survey holdings by *DigiData Technologies* has been underway since early 2005. It is now envisaged that the project will be completed within three years, rather than the previously cited two years.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

(Diana Webster & Chris Fleet)

- **Ordnance Survey.** One-inch to the mile, New Popular edition of Great Britain. 114 sheets covering England and Wales (1945-47)
- **J. Bartholomew & Son.** Half-Inch to the mile, Scotland. 29 Sheets. (1930-1935)
- **Ordnance Survey.** Quarter-Inch to the mile, third edition. Scotland. 10 sheets. (1921-23)

These three map series are currently being geo-referenced for website presentation in 2007. In collaboration with the British Library, the 900 images of each dissection of the Roy military survey map of Scotland (ca. 1747-55) are being seamed and "geo-referenced" for website presentation in 2007.

- **Ordnance Survey.** 1:500. Liverpool. 50 sheets (1847-9)

The NLS Digitisation Programme, with details of several ongoing/forthcoming map projects, is available at http://www.nls.uk/professional/digitalprojects/digitisation_programme.html

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

(Gillian Hutchinson)

The National Maritime Museum's **Collections Online** site <http://www.nmm.ac.uk/collections/> now contains selections from the following collections:

Astronomical and navigational instruments

- Globes

Charts and Maps

- Loose sheets
- Manuscript charts on vellum (mostly portulans and Thames School)
- Manuscript atlases
- Grenville collection (late 18th / early 19th century)
- All of the Henry Newton Stevens collection of Des Barres' Atlantic Neptune

The next phase of digitisation will concentrate on items from printed atlases.

TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY, DUBLIN

(Paul Ferguson)

Ordnance Survey Ireland have completed scanning the Library's holdings of six inch and twenty-five inch mapping up to 1920. First editions of both series are now available on the OSI pay-to-view / pay-to-print website <http://www.irishhistoricmaps.ie/historic/>

Groundsure Ltd. are currently scanning large scale maps of Great Britain in the Library. The first results of this project, based on the 1:10,560 and 1:10,000 series, will be brought to market early in 2007.

2) OTHER DIGITISATION REGISTRIES

There are currently 4 registries for map digitization projects (3 based in USA). Let me know if you know of any more!

A) The WAML (Western Association of Map Libraries) Scanning Project Clearinghouse. <http://www.waml.org/clearinghouse.html>

Launched in March 2006.

This Clearinghouse is an effort to create a union list of WAML's digitization projects. Its goal is to increase knowledge of and accessibility to scanned items and to avoid duplication of effort.

Contributions are made via a password-protected on-line form .

It is primarily for WAML members though non-WAML members within WAML's principal region may also contribute.

B) Registry for Scanned Mapping: Map and Geography Round Table (MAGERT) of the American Library Association. <http://mapregistry.library.arizona.edu/cgi/index.pl>

Launched in July 2006.

Goals of this Registry are to:

- Find out what scanning is being planned, in process, or complete for a particular geographic area
- Head off any duplication of effort
- Provide a resource to use for finding a particular digital image
- Provide a resource for reviewing the various technical parameters used in different projects

They are interested in all map scanning projects, whether U.S. or international.

C) The Registry of U.S. Government Publication Digitization Projects. <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legacy/registry/>

Many map collections contain numerous federally-produced maps.

This Registry:

- Serves as a locator tool for publicly accessible collections of digitized U.S. Government publications
- Increases awareness of U.S. Government publication digitization projects that are planned, in progress, or completed
- Fosters collaboration for digitization projects
- Provides models for future digitization projects

D) Gigateway. <http://www.gigateway.org.uk/>

Gigateway is a UK-based online resource for locating geospatial information relating to maps, graphics, images, documents and databases, etc.

Welcome details of historical scanned maps.

Does not include projects in progress.

3) OTHER SITES OF INTEREST

Broer Map Library historic map index. <http://www.broermaponline.org/members/mapindex/>

An index of many of the largest collections of online digital historic maps with a search engine to help users find online historic maps that users can view online. Links to over 50,000 online historic maps so you should be able to find what you are looking for. Site includes a list of the major collections that have been indexed

4) PROJECTS ADDED FOLLOWING THE MEETING ON 29 NOVEMBER

SOCIETY OF ARCHIVISTS

(Jim Ranahan)

Birmingham Archives & Heritage

- *'Digital Handsworth'* is a multimedia resource guide to the history of the community in the area covered by the ancient parish of Handsworth. It includes a time line, an image gallery and a series entitled 'Learning Journeys'. A key feature of this series is the digitised Tithe Map, which allows searchers to navigate around the site as part of a structured learning package, or to undertake their own research. Tithe apportionment references, sites of local [and national] importance and modern boundaries and roads can be overlain. The site is www.digitalhandsworth.org.uk

East Sussex Record Office

- *The Tithe Map Project* has recently completed scanning c.150 tithe maps which are now available on CD. See <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/localandfamilyhistory/esro/collections/tithemaps/default.htm>. ESRO is now embarking on a campaign to transcribe the apportionments into a database, so that searchers can both view a map on screen and retrieve the details in the apportionment for the plots of interest - and by merging the data to create a directory of landowners and tenants for c1840 as a resource for wider research on landownership and land use. East Sussex Record Office. Have scanned all of their tithe maps

Norfolk Record Office

- *Norfolk E-Map Explorer* provides internet access to a variety of historic maps and aerial photographs of Norfolk. The collection includes the 1st edition OS maps, over 600 tithe maps, enclosure maps and historic maps of the towns of Norfolk and the City of Norwich. It also includes almost complete photographic coverage of Norfolk in the form of aerial photographs taken in 1946 and 1988. The site has won the 2005 Alan Ball Local History Award and was nominated for the ICT category at the 2006 Channel 4 Archaeology Awards. It can be accessed at www.historic-maps.norfolk.gov.uk

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