

## DIGITAL PROJECTS – LIST 38 (BRICMICS, 17 May 2021, 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: [www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/departments/maps/digital-maps/digital-projects-list](http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/departments/maps/digital-maps/digital-projects-list)

### BODLEIAN LIBRARY

*(Nick Millea)*

The re-launch of the Digital Bodleian platform (<https://digital.bodleian.ox.ac.uk>) currently includes 2,373 cartographic images, with many more in the pipeline. Many of the Bodleian's more famous maps can be found, alongside a number of lesser known exemplars. This is very much a work in progress.

### BRITISH LIBRARY

*(Gethin Rees)*

Digital and digitisation projects

- Digitisation of 30,000 Ordnance Survey 25 inch first and second edition sheets is underway as part of the Living with Machines project in association with the Turing Institute.
- The **Locating a National Collection** project has completed a set of focus groups interviews about heritage and technology with members of the UK public. The project's interim report can be found <https://www.nationalcollection.org.uk/Interim>
- **Machines Reading Maps** project has got underway and is based at the Alan Turing institute and is funded by the AHRC's UK/US partnership scheme. The project is a collaboration between University of Southern California, British Library, Austrian Institute of Technology, the Library of Congress, and the National Library of Scotland. The collaborative project will develop new machine learning tools for extracting data from large-scale historical map collections and combining it with other geospatial and historical data to create a fuller and richer understanding of place.

### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

*(Anne Taylor)*

An article about some of our manuscript maps that can be seen on Cambridge Digital Library (<https://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/maps/1>) can be seen at <https://www.cam.ac.uk/stories/maps>

### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

*(Chris Fleet)*

Recent website additions:

- **Stevenson civil engineering plans of Scotland, 19th-20th centuries.** 1072 civil engineering plans, particularly relating to harbours, but also bridges, railways, roads and lighthouses in Scotland. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#97>
- **Commercial mapmaker series maps of Scotland, 1870s-1930s.** 214 half-inch and quarter-inch maps by Bartholomew, Gall & Inglis and W. & A.K. Johnston. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#98>
- **OS 25 inch to the mile, Scotland, 1855-1882.** 1071 "parish edition" sheets for areas we just had a "Combined edition" sheet online for before. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#100>
- **OS National Grid maps, Great Britain published in 1970.** 2,430 detailed maps at scales of 1:1,250 to 1:10,560 which were published in 1970, and therefore just came out-of-copyright from 1 January 2021. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#101>

- **Extended coverage of Survey of India maps of southern India, 1920 – 1951.** 73 topographic maps covering part of southern India, to provide complete coverage of the River Kavery, and everywhere south of the 12th parallel north. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#102>
- **County maps of Northern England, 1760s-1840s.** 22 maps covering counties in northern England to support a research project on mills with Glasgow University. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#103>
- **OS Half-inch to the Mile, Scotland, Outline Edition, water in blue, 1942.** 34 sheets with topography in black and water features in blue. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#107>
- **OS Quarter-inch to the Mile, Scotland, 1901-1960.** 182 maps across 16 series. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#108>
- **OS One-Inch Seventh Series, Great Britain, 1952-1970.** 896 sheets, to provide comprehensive coverage, along with Outline and Indexes editions. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#109>
- **OS Half-Inch and Quarter-Inch Indexes, Scotland, 1890s-1960s.** 143 sheets showing the sheet boundaries of OS Six-Inch and 25 Inch maps. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#110>
- **OS Quarter-Inch Administrative Maps, Scotland, 1930s-1960s.** 85 maps showing administrative and Parliamentary Constituency boundaries. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#111>

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

(Donna Sherman)

Our collection of digitised Japanese maps has been transferred to our Manchester Digital Collections platform: <https://www.digitalcollections.manchester.ac.uk/collections/japanesemaps/1>. John Rylands Research Institute and Library researcher, Sonia Favi, has written an introduction to the collection and enhanced the metadata for each item. She has also written a [blog](#) to accompany the project.

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