## DIGITAL PROJECTS – LIST 39 (BRICMICS, 8 November 2021)

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)

**BRITISH LIBRARY** *(Gethin Rees)*

* Almost 2,000 Survey of India 1-inch sheets held in the India Office Records Map Collections are soon to be digitised and georeferenced by Mapping the Archaeological History of South Asia project (MAHSA) based at Cambridge University.
* Digitisation of 25,000 Ordnance Survey 25 inch 1st and 2nd edition map sheets was completed for Living with Machines, a UKRI-funded collaborative project between the Alan Turing Institute and the British Library
* 1,300 War Office Archive map images of East Africa have been georeferenced through the BL Georeferencer platform.
* In July 2021 a further 39,000 digital images from George III’s Topographical Collection were released onto Flickr Commons as public domain. This brings the total of images to 49,000 and completes the seven year K.Top project. To date the Flickr collection has received over 25 million individual page clicks.

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY** *(Anne Taylor)*

* Amongst the Map Department collections are three large, leather-bound volumes containing over 350 charming watercolour views of Cambridgeshire buildings, landscapes and antiquities. These are the work of amateur artist Richard Anthony Relhan (1782-1844) a Cambridge apothecary. After Relhan's death the volumes were given to Cambridge Antiquarian Society (CAS) and were subsequently passed to the University Library. CAS used a generous bequest from their past President, Professor Mary Hesse, to digitise these drawings. We are delighted to say that these, along with extensive text and modern photographs, all the work of CAS members, are now freely available on Cambridge Digital Library at <https://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/relhan/4> See also the *Richard Relhan Revealed* blog post <https://specialcollections-blog.lib.cam.ac.uk/?p=22157%C2%A0> and the *Drawing Cambridgeshire* news story <https://www.cam.ac.uk/stories/relhan-collection>
* We are also digitising Survey of India 1-inch sheets for the Mapping the Archaeological History of South Asia project (MAHSA) (see also British Library entry).

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND** *(Chris Fleet)*

**Recent website additions:**

* **Scottish military maps, 20th century.** 57 large-scale (1:360) military maps, showing detailed plans of defensive works in and around the Forth and Clyde estuaries, constructed before and during the First World War. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#113>
* **Scottish map miscellany, 20th century.** 158 maps of Scotland, dating between 1907 and 1969, including town plans, and various special series maps. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#114>
* **New Scottish LiDAR Digital Terrain Model (DTM) layer** A reprocessed Scottish Government LiDAR Digital Terrain Model (DTM) layer at 50cm - 1m resolution, allowing minor landscape features to be seen much more clearly. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#115>
* **OS 25 inch 'blue-and-black' drawings, Scotland, 1890s-1940s.** A set of 694 Ordnance Survey 'blue-and-black' drawings showing revision for the 25 inch to the mile maps, between the 1890s and the 1940s. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#117>
* **OS Six-inch Scotland first edition - railway and other variant states (1840s-1880s).** An earlier set of 1,824 OS six-inch maps, useful for showing the variant states of these maps, useful for showing railway additions, updates to towns, county boundary sheet changes, security deletions, and administrative boundary changes. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#119>
* **Scottish water mills website.** A web resource showing the locations and details of over 9,000 mills in Scotland in the 19th century. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#120>
* **Alexander Innes - Jamaica Journal (1823-24).** A resource combining a journal and historic mapping to visualise the itinerary of a Scot, Alexander Innes, who visited Jamaica in 1823-24. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#121>
* **New research guides.** An expanding series of guides to using maps for researching particular topics:
	+ [Researching house and building history](https://maps.nls.uk/guides/houses/)
	+ [Using LiDAR layers for landscape research](https://maps.nls.uk/guides/lidar/)
	+ [Researching woodland history](https://maps.nls.uk/guides/woodland/)

**UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER** *(Donna Sherman)*

A digital exhibition featuring maps from University of Manchester’s Japanese collections has just been launched: ‘Travels in Tokugawa Japan (1603 – 1868): a virtual journey’ <https://www.digitalexhibitions.manchester.ac.uk/s/travels-in-japan>.

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