

## DIGITAL PROJECTS – LIST 41 (BRICMICS, 18 November 2022)

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)

A new *Discover Maps, Unlock the Past* website, hosted on a platform created by Yale-National University of Singapore was launched this summer. Starting in 2019, the project has delivered over 1400 maps via IIF, and went live on 30 August. The Bodleian is one of four partner institutions showcasing their collections featuring pre-1900 maps of Southeast Asia. Teaming up with Leiden University Libraries, National Library Board – Singapore, and Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, 387 of our maps have been added to the site. Take a look at: <https://historicalmaps.yale-nus.edu.sg>

### BRITISH LIBRARY

(Gethin Rees)

- The Mapping the Archaeological Heritage in South Asia Project (MAHSA) [www.arch.cam.ac.uk/research/projects/current-projects/mapping-archaeological-heritage-south-asia](http://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/research/projects/current-projects/mapping-archaeological-heritage-south-asia) at Cambridge University has now scanned over 2,000 maps held in the India Office Map Collection. Automated computer vision software will pick out mound features from 2,000 georeferenced images of early 20th century series maps covering large parts of India and Pakistan, and create a database of possible archaeological sites for investigation in the field.
- The second tranche of maps from George III's Topographical Collection were released onto the Georeferencer platform (<https://www.bl.uk/projects/georeferencer>) back in February. British Library colleagues selected the 7891 images that depict maps from the 32,000 that comprise George III's collection of atlases and albums of views, plans, diagrams, reports and surveys, produced between 1550 and 1820. Over 64% have now been georeferenced, find out more at <https://blogs.bl.uk/magnificentmaps/2022/03/georeferencing-maps-from-george-iiis-atlases-and-albums.html>

### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

(Anne Taylor)

- We continue to digitise Survey of India 1-inch sheets for the Mapping Archaeological Heritage in South Asia project (MAHSA) based at Cambridge University [www.arch.cam.ac.uk/research/projects/current-projects/mapping-archaeological-heritage-south-asia](http://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/research/projects/current-projects/mapping-archaeological-heritage-south-asia)

### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

(Chris Fleet)

Recent website additions:

- OS Scottish One-Inch 'Hills' editions and additional states (1840s-1900s). 348 new OS one-inch maps to complete our online coverage of Scottish one-inch sheets. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions/#130>
- Roy Military Survey of Scotland gazetteer and viewer. 33,523 searchable names from the Roy Military Survey of Scotland (1747-55) <https://maps.nls.uk/additions/#131>
- OS 25 inch Edinburgh gazetteer and viewer. 21,950 searchable transcriptions from OS 25 inch 1890s mapping of Edinburgh environs. <https://maps.nls.uk/additions/#133>

- OS Air Photo Mosaics of England and Wales, 1944-1950. All NLS holdings of 6,123 air photos of England and Wales, covering 20% of the landscape at 1:10,560, and sixteen towns/cities at 1:1,250: <https://maps.nls.uk/additions/#134>
- New viewer - Irrigation tanks in the Kaveri River Delta, South India. Map viewer allowing irrigation tanks traced from Survey of India mapping to be compared to other features and the present day. <https://geo.nls.uk/maps/irrigation-tanks/>
- New research guides.
  - Re-using map datasets research guide. Guides to re-using and opening our small (but growing!) quantities of data gathered from our map collections <https://maps.nls.uk/guides/datasets/>

## **NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES**

*(Huw Thomas)*

Have started a pilot project scanning 1st & 2nd edition 25" county series maps of Wales. Have so far scanned Anglesey and hope to do more.

## **PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND**

*(Glynn Kelso)*

PRONI is working with DfC Historic Environment Division and GIS specialists to source OS maps from other collections to fill gaps on the PRONI historical maps viewer <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/search-proni-historical-maps-viewer>, initially caused by preservation issues. PRONI is also working with a community based organisation to add an additional dataset to the maps viewer, which will georeference all church sites in NI and provide a spatial index to relevant church records held by PRONI.