

MAPS AND MAPPING FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY GENEALOGIST

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(Very many thanks for inviting me to give this presentation. I hope that among this quite modest selection of resources you may find one or two which are entertaining and perhaps even helpful for your research. This handout has been prepared for BIFHSGO members, and I ask that it not be copied for or transmitted to non-members. Many thanks for your understanding and kind cooperation. Have fun exploring the links!)

“Maps”

- Print and digital
- Includes a new generation of interactive or multifaceted maps

“Mapping”

- Creating/enhancing/annotating a map
- Mapping tools and other tools

Strategies

- Bear in mind one's specific purpose in consulting or creating/enhancing/annotating a map
- Identify and locate available print and digital maps (make an inventory)
- Select the best map(s) for the purpose
- If creating/enhancing/annotating a map, select an appropriate (mapping or other) tool

Identifying and Locating Print and Digital Maps – Selected resources, as mentioned

- *Old Maps Online* www.oldmapsonline.org “World's largest portal to discovering online images of historical maps.” The participants currently include (among other institutions): British Library (BL); Cartography Associates (David Rumsey Map Collection); National Library of Scotland; National Library of Wales; University of Manchester; and *A Vision of Britain through Time*.
- *WorldCat* www.worldcat.org “The world's largest library catalog.”
- *Map images – National Library of Scotland* (NLS) <http://maps.nls.uk>
Cairt (newsletter) www.nls.uk/collections/maps/subject-info/cairt
ScotlandsPlaces www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk
- BL: Fire Insurance Plans www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/maps/fireinsur/insurancemaps.html
(Note LAC's collection of copies, on black and white microfiche.)

“Plain Language” Statements of Permissible Uses – Selected examples, as mentioned

- NLS: *Copyright – Map images* <http://maps.nls.uk/copyright.html>
- Digital Archive: Toronto Public Library – *Public Domain Designation*
<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/digital-archive/license.jsp>
- *Permission Guidelines for Google Maps and Google Earth*
www.google.ca/permissions/geoguidelines.html
- *OpenStreetMap Wiki: Out-of-copyright maps* (general information, not legal advice)
http://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Out-of-copyright_maps

New Generation of Interactive or Multifaceted Maps – Selected examples

(* = mentioned in the presentation)

Britain

- *Britain from Above* <http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/>
- *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/browse.aspx>
- *Collections on a Map* (The National Archives (TNA) Labs)
<http://labs.nationalarchives.gov.uk/wordpress/index.php/2012/04/collections-on-a-map/>

England

- BL: *Online Gallery* – Maps <http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/maps/>
Georeferencing and georeferenced maps <http://www.bl.uk/maps/index.html>
Description: <http://www.museumsandheritage.com/advisor/news/item/2794>
- *Bomb Sight: Mapping the WW2 London Blitz Bomb Census* <http://www.bombsight.org>
“Augmented Reality” (!) (coming soon): <http://www.bombsight.org/androidapp/>
- *Bristol – Know Your Place* <http://maps.bristol.gov.uk/knowyourplace/>
- *Charles Booth Online Archive* <http://booth.lse.ac.uk/>
- *e-mapping Victorian Cheshire* <http://maps.cheshire.gov.uk/tithemaps/>
- *England Jurisdictions 1851* <http://maps.familysearch.org/> (*)
Description: https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/England_Jurisdictions_1851 (*)
- *John D. Reid's London Cemeteries Map* (*)
- *Historical Maps of Norfolk* <http://www.historic-maps.norfolk.gov.uk/>
- *Locating London's Past* <http://www.locatinglondon.org/>
- *London Low Life* <http://www.amdigital.co.uk/m-collections/collection/london-low-life/> (*)
(academic library subscriptions; check on-campus availability through a guest account)
- *Southwark Maps* (Southwark Council) http://maps.southwark.gov.uk/connect/southwark.jsp?mapcfg=Historical_Selection&tooltip=Hist_tips
- *The Map of Early Modern London* <http://mapoflondon.uvic.ca/index.htm>
- *Tracks in Time, The Leeds Tithe Maps Project* <http://www.tracksintime.wyjs.org.uk/> (*)
- *Valuation Office Map Finder* (TNA Labs)
<http://labs.nationalarchives.gov.uk/wordpress/index.php/2010/04/valuation-office-map-finder/>

Ireland

- *Ask about Ireland – Griffith's Valuation* www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/ (*)
(The best current resource for free Griffith's Valuation maps and plans.)
- *Clare County Library* <http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/maps/index.htm>
- *Origins.net – Irish Origins* <http://www.origins.net/iowelcome.aspx> (\$)
Griffith's Valuation Maps <http://www.origins.net/help/aboutio-maps.aspx> (but see above)
Dublin City 1847 OS Town Plans <http://www.origins.net/help/aboutio-dub1851-plans.aspx>
- *Mayo County Library* <http://www.mayolibrary.ie/en/LocalStudies/MapBrowser/>
- *Ordnance Survey Ireland – Historical Mapping* www.osi.ie/Explore-our-maps.aspx (*)
- *Sligo County Library* <http://www.sligococo.ie/library/maps2/mapbrowser.html>

Scotland

- *AddressingHistory* <http://addressinghistory.edina.ac.uk/> (*)
“Augmented Reality” view: <http://addressinghistory.blogs.edina.ac.uk/2012/02/>
- NLS: *Projects* (including georeferencing) <http://maps.nls.uk/projects/index.html>
Georeferenced maps <http://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/> (*)
- *Visualising Urban Geographies* (VUG) <http://geo.nls.uk/urbhist/> (*)
Description: <http://blog.bordersfhs.org.uk/2011/03/new-map-comparison-tool-from.html>

Mapping Tools and Other Tools – Selected resources

(Many, many additional mapping and image manipulation tools etc. are available.)

Image Manipulation

- IrfanView (and plug-ins) www.irfanview.com (for use with digital maps as image files)
- OpenOffice www.openoffice.org/ and LibreOffice www.libreoffice.org/
- Photoshop Elements (picture editor) www.adobe.com/ca/products/photoshop-elements.html (\$)
- etc.

Mapping

- Ancestral Atlas www.ancestralatlas.com/ancestral-atlas-genealogy-mapping-network.php
- Historypin www.historypin.com/ and WhatWasThere www.whatwasthere.com/
- etc.

- Google Maps <http://maps.google.ca/>
Scribble Maps www.scribblemaps.com/
Nicolas Mollet: Map Icons Collection <http://mapicons.nicolasmollet.com/>
etc.

- Google Maps Engine Lite (Beta) (New – March 27, 2013)
<http://google-latlong.blogspot.ca/2013/03/create-collaborate-and-share-advanced.html>
Tutorial: http://www.google.com/earth/outreach/tutorials/mapseng_lite.html

- Google Earth www.google.com/earth/index.html
(See also the georeferencing (BL & NLS) and VUG projects noted earlier.)
(See also *The Historic Counties Border Project* <http://www.county-borders.co.uk/>.)
etc.

Facsimile Editions of Maps – Selected resources

- *The Godfrey Edition: Old Ordnance Survey Maps* www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk/
- Royal Irish Academy: *Irish Historic Towns Atlas* www.ria.ie/research/ihta.aspx

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Note also Lisa's DVDs *Google Earth for Genealogy, Volumes I and II*
Available in Canada from: <http://internet-genealogy.com/Books.htm>
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