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### PRINTED MAPS & ATLASES

Please see the library's full bibliography on [Maps & Mapping online](#).

#### Guidebooks with maps

The Library holds several Baedeker guidebooks from c1900-1930 that contain folding maps including 'The United States, with an excursion into Mexico: handbook for travellers', 1904 91(73) BAE Rare books in Book Store.

### DIGITAL MAPS & DATA

#### Digimap

[Digimap Ordnance Survey](#) collection contains maps at scales ranging from 1:1,250 up to 1:750,000 available for making maps online or for download. There are scanned raster maps which are digital versions of Ordnance Survey's paper maps as well as vector maps at a range of scales including OS MasterMap® the most detailed large scale mapping.

The service includes many other products from Ordnance Survey including postcodes, administrative boundaries, a gazetteer of place names and digital terrain models.

Data is available to download for use in GIS and CAD software. A Full [Digimap user guide](#) is available on the library website.

Digimap collections include:

#### ❖ Historic maps

The Landmark historic map data are digital scans of OS paper map sheets including:

- all available County Series maps at 1:2,500 and 1:10,560 scales published between 1843 and 1939;
- all available Town Plans at 1:500, 1:528 and 1:1,056 scales published from 1848 and 1939;



- all available National Grid maps at 1:1,250, 1:2,500 and 1:10,560/10,000 scales published from 1945 and before the introduction of the Ordnance Survey's digital Land-Line product;
- the town plans cover most of the towns and cities that had a population of around 4000 and over at the time of survey.

#### ❖ Geological maps

Geology Digimap contains map data at scales ranging from 1:625,000 to 1:50,000 available for making maps online or for download.

#### ❖ Marine maps

Marine Digimap contains scanned and georeferenced marine maps at scales ranging from 1:3,500,000 to 1:2,500 available for making maps online or for download. There is also vector data containing a huge range of themes covering all aspects of marine spatial information.

#### ❖ Environment data

These digital raster datasets, derived from satellite data collected by the Landsat 5 Thematic Mapper, provide classification of land cover types at a 25m resolution for the years of 1990, 2000 and 2007. Classifications include sea and inland waters, bare, suburban and urban areas, arable farmland, pastures and meadows, rough grass, grass heaths and moors, bracken, dwarf shrub heaths and moorland, scrub, deciduous and evergreen woodland and upland and lowland bogs.

#### ❖ Aerial maps

Aerial Digimap contains aerial imagery data at scales ranging from 1:150,000 to 1:500. Complete coverage of Great Britain is available.

#### ❖ Lidar data

- Lidar Digimap is a collection of open data from various national and government agencies, including the Environment Agency, Scottish Government, SEPA, Scottish Water and Natural Resources Wales.
- Lidar Digimap is part of the Digimap Collection of on-line mapping and data delivery facilities. Currently only a Data Download facility exists.

#### GIS & Remote sensing websites

[ALA MAGIRT map scanning registry](#): The American Library Association, Map and Geospatial Information Round Table hosts this database of map scanning projects. It aims to prevent duplication of efforts and provides links to websites and any downloads which may be available.

[Earthworks](#): Stanford University Libraries' geospatial data discovery application. EarthWorks allows you to discover and download GIS data and maps from a variety of (US) institutions. Some data is restricted.

[GIS internet resources \(University of California, Berkeley\)](#): List of (mostly American) resources.



## HISTORICAL MAPS OF GREAT BRITAIN

### ONLINE

[Charles Booth's London](#): Charles Booth's London enables you to search the catalogue of over 450 original notebooks from the Inquiry into Life and Labour in London (1886-1903), view 41 digitised notebooks and explore the London poverty maps. The site is hosted by the London School of Economics, which holds the original archive.

[Digimap](#): Historic Digimap provides access to old Ordnance Survey maps of Great Britain, from 1843 to 1991. Scales included are 1:1250, 1:2500, 1:10560/1:10 000, and they can be compared on screen, printed, or downloaded to use in a GIS. The 1930s Dudley Stamp land use maps of Britain are also available through Environment Digimap. Digimap requires an AA username and password to access.

[The Gough map of Great Britain](#): The Gough Map is internationally-renowned as one of the earliest maps (14th century) to show Britain in a geographically-recognizable form. This website presents an interactive, searchable edition of the Gough Map, together with contextual material, a blog, and information about the project and the Language of Maps colloquium.

[National Library of Scotland](#): The maps date between 1560 and 1961 and relate primarily to Scotland. Maps are also available of areas beyond Scotland, including maps of [England and Great Britain](#), [Ireland](#), [Belgium](#), and [Jamaica](#).

[Vision of Britain through time](#): Maps, statistical information and historical descriptions of Great Britain between 1801 and 2001.

[Visualising urban geographies](#): A project focused on Edinburgh that provides mapping tools for historians, enabling them to use digitized and geo-referenced maps in conjunction with historical information based on either addresses or districts.

### PRINTED MAPS AVAILABLE AT THE AA LIBRARY

#### Maps of London

- ❖ Plan of the Cities of London and Westminster: and borough of Southwark, with the contiguous buildings, from an actual survey, taken by John Rocque, land-surveyor, and engraved by John Pine, Bluemantle (London : John Pine and John Tinney, 1746)  
Call number: 912(42.1) ROC DR. 3 Librarians office
- ❖ Map of London from an actual survey made in the years 1824, 1825 and 1826, by C. and J. Greenwood (London: Greenwood, Pringle and Co., 1827)  
Call number: 91(42.1) GRE Rare books in book store



- ❖ London and its vicinity: map published in conjunction with John Weale's publication London Exhibited in 1851 (London : John Weale, 1851)  
Call number: 91(421) WEA Book storage
- ❖ Maps of old London, edited by G.E. Mitton (London : Black, 1908)  
Call number: 91(42.1) MIT Book storage

### Maps for post-war reconstruction

- ❖ County of London Plan, by J.H. Forshaw & Patrick Abercombie, 1943 (London: Macmillan, 1943)  
Call number: 711.4(421) FOR Book storage
- ❖ Plan for Plymouth: the report for the city council, by J. Paton Watson (Plymouth: Underhill, 1943)  
Call number: 711.4(423.5P) PLY Book storage
- ❖ Map of Rotterdam with description of living quarters and industrial areas completed and under construction, by Town Planning and Reconstruction Office, Rotterdam (Rotterdam : s.n., 1955?)  
Call number: 711.4(492R)-168 ROT Book storage

## HISTORICAL MAPS OF THE REST OF THE WORLD

### ONLINE

[American Geographical Society Library: digital map collection](#): The American Geographical Society Library Digital Map Collection contains over 8000 maps, ranging from early maps of Asia to historical maps of Wisconsin and Milwaukee, and other American cities, states, and national parks.

[David Rumsey Historical Map Collection](#): Collection was started over 30 years ago and contains more than 150,000 maps. The collection focuses on rare 16th through 21st century maps of North and South America, as well as maps of the World, Asia, Africa, Europe, and Oceania. The collection includes atlases, wall maps, globes, school geographies, pocket maps, books of exploration, maritime charts, and a variety of cartographic materials including pocket, wall, children's, and manuscript maps. Items range in date from about 1550 to the present.

[Library of Congress online map collections](#): Collections include US historical maps and around 5000 historical maps from around the world. Go to: <https://www.loc.gov/maps/collections/> for a complete list of collections. Images from the various collections can be downloaded in JPEG, GIF and TIFF.

[Old maps online](#): Gateway to historical maps in libraries around the world. It allows the user to search for online digital historical maps across numerous different collections via a geographical search. The search results provide a direct link to the map image on the website of the host institution.



[Persuasive maps](#): This site makes available to the public P.J.Mode's private collection of more than 800 examples of persuasive cartography, maps intended primarily to influence opinions or beliefs - to send a message - rather than to communicate geographic information. The website provides general background on the subject and links to downloadable, high-resolution images with notes on each map. The collection itself reflects a variety of persuasive tools, including allegorical, satirical and pictorial mapping; selective inclusion; unusual use of projections, colour, graphics and text; and intentional deception. Maps in the collection address a very wide range of messages: religious, political, military, commercial, moral and social.

[World Digital Library](#): The World Digital Library (WDL) from the Library of Congress makes available on the Internet, free of charge and in multilingual format, significant primary materials from countries and cultures around the world. It includes maps, dating up to 1949.

## PRINTED MAPS AVAILABLE FROM THE AA LIBRARY

### Maps of Rome

- ❖ Nuova pianta di Roma, data in luce da Giambattista Nolli ([Roma : I. Bendetti] ; MDCCXLVIII [1748])  
Call number: 711.4.034(45R) NOL DR. 3 Librarian's office
- ❖ Nuova pianta di Roma, 1748, a cura di Stefano Borsi (Roma: Officina Edizioni, 1994) facsimile  
Call number: 711.4.034(45R) NOL Book storage

## MAP COLLECTIONS AROUND LONDON

[British Library map collections](#): Largest collections of maps, plans and topographical views in the world, numbering some 4.5 million, with a chronological spread of over 2,000 years. (Free reader pass required)

[The National Archives](#): More than six million maps and plans from the British Isles and places all-round the world, ranging from the 14th century to the modern day, most date from the 17th to the 20th centuries.

[National Maritime Museum](#): The Museum holds a unique collection of around 100,000 historical sea charts and maps. Many of the historical charts and maps held by the Museum were owned by naval officers and politicians. They were used to plan and record events which have since become a part of maritime history.