

A brief history of Embleton and Wythop



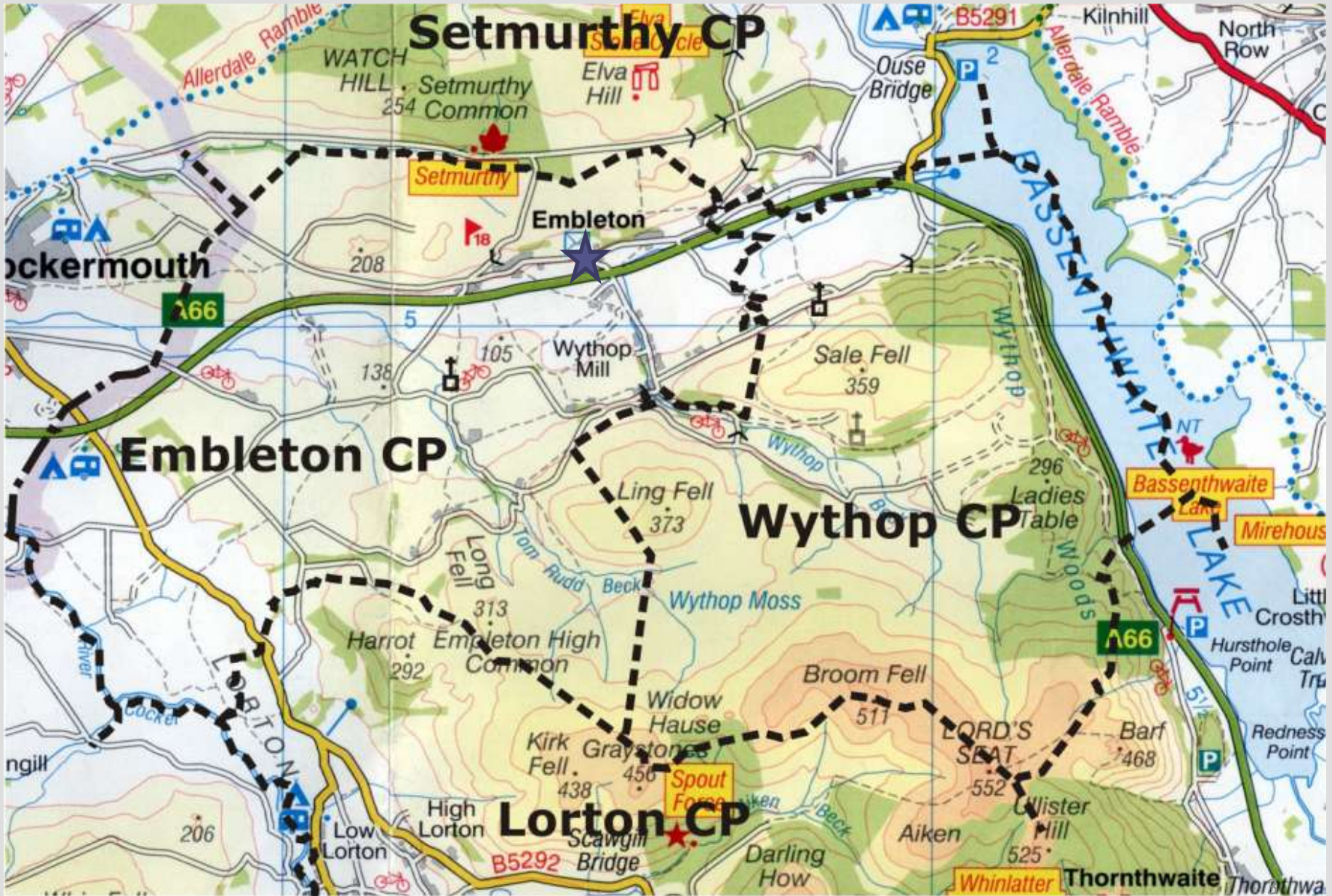
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Structure of presentations

- **Derek Denman:** An outline of the history of Embleton and Wythop up to the 19th Century.
- **Walter Head:** Developments in the 19th and 20th Centuries.
- **Discussion**

Embleton & Wythop Civil Parishes



A Roman Road ran through it – 2nd Century AD



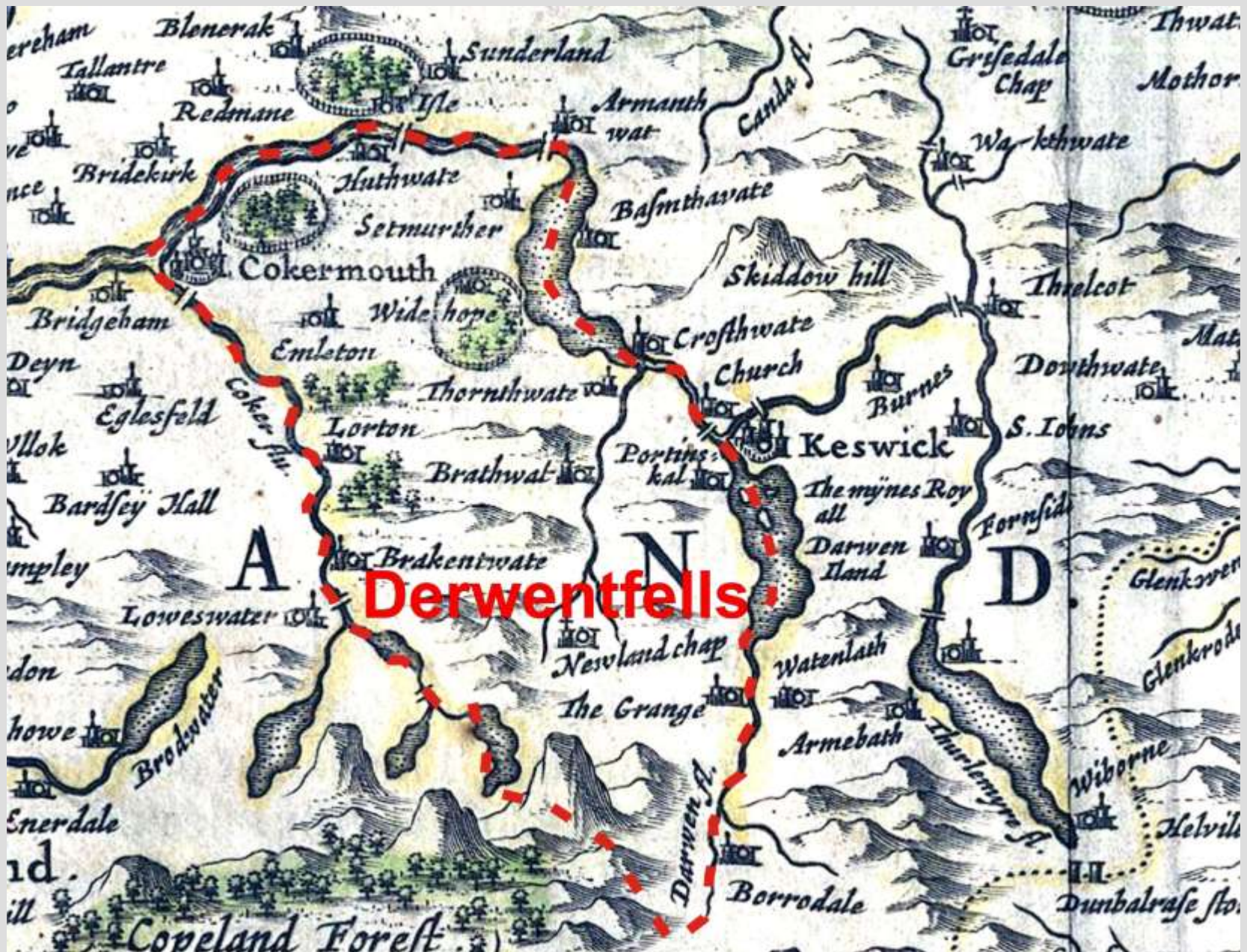
Embleton before the Norman conquest

- **'Emelton' (later in 1195)**
- **Second element 'tun', Old English for farmstead, settlement or village. Suggests an Anglian settlement (ie English) after 650.**
- **Could be later Norse/Irish, after 900.**
- **10th century, in Kingdom of Strathclyde.**

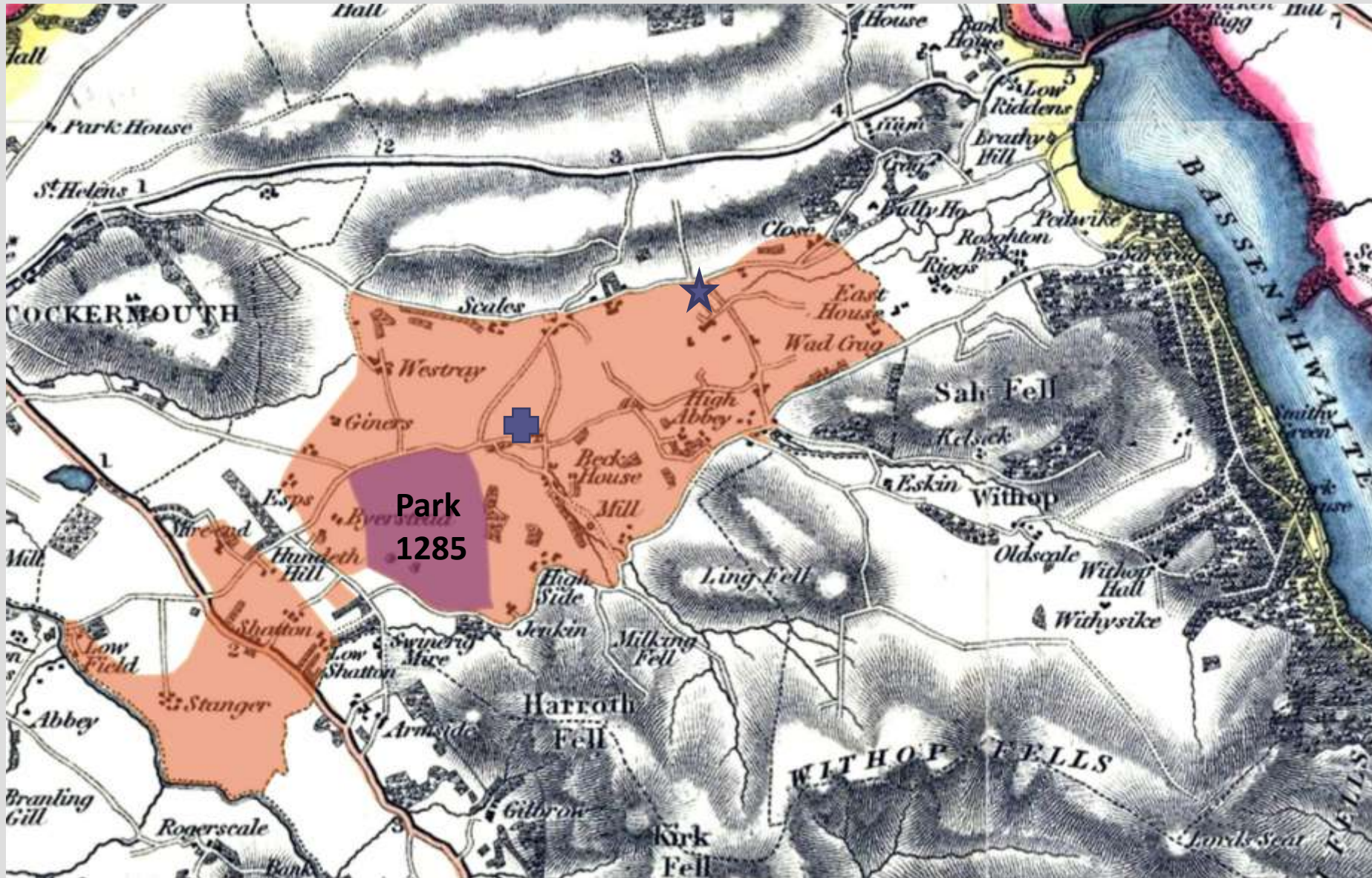
Norman England

- **1092**; Cumberland became part of Norman England under William II.
- **c.1100**; Forest manor of Derwentfells created between Derwent and Cocker. Lords of Allerdale seat at Papcastle.
- **1195**; freehold manor of Emelton granted to Orme of Ireby.
- **c.1200**; boroughs of Cockermouth and Keswick created as new settlements.
- **c.1260**; Wythop – ‘the willow valley’ -granted to John de Lucy. Previously summer grazing for Embleton and Lorton.

Forest manor of Derwentfells created c. 1100

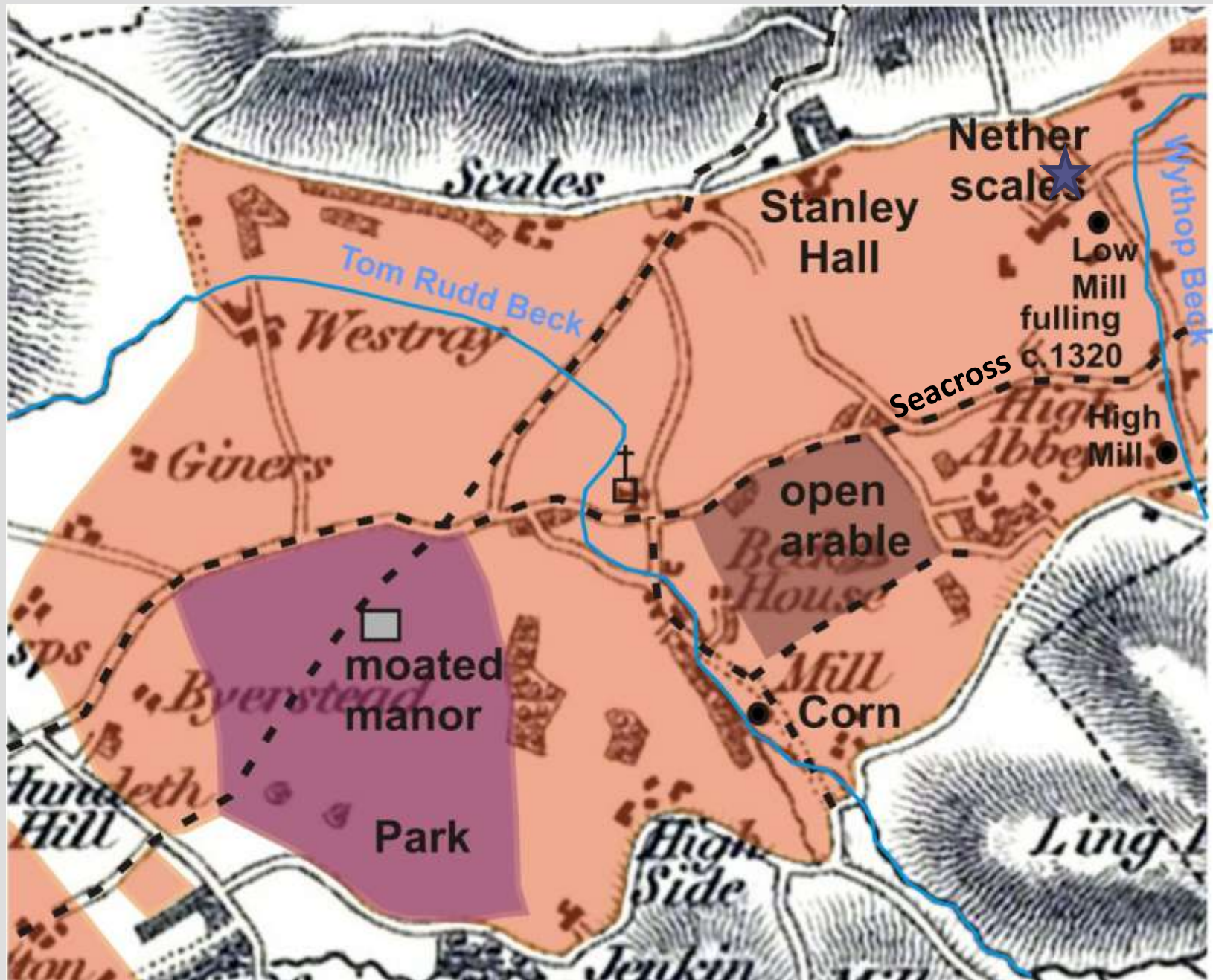


Grant of Embleton 1195 – extent?



Boundary of enclosed land, on Greenwood map 1821

Embleton – the medieval centre



Beckhouse: – the medieval centre?



- **Farmsteads/cottages alongside Tom Rudd Beck?**
- **Farmed the open arable land in strips?**
- **Beckside area population in 1841 still 51 (of 414) including 25 children.**

St Cuthbert's — a parochial chapelry in the parish of Brigham



Chapel first mentioned in a grant of Langfite in Embelton by John son of Thomas de Yrebi to Udard son of Adam de Crosthwat, c.1210.

Stanley Hall – oldest named house



The Bluebell Inn



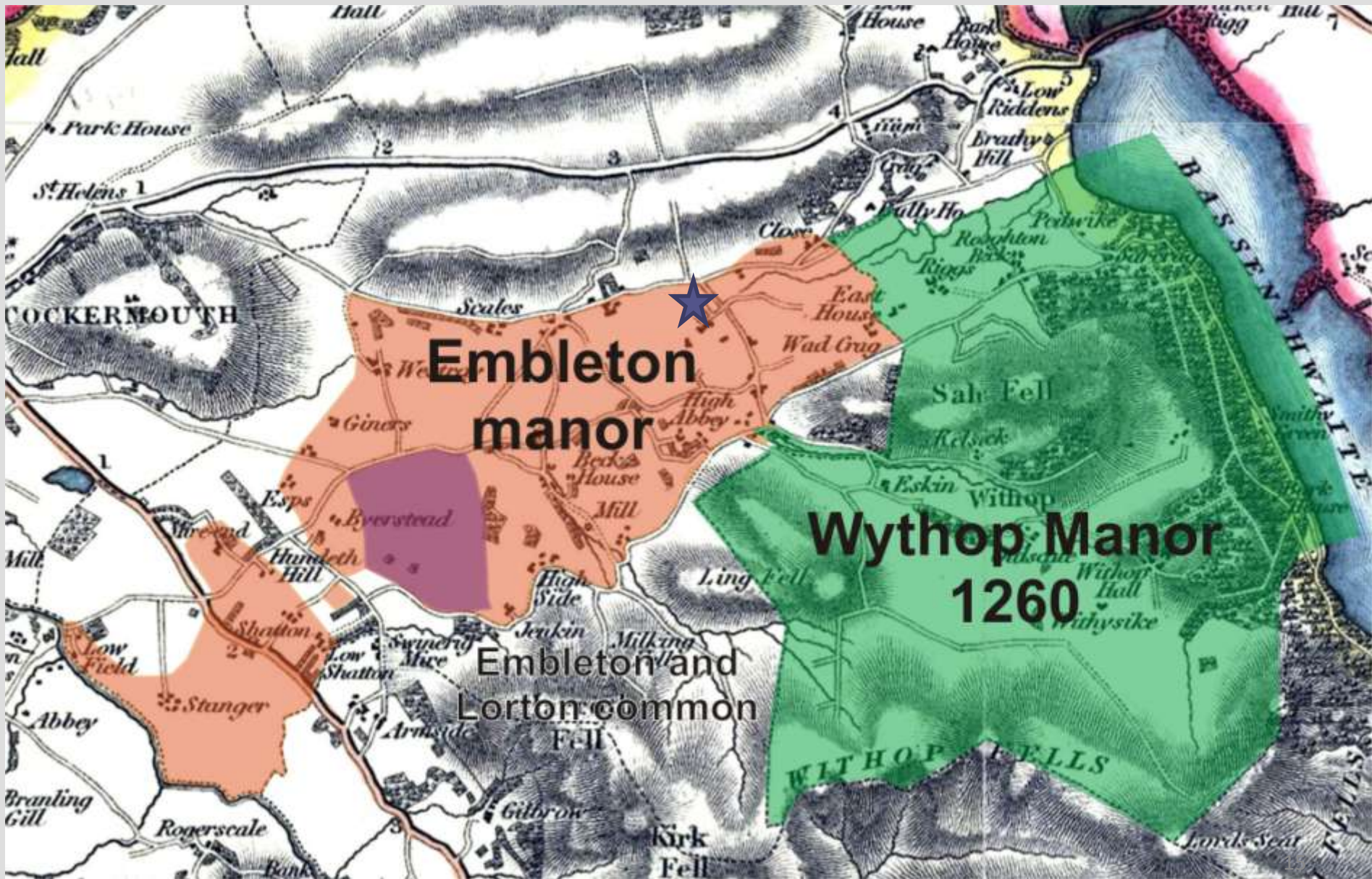
The house

1425 Stanlawehall in Emmelton and the manors of Ponsonby and Auisthwait passed to Nicholas de Stanlawe, son and heir of Thomas de Stanlawe .

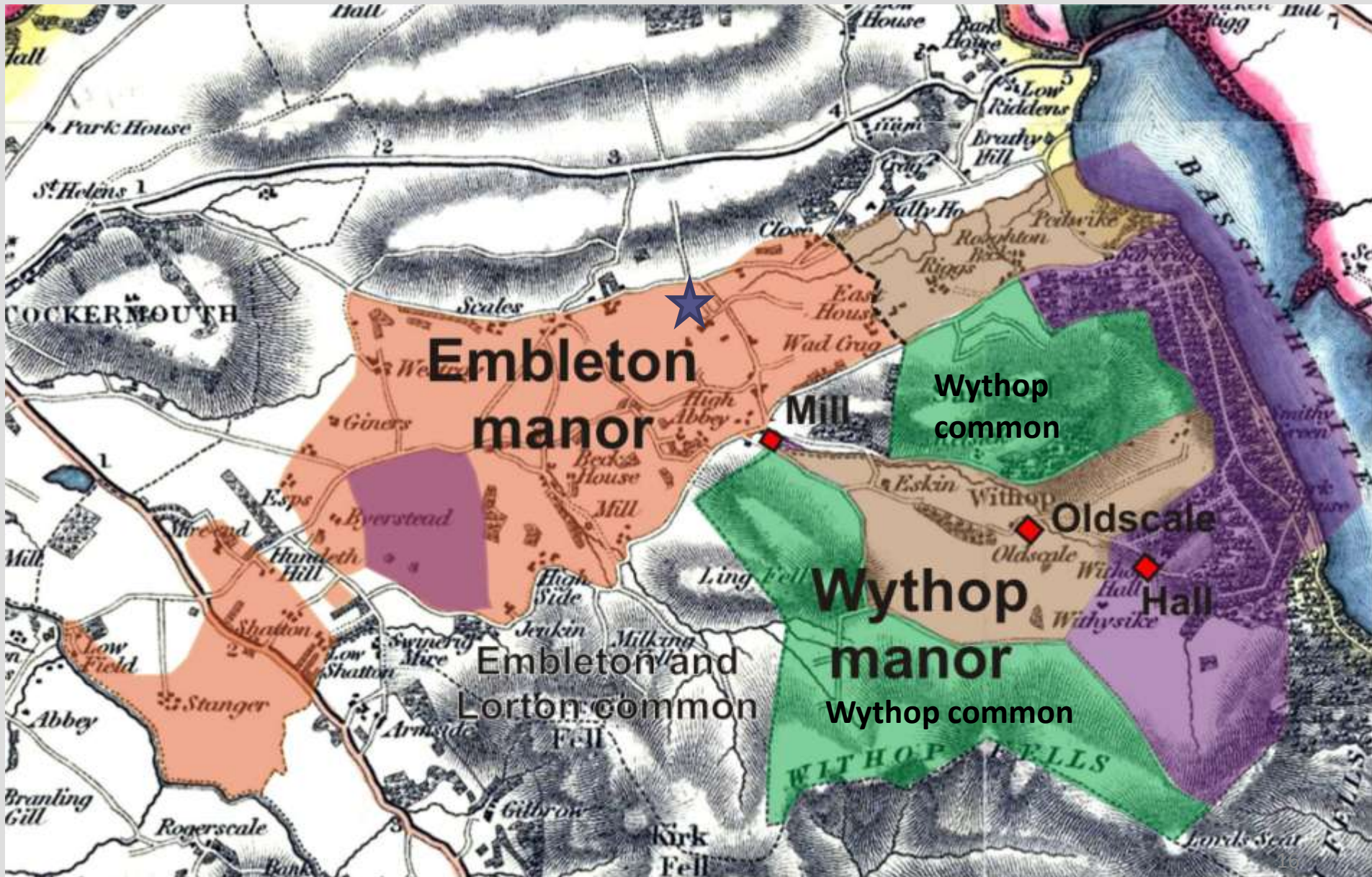
Lords of the Manor

- **1195;** freehold manor (inhabitants and their land) granted to Orme de Ireby, plus rights on the common.
- **1285;** Thomas de Ireby granted 85 acres and allowed to enclose park from common.
- **1322;** Thomas de Ireby killed in a raid by Robert the Bruce's army in 1322, leaving 12 of the 26 farmsteads destroyed or damaged.
- Descendants until at least 1455.
- Tenants enfranchised freeholders.
- Residual rights to Philip, Lord Wharton.
- **1739;** Earl of Egremont (residual rights).

Grant of land for Wythop - 1262



Ancient enclosures in Wythop



Oldscale, Wythop



- Scali – huts (on the common)
- Probably a Lorton/Embleton shieling colonised late c.13th
- Note medieval terraces

Wythop's corn mill

Wythop Mill



Embleton's
fulling mill,
C19th sawmill

Later properties
were detached
Setmurthy



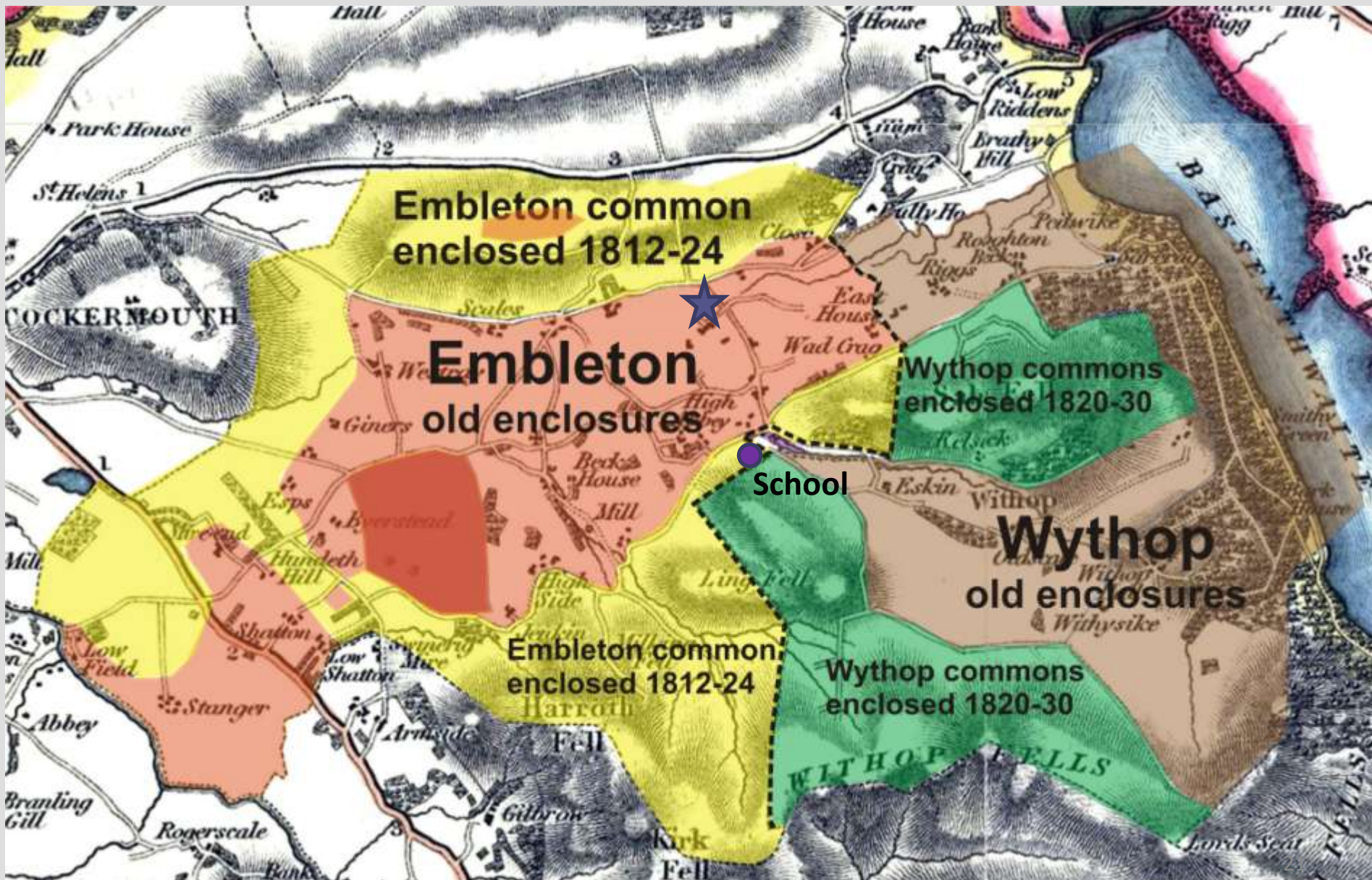
Wythop Chapel

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Lordship and Wythop Hall

- **1260;** Wythop was uninhabited grazing when given to John de Lucy.
- **c.1315;** On the death of John it passed to Hugh Lowther (by marriage).
- **1319;** Hugo de Lowthre granted licence to crenellate (fortify) 'mansum suum de Wythehope'
- **1606;** Bought by Richard Fletcher (of the Cockermouth family) from Sir Richard Lowther.
- Descended to the present Lord Inglewood (Richard Fletcher-Vane).
- **1788;** Tenants enfranchised.

Enclosure of the commons



Drivers of change – tourism and railway

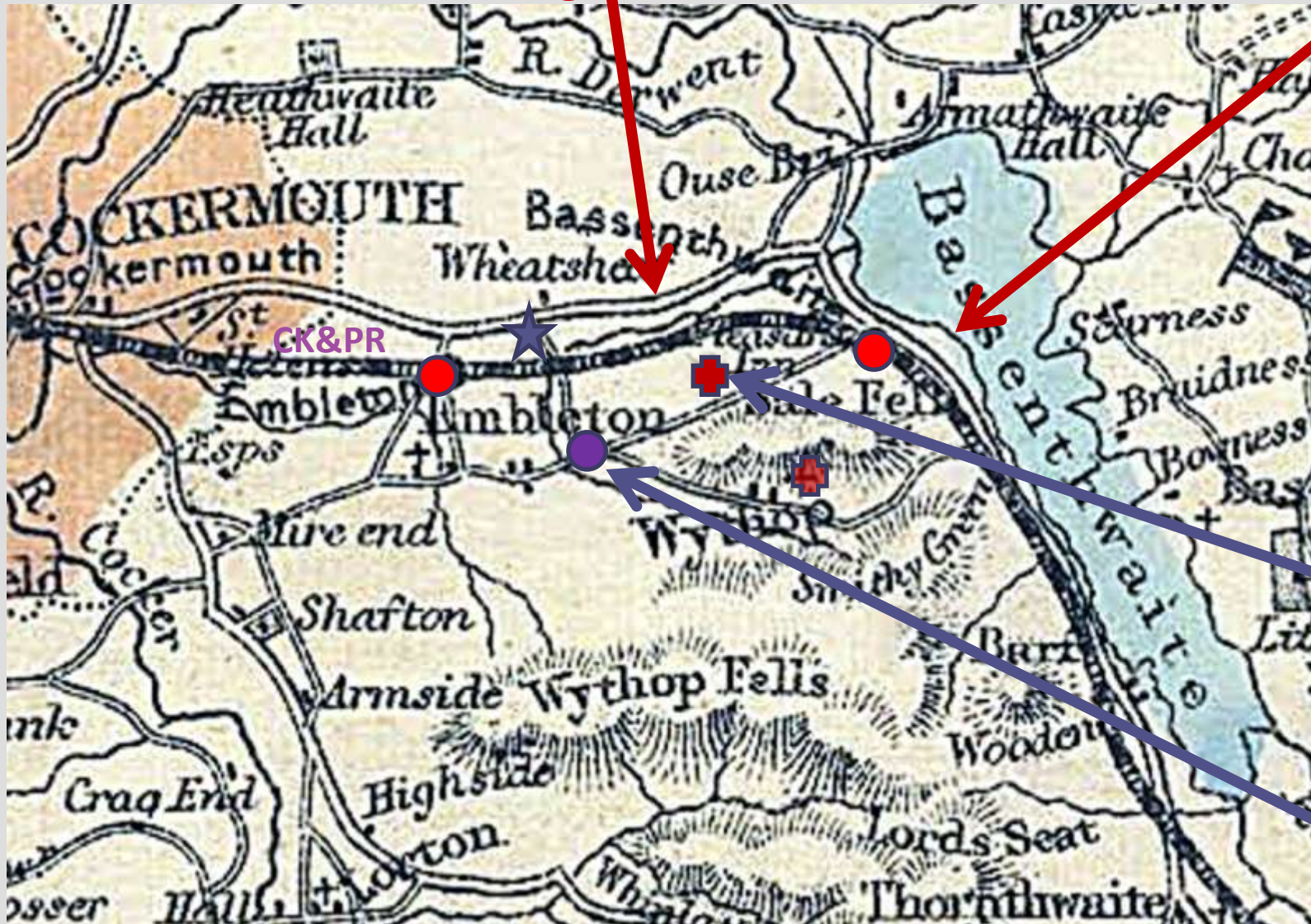
**Industry
housing**

**tourism
fishing
Shooting
Peil Wyke
Hotel/
Pheasant
Inn**

**new
Wythop
parish
Church**

**Wythop
Mill
Develops
(school)**

Bacon 1890s



Peil Wyke Hotel/Pheasant Inn





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St Margaret's Church, Wythop - 1866

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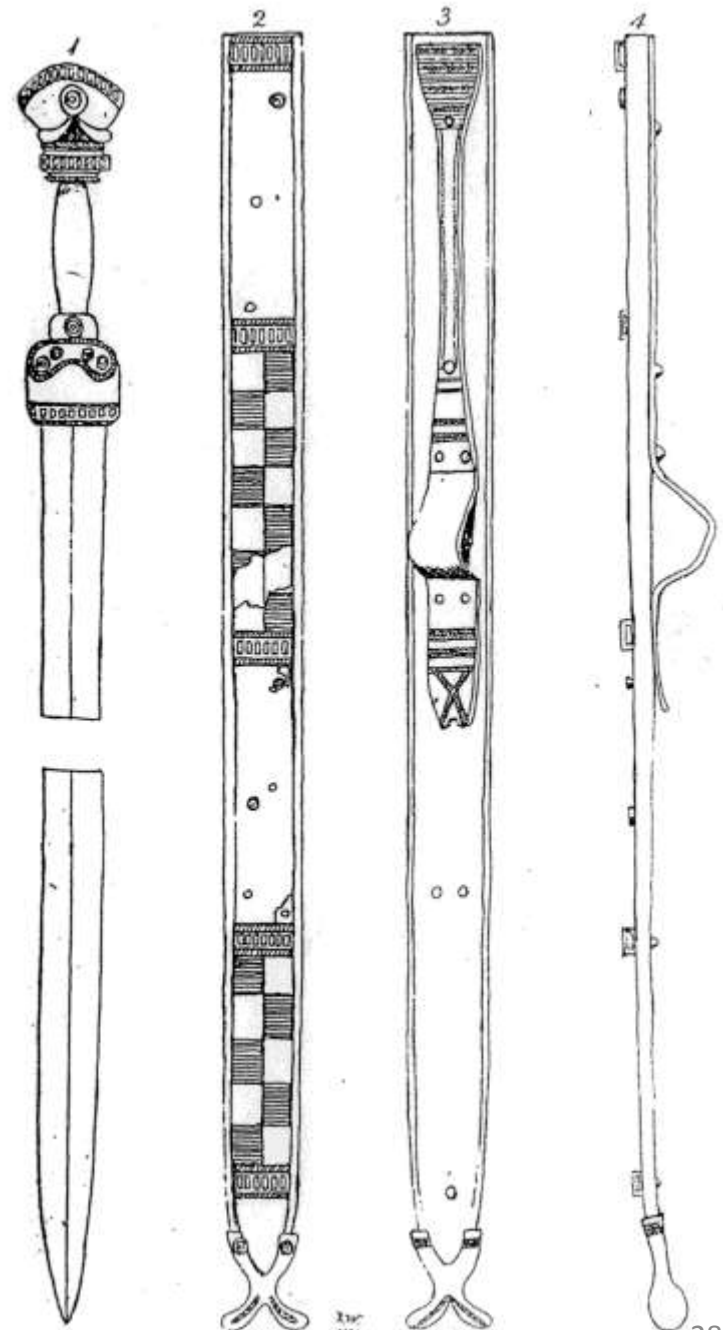
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Elva Plain stone circle



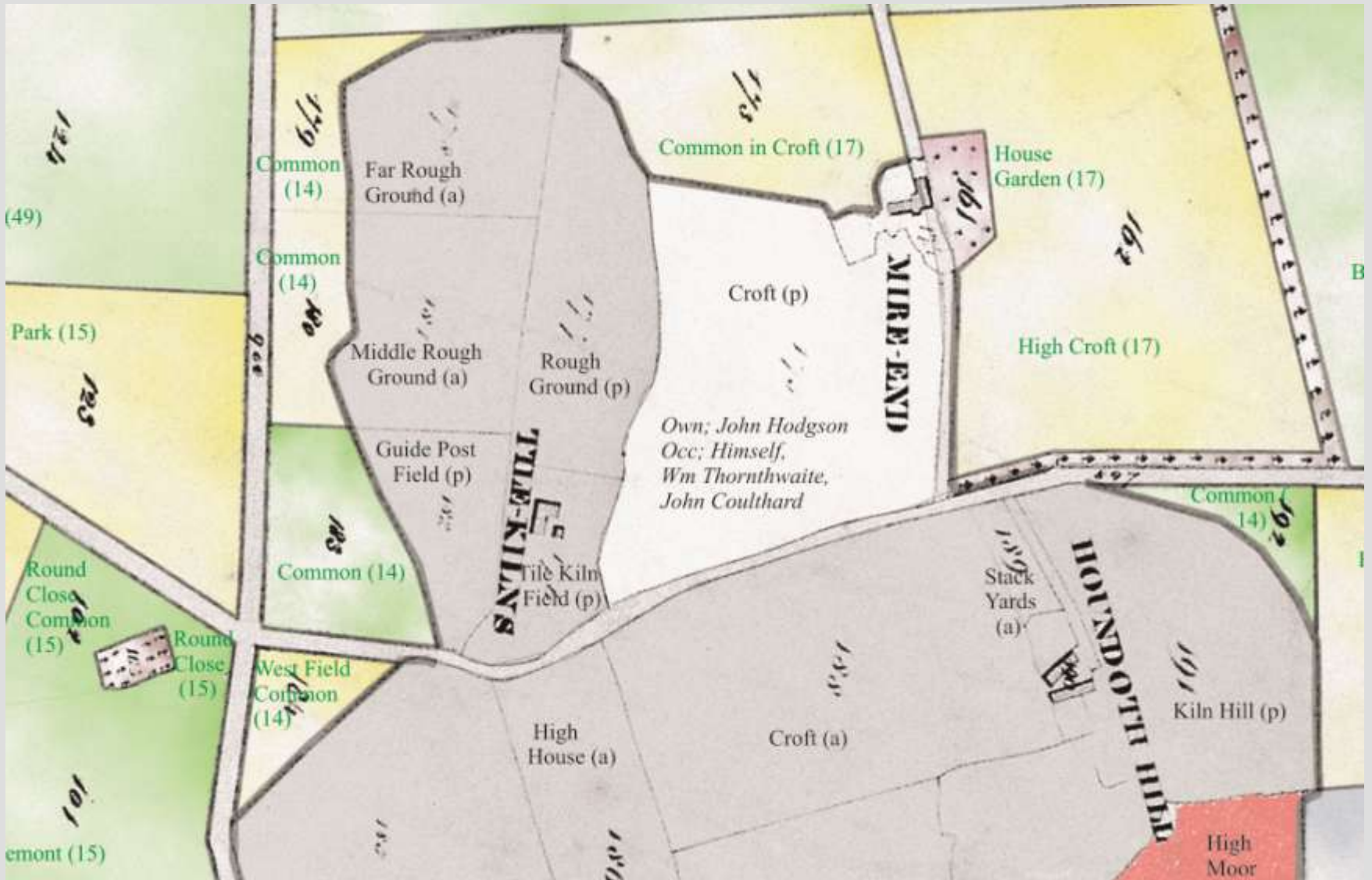
The Embleton sword



SWORD FOUND AT EMBLETON.

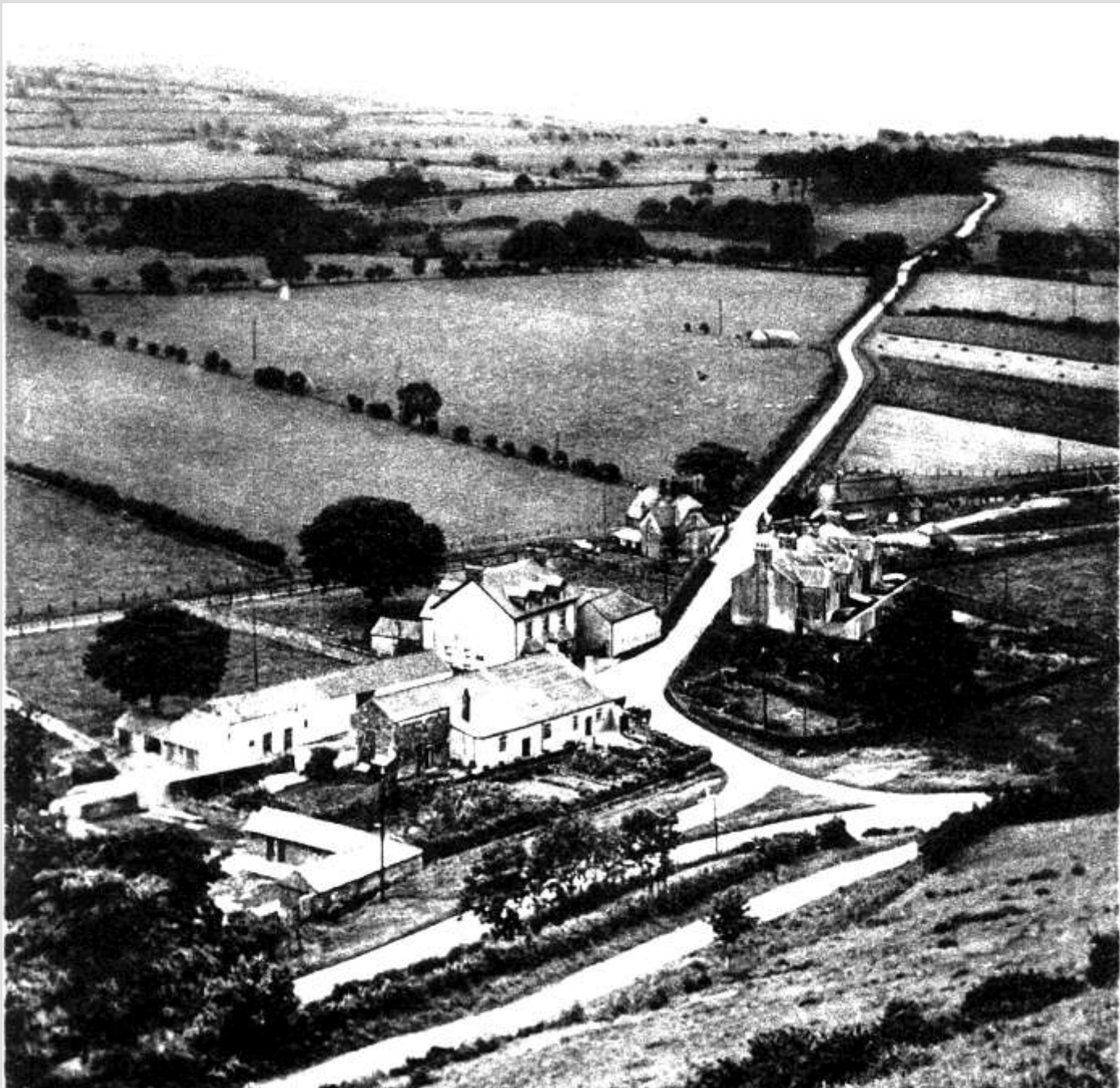
Agriculture

Tile manufacturing



Lead mines





Tourism



Sawmill



Quarries



Silica brickworks

Shipping

The Routenbeck, 1879



Education



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Religion



Unexpected Deaths



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