

Sedgley Maps, Plans and Documents

A selection of historic maps, plans and documents
of Sedgley.

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A page from **Sedgley Manor Court Books**, dated **2nd Sept. 1729**, showing an inventory of the effects, goods and chattels taken on the **death of widow Ann Turton (died 6th Feb. 1728)**.

Inventories such as this often accompanied wills at this date, and are a window into the lives of our ancestors, as they list personal and everyday household items alongside other property. They can exist even where no last will or testament was made. **The inventory itself is written in English**, though at this date the rest of the wording was still in **Latin**.

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I Sarah Hall of Sedgley in
 the County of Stafford Widow of Benjamin
 Hall late of the same place deceased in
 consideration of the sum of Twenty five
 pounds Sterling to me paid by Abel Fletcher
 of Sedgley aforesaid Miller do hereby assign
 and transfer unto the said Abel Fletcher All
 my moiety or other share and interest in
 the principal sum of Fifty pounds ^{exactly} secured
 to the late Thomas Newton by Mortgage of
 the Tolls of the Sedgley Old line of Roads
 and now belonging to me and Mr Mary Ann
 Shewards equally, And of and in all interest
 now due and hereafter to grow due upon the
 said Tolls unto the said Abel Fletcher
 his executor administrators and assigns absolutely.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and Seal the third day of January 1861.

Signed Sealed and Delivered by the
 above named Sarah Hall in my
 presence.
 W. H. Shaw junr

Sarah Hall



A document pertaining to a transfer of a half share in the profits arising from tolls collected for the **Sedgley 'Old Line of Road'** between **Sarah Hall and Abel Fletcher**, dated 3rd January 1856.

Sarah Hall was the widow of Benjamin Hall, a wheelwright and barrow maker who died in 1851 aged just 39. They had been renting a cottage near the corner of Bilston Street and High Street from Abel Fletcher who had his **steam flour mill** there.

Sarah evidently owned a **half share in the interest** from the tolls, while Mary Ann Sherwood named in the deed (a relative of Sarah's husband) owned the other half share. **Sarah sold her share to Abel Fletcher for £25.**

She moved to **Bunker's Hill** where she was living and working as a **boot binder in 1861**. There was already a toll house along **Bilston Street in 1841** and another opened at **Bunker's Hill near the junction of Gate Street and Tipton Road, when Tipton Street was newly cut in 1843.**

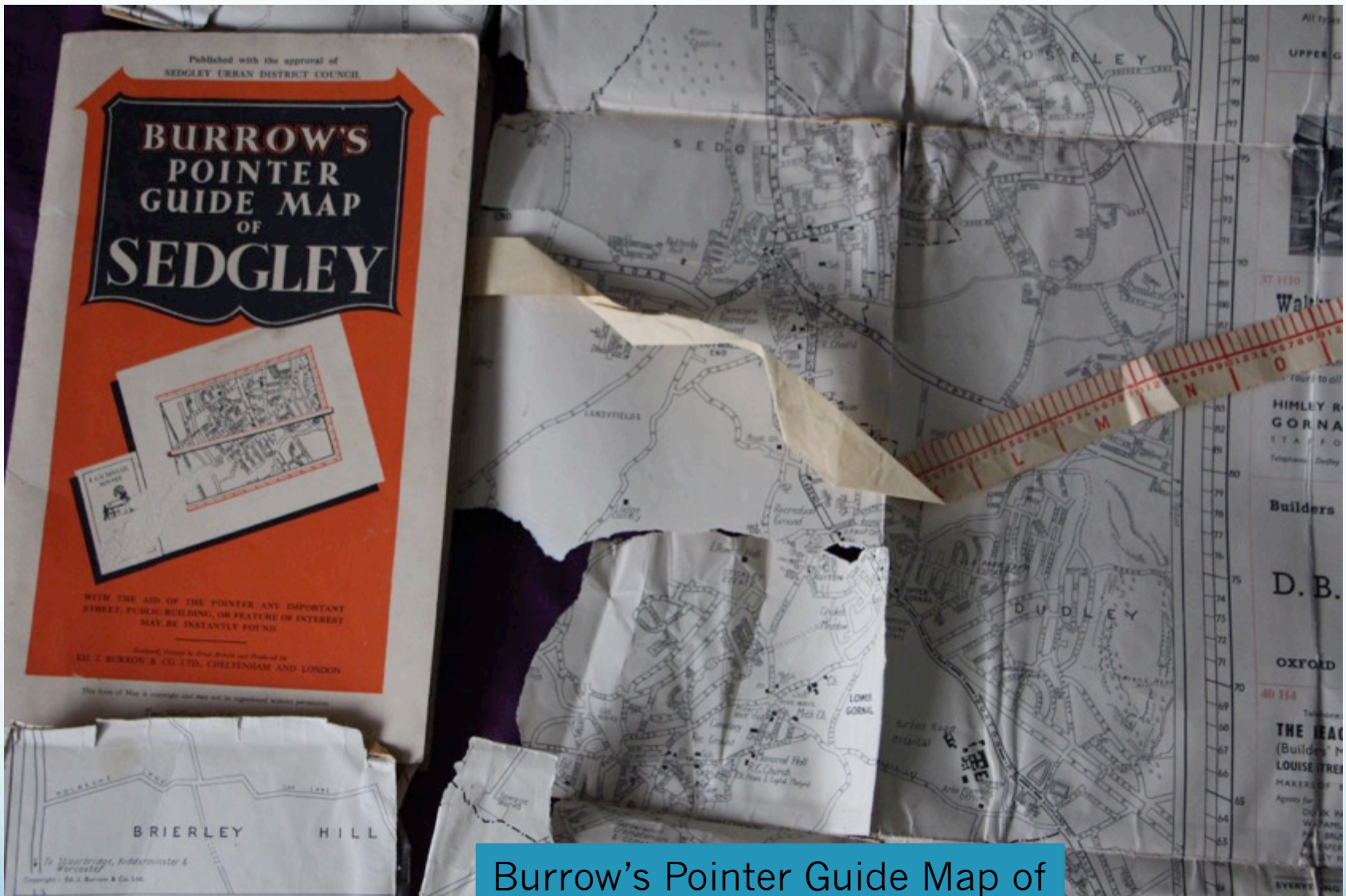
However, the 'Old Line' referred to in the document may indicate tolls collected from the road to **Bilston via Can Lane** (Hurst Hill) where it continued between a **toll house at Deepfields and another on Coseley Road at the later railway station site.**



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1859 copy of the 1844 Sedgley Tithe, showing central Sedgley section (the full map shows the manor and old parish in its entirety, including the nine original villages of Sedgley, Upper and Lower Gornal, Gospel End, Cotwall End, Woodsetton, Ettingshall, Coseley and Brierley). There is an accompanying **book of reference** which lists every numbered plot on the map, showing names of owner, occupier, type of property (house, shop, garden etc.), and annual rental value.

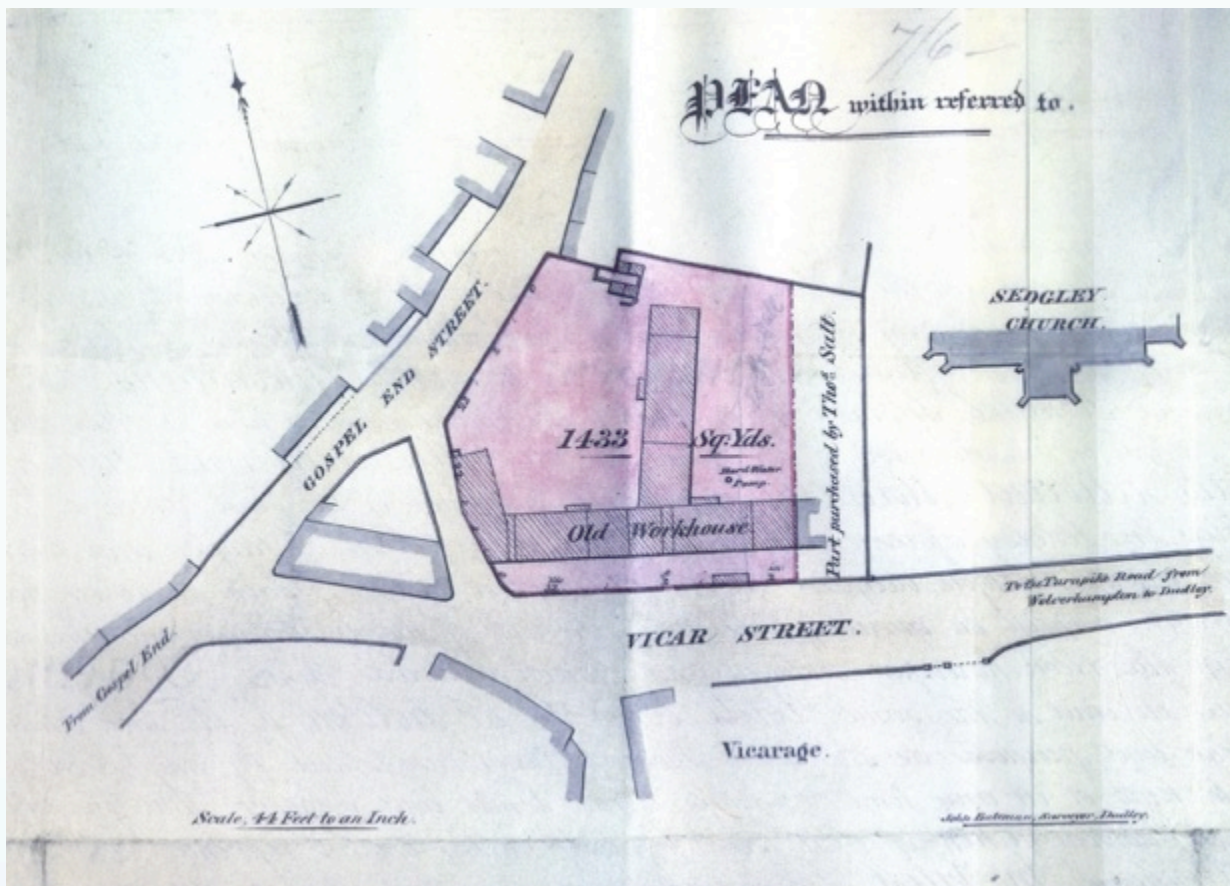
1859 copy of the 1844 Sedgley Tithe



Burrow's Pointer Guide Map of Sedgley - 1950s - Sedgley UDC



Burrow's Pointer Guide Map of Sedgley - 1950s



Plan of the old parish workhouse (built 1734) at the time of its sale to **Thomas Waterhouse** circa **1860**, for conversion to the 'new' police station.

The basic form of the **workhouse building** was retained but modified, with the entrance fronting Vicar Street in particular being remodelled, and it had **18 new sash windows** installed.

New **cells and a magistrates court were added to the rear**. Work did not actually start until 1863 and the station was not completed until the very end of 1864 due to the builder going bankrupt.

Even then there were significant teething problems caused by smoking chimneys, lack of heating, a leaky roof, issues with the water supply, and lack of gas lighting in the courtroom!

Wolverhampton Chronicle gives more details:

Wed. 16th September 1863, Page 2

District Intelligence – Sedgley:

THE NEW POLICE COURT, ETC. AND THE ACCOMMODATION TO BE PROVIDED - The building of the new police court at this place, which has been so anxiously waited for by the inhabitants, through the inconveniences of the present place, will be commenced in a few days. The plans and contract are completed. The site is that of the old workhouse. The building will face Vicar Street, but the public entrance to the court will be from Gospel End Street. **The present building will be reduced by one storey**, and some of it converted into present requirements. When completed the entire building will consist of a public court measuring 37 feet by 23 feet, and will have all the usual conveniences, a magistrate's retiring room, charge and reserve rooms, superintendent's parlour and kitchen, with three bedrooms, kitchens and bedrooms for the officers, and a number of cells, etc., etc. The contract of Mr. Charles Hartland, builder, of this place has been accepted at about £740, so that the total cost, inclusive of the land, is £1,200. The county authorities have engaged to take the building, when completed, of **Mr. Waterhouse, the owner, on a lease of 14 years, and to pay £60 a year for it.**

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Sedgley Dated 11th October 1864
Thomas Waterhouse Esq^r: Lessor
Term 14 years from 29th Sept^r 1864
Rent £ 60
Remained 27 years
from 29th Sept^r 1878
Repairs
Tenant covenants to well and sufficiently
repair uphold support amend and keep the
premises in good and tenable repair
and condition when requisite and so
yield up at the end of the Term
And once in every three years of the
Term to paint with three coats of
good oil color the whole of the outside
Wood and Iron work and once in every
four years with two coats the whole of
the inside Wood Iron and Stone work
To remove grass and rubbish such parts
as have usually been so done
To pay all Taxes except property
and income tax

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Extract from the lease of the 'new' Sedgley police station, 11th Oct. 1864 (Stafford Quarter Sessions Records, Staffs CRO).

Extract from the Lease of **Sedgley Police Station**, from **Thomas Waterhouse**
(Stafford Quarter Sessions records)

Sedgley Dated 11th October 1864

Thomas Waterhouse Esqr: Lessor

Term 14 years from 29th Sept. 1864

Rent £60

Renewed 7 years from 29th Sept. 1878

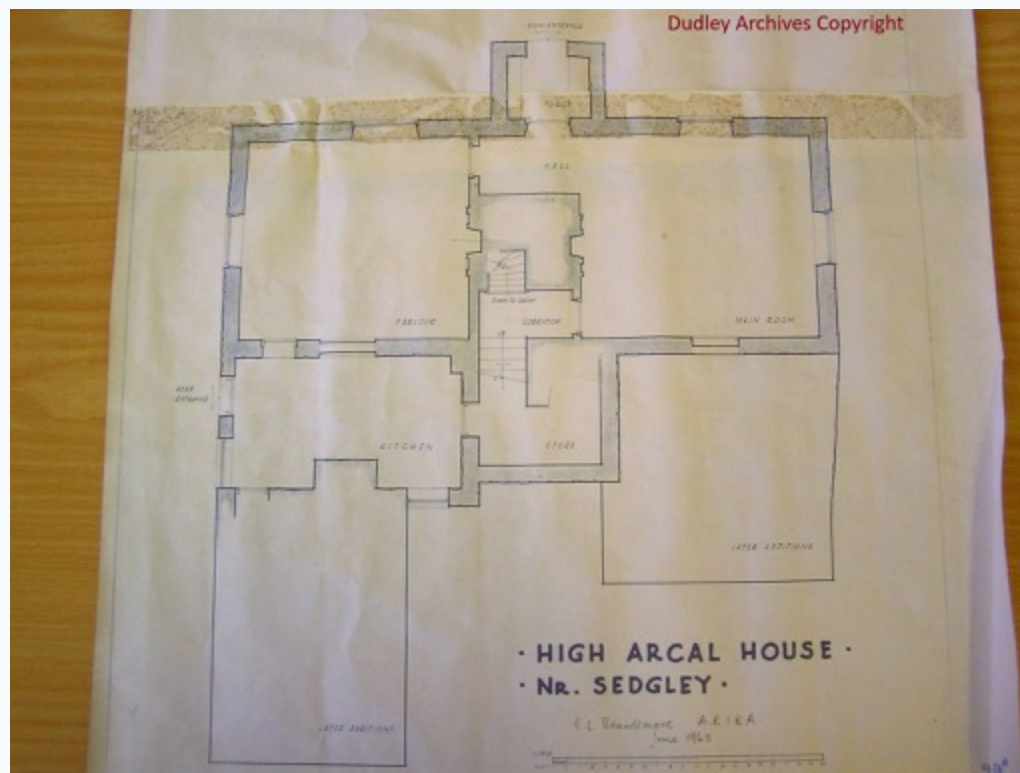
Repairs

Tenant Covenants to well and sufficiently repair uphold support amend and keep the premises in good and tenantable repair and Condition when requisite, and to yield up at the end of the Term.

And once in every three years of the Term to paint with three Coats of good Oil Color the whole of the outside wood and Iron work and once in every four years with two Coats the whole of the inside Wood Iron and Stone work.

To colour grain and varnish such parts as have usually been so done.

To pay all Taxes except property and income Tax.



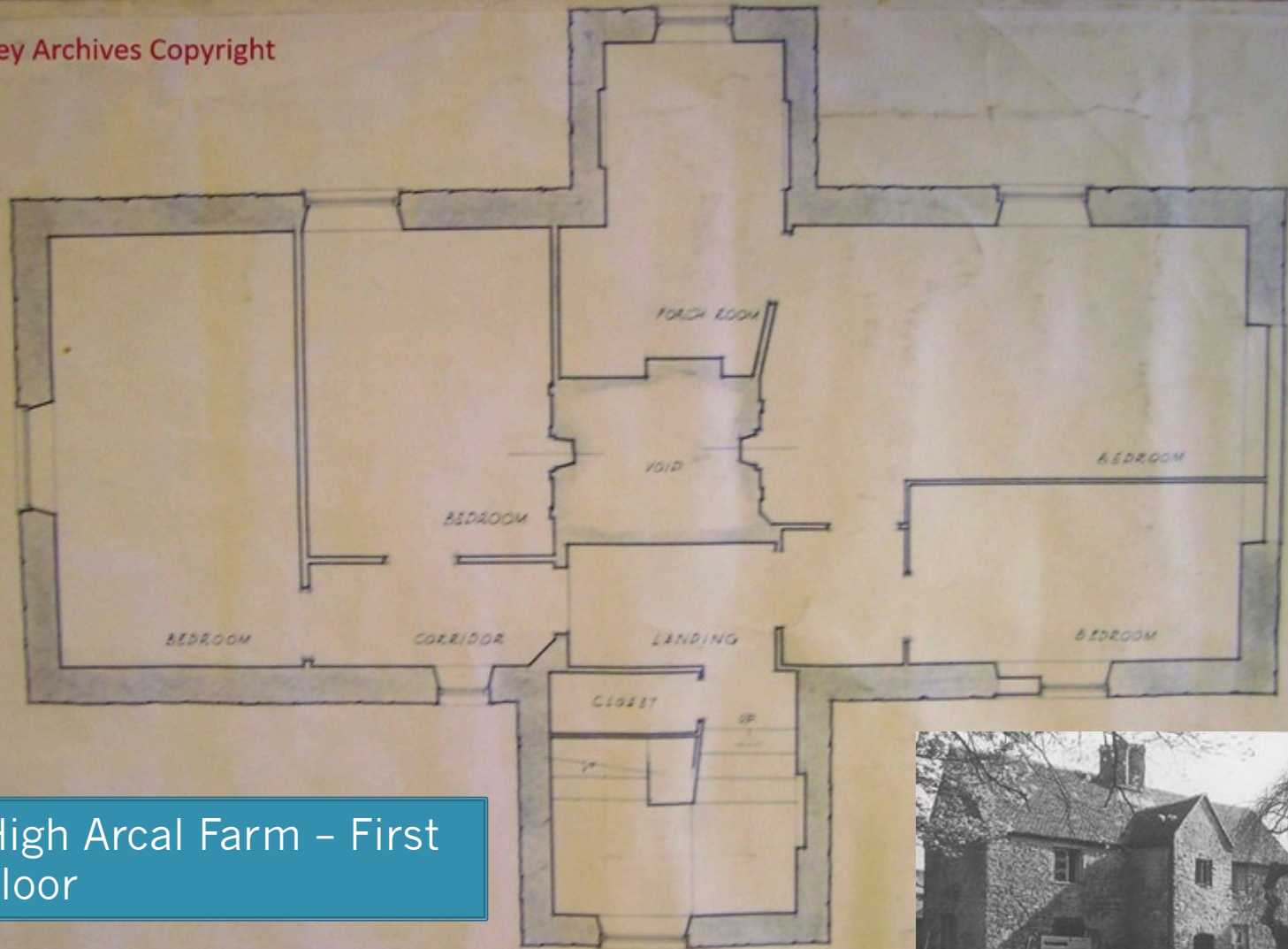
Floorplan of **High Arcal House (Farm)** by B L Beardsmore, June 1963. Made before demolition (presumably in the hope it could be saved) and showing the **typical layout of an early 17th century stone farmhouse** of its type.

Brownsall Farm would have had a similar layout. In the mid 17th century High Arcal House was owned by **William Hodgetts** who is credited with hiding the **relics of St. Chad** there, after they had been removed from Lichfield Cathedral for safekeeping. The house was reputed to have been used by **Royalist soldiers** as a lookout post prior to the **siege of Dudley Castle by Parliamentarian troops in 1644.**

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HIGH ARCAL HOUSE

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High Arcal Farm – First Floor



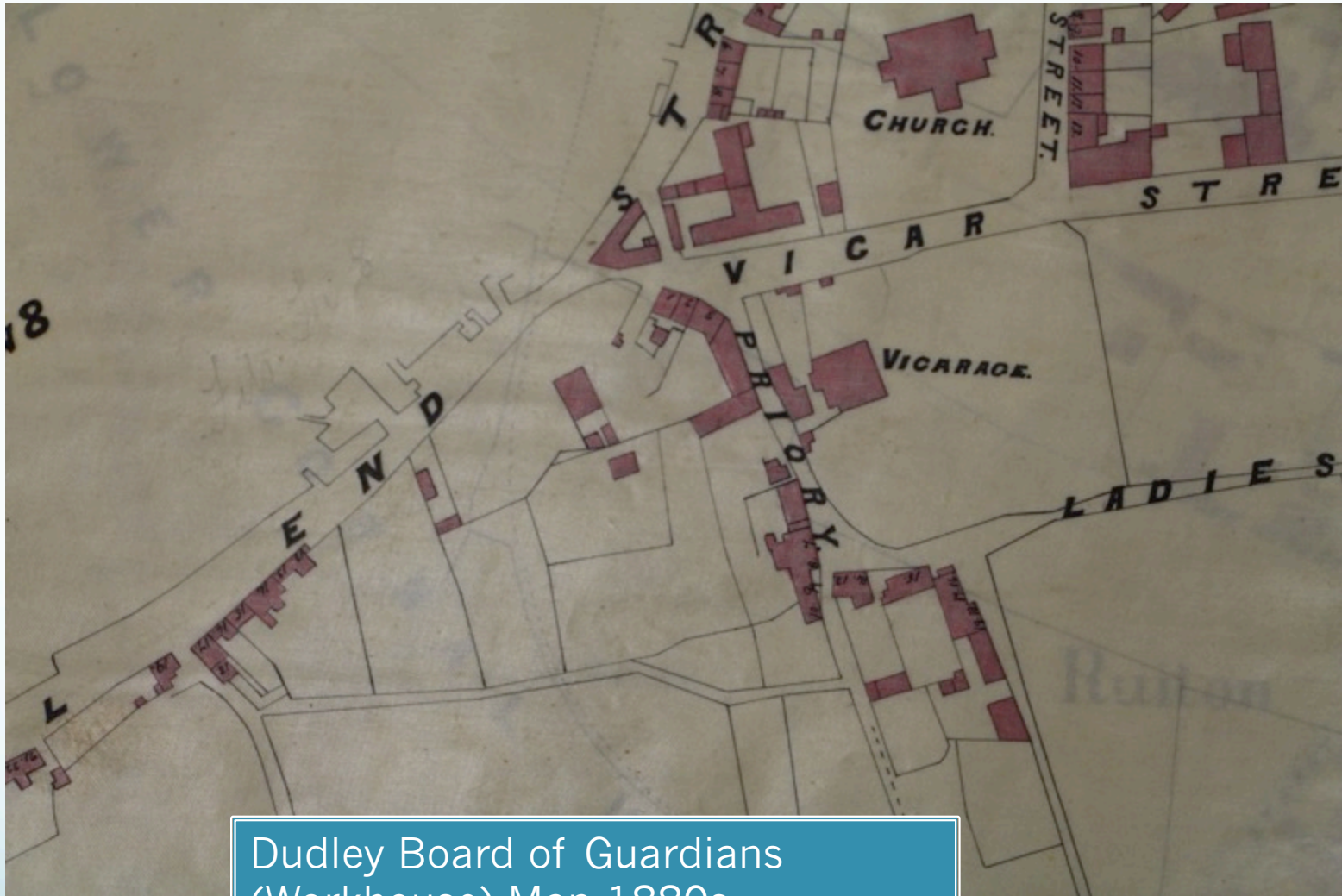
DUDLEY UNION.
P L A N S
OF THE
PARISH OF SEDGLEY,
(UPPER DISTRICT)
IN THE
COUNTY OF STAFFORD.
1883.

Dudley Union
Plans of Parish of Sedgley Upper
District
1883

DUDLEY UNION
P L A N S
OF THE PARISH OF SEDGLEY
(UPPER DISTRICT)
— 1883 —

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Dudley Board of Guardians
(Workhouse) Map 1880s



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(Workhouse) Map 1880s



Darby, who was born in Woodsetton in 1678, developed a method of producing pig iron in a blast furnace using coke instead of charcoal, which was in short supply at the time. It is a move that is widely credited as playing a hugely important role in the Industrial Revolution.

The design for the memorial, drawn up by **Dudley Borough Artist Steve Field**, shows the inside of **Darby's 1709 blast furnace** which was used for his new way of producing iron. It shows pig iron workers **grafting**, with ingots of local cast iron in the ground forming lettering telling the story of the great man.

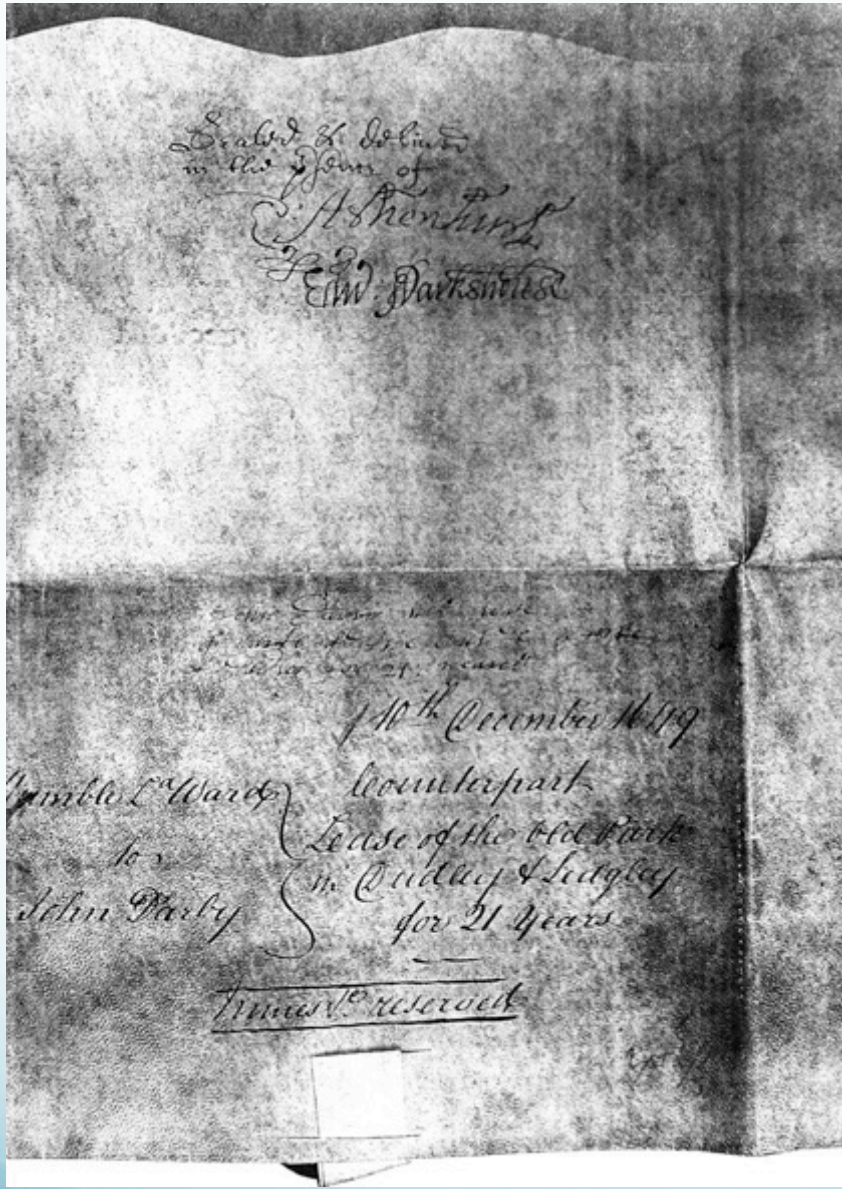
The inscription **A.D 1709** refers to his initials and the date of his first successful iron castings. The memorial is going on land at the junction of **Sedgley Road** and **Birmingham New Road**.

John Darby's **dual occupation of farming and metal working** was quite typical of the area for the time - and on into the 18th century.

He was the grandfather of **Abraham Darby I** of Coalbrookdale, who was probably born in the same house in 1678.

The site of **Old Farm Lodge** is thought to have been on the north side of **Wrens Hill Road, between Wren's Nest and Mons Hill**, which was included in the village of **Woodsetton** when it was still part of the old parish and manor of Sedgley.

John Darby's signature appears on the deed (spelled "**Darbye**"). He had married **Margaret Parkhouse** of Sedgley in about 1643 and they had several children baptised at All Saints', including sons **Edward** (my ancestor) in 1644 and **John** jnr. (ancestor of the Coalbrookdale line) in 1649, the year of this document. 1649 was of course also a momentous year for the country as a whole, as it saw the execution of Charles I, following the English Civil War. John Darby Snr. lived to grand old age for those times and died in 1700. In later years he became a member of the **Society of Friends or 'Quakers'**, as did most of his family, and they attended the **new meeting house** erected in Dudley. The marriage of John and Margaret's eldest son Edward, to Mary daughter of Humphrey Cooper, a blacksmith of Moden Hill, Sedgley, was one of the first **Quaker marriages** to take place in the area, on 17th March 1671.



The reverse of the John Darby lease bears the signatures of two significant witnesses to the transaction. **Edward Parkhouse** (1612-1685) acting as attorney to John Darby, was a lawyer and coroner for the county of Staffordshire. Funerary plaques to him can be seen on the **side walls in the porch of All Saints' Church.**



A map of the parish of
Sedgley in the county of
Stafford
1816: Sedgley centre



A map of the parish of Sedgley in the county of Stafford 1816: Straits and Strait Green



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Sedgley Township 1843:
central Sedgley



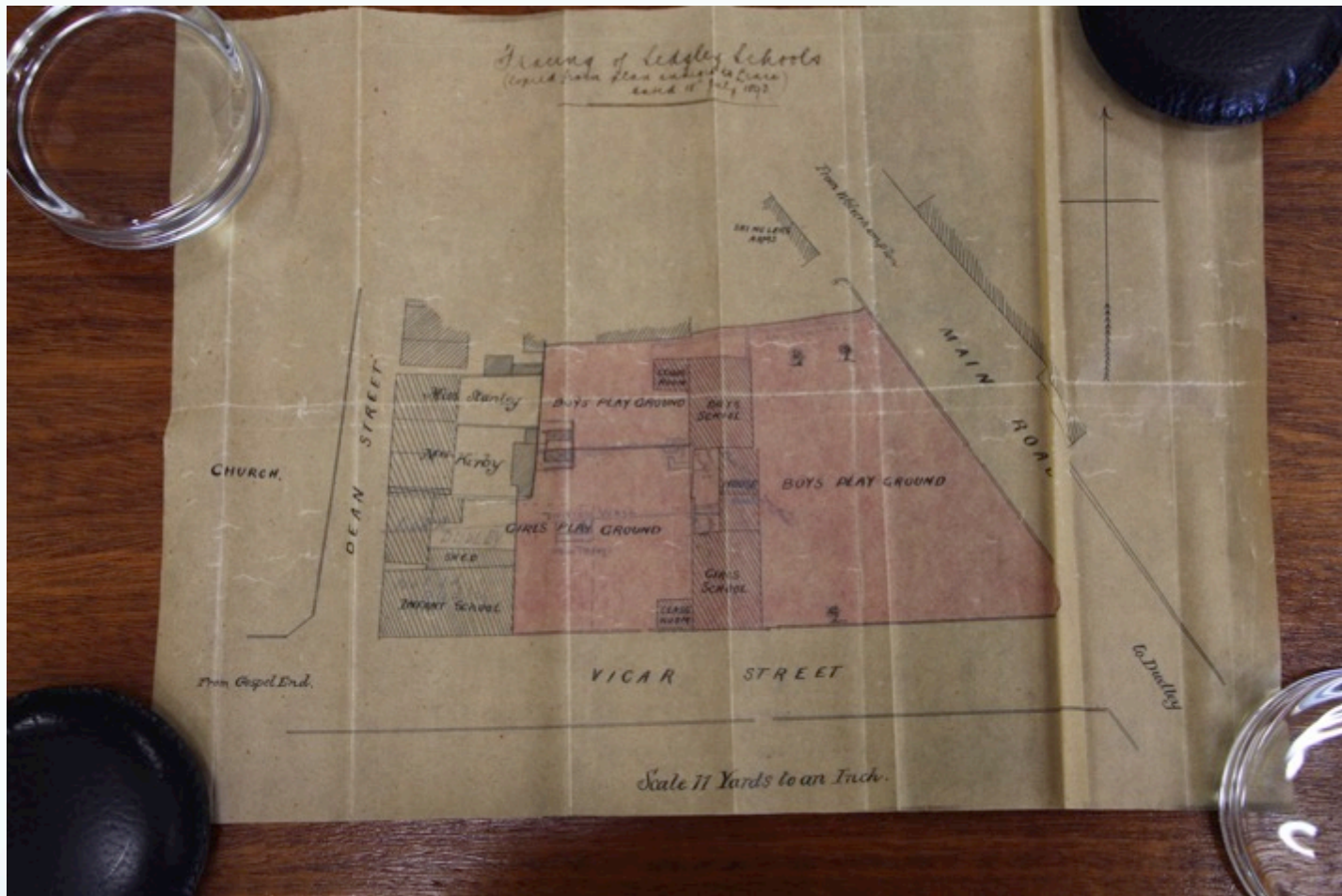
Sedgley Township 1843: High Street Sedgley



Sedgley Township 1843 - Beacon Hill Limeworks



Sedgley Parish - Sedgley Village c1849



1893 Sedgley Schools (National School) Vicar Street



1873 Swan Inn Gospel End Street



1876 Sandyfield

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
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SEDGLEY: SAMPLE FARM.
BROWNSWALL FARM. June 1953.

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|---|-------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------|
|  | Arable Land |  | Permanent Grass |  | Ryegrass |
|  | Wheat |  | Swedes |  | Haystacks |
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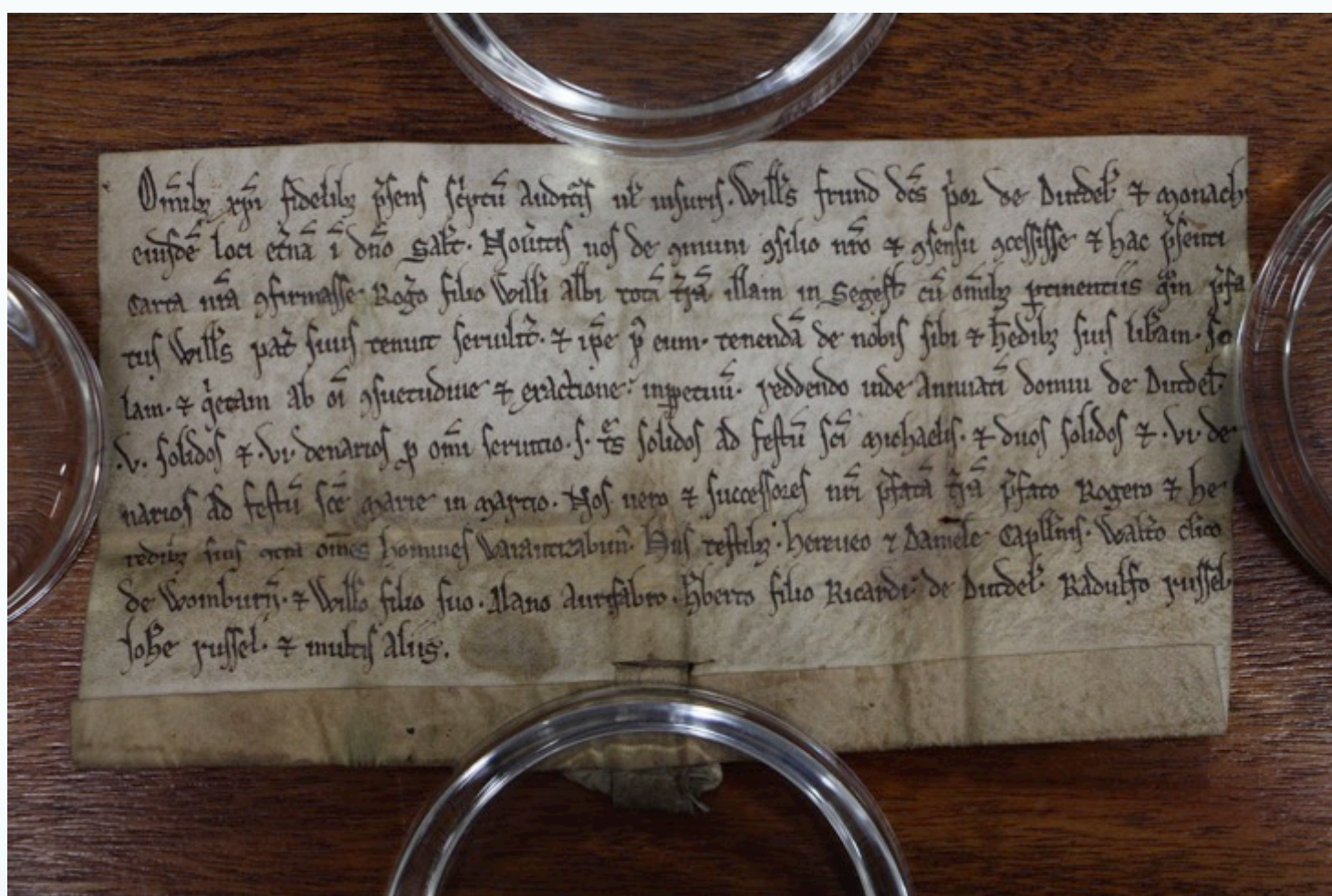
1953 Plan of Brownswall Farm



1953 Brownswall Farm



1962 Plan of Sedgley Housing Development



13th century deed

Deed of gift of land in Sedgley by the Prior and
monks of Dudley

Rough translation

William [? Frund called] prior of Dudal [Dudley, Wores.] and the monks in that place send everlasting greetings in God to all Christ's faithful who will hear or see this present writing. Know that we unanimously have granted and with this charter confirmed to Roger the son of William (Alban) White all the land and appurtenances in Segel [Sedgley, Staffs.]. The aforesaid William father of Roger held this land paying service and Roger holds it through him from us for himself and his heirs for ever free from all customary payments and exactions. He will pay yearly to the lord of Dudley for it 5/6 as his whole service :- namely 3 s. at the Feast of St. Michael and 2/6 at the feast of St. Mary in March. We and our successors will warrant the aforesaid Roger and his heirs against all men in respect of the aforesaid land. Witnesses Herwaco and Daniel, chaplains, Walter, clerk of Womborne [Wombourne, Staffs.] and William his son, Alan the goldsmith, Herbert son of Richard of Dudley, Ralph Russel, John Russel and many others.

From the handwriting and diplomatic evidence this deed can be dated as being of the early 13th century.

13th century deed

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1890 Plan of the proposed Turl Hill Estate