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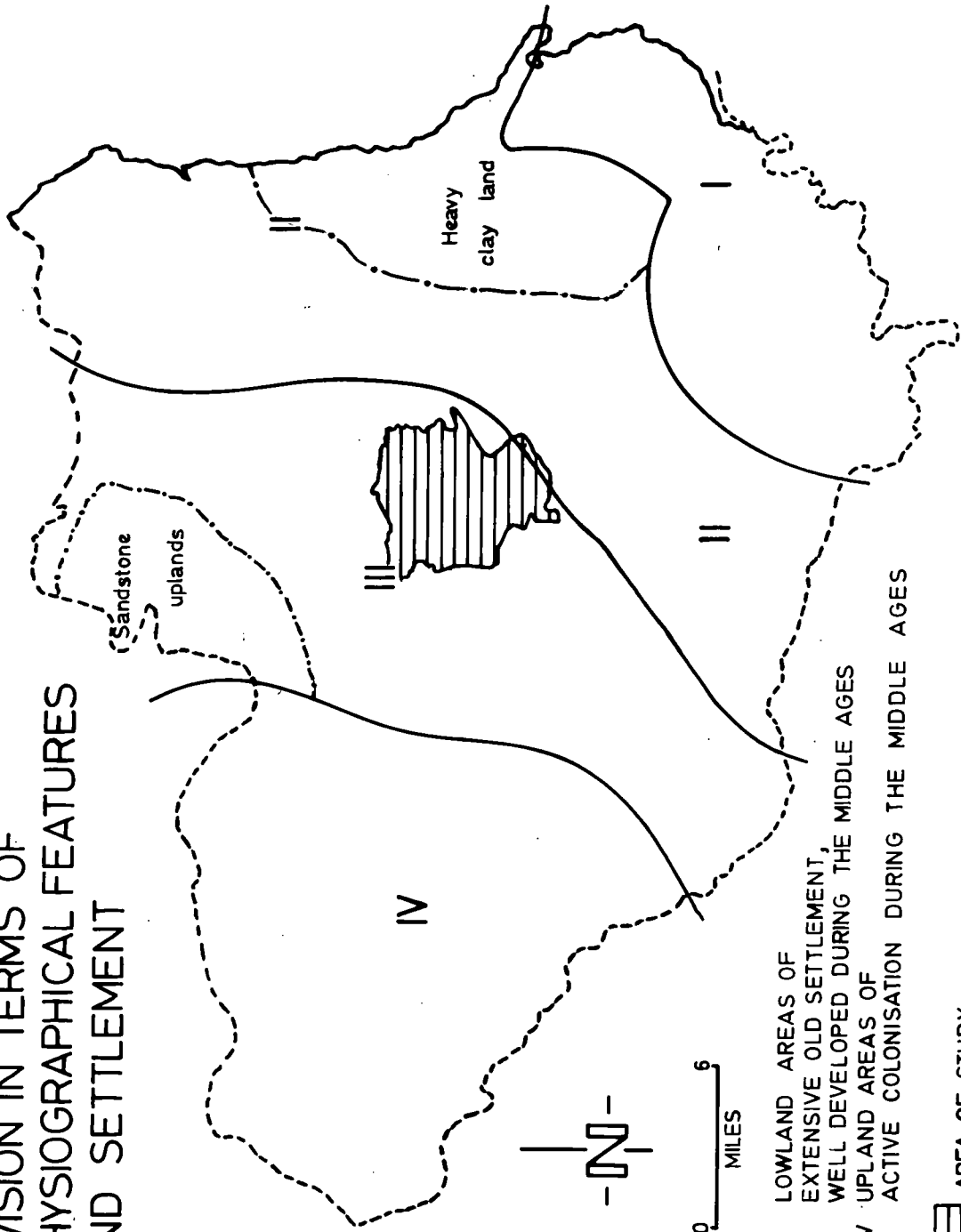
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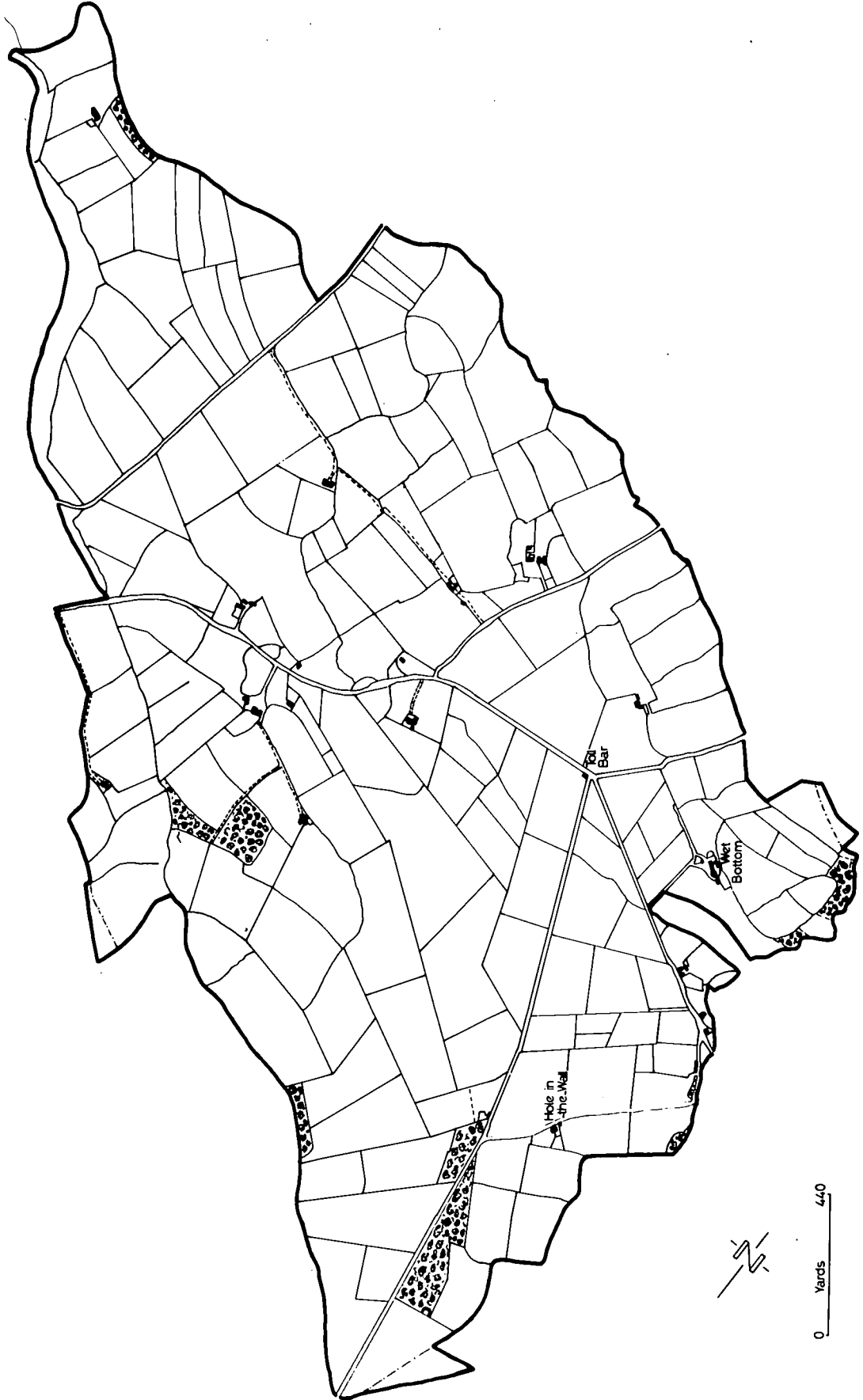
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COUNTY DURHAM: A GENERALISED
 DIVISION IN TERMS OF
 PHYSIOGRAPHICAL FEATURES
 AND SETTLEMENT



AREA OF STUDY

HELMINGTON ROW TOWNSHIP 1838



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265 789

272 744

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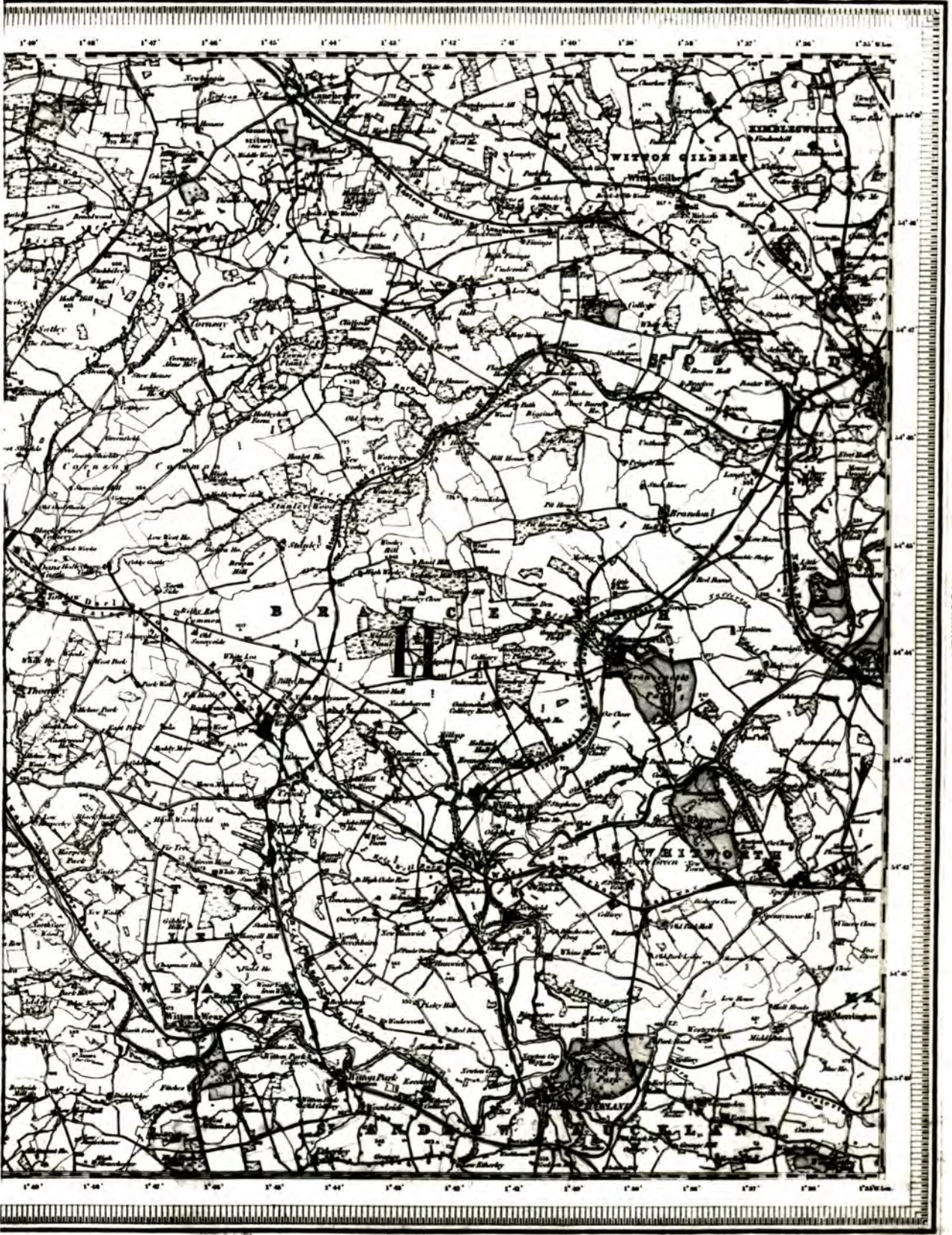
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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

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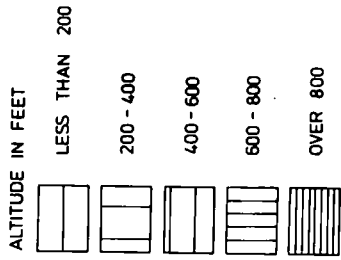
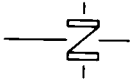
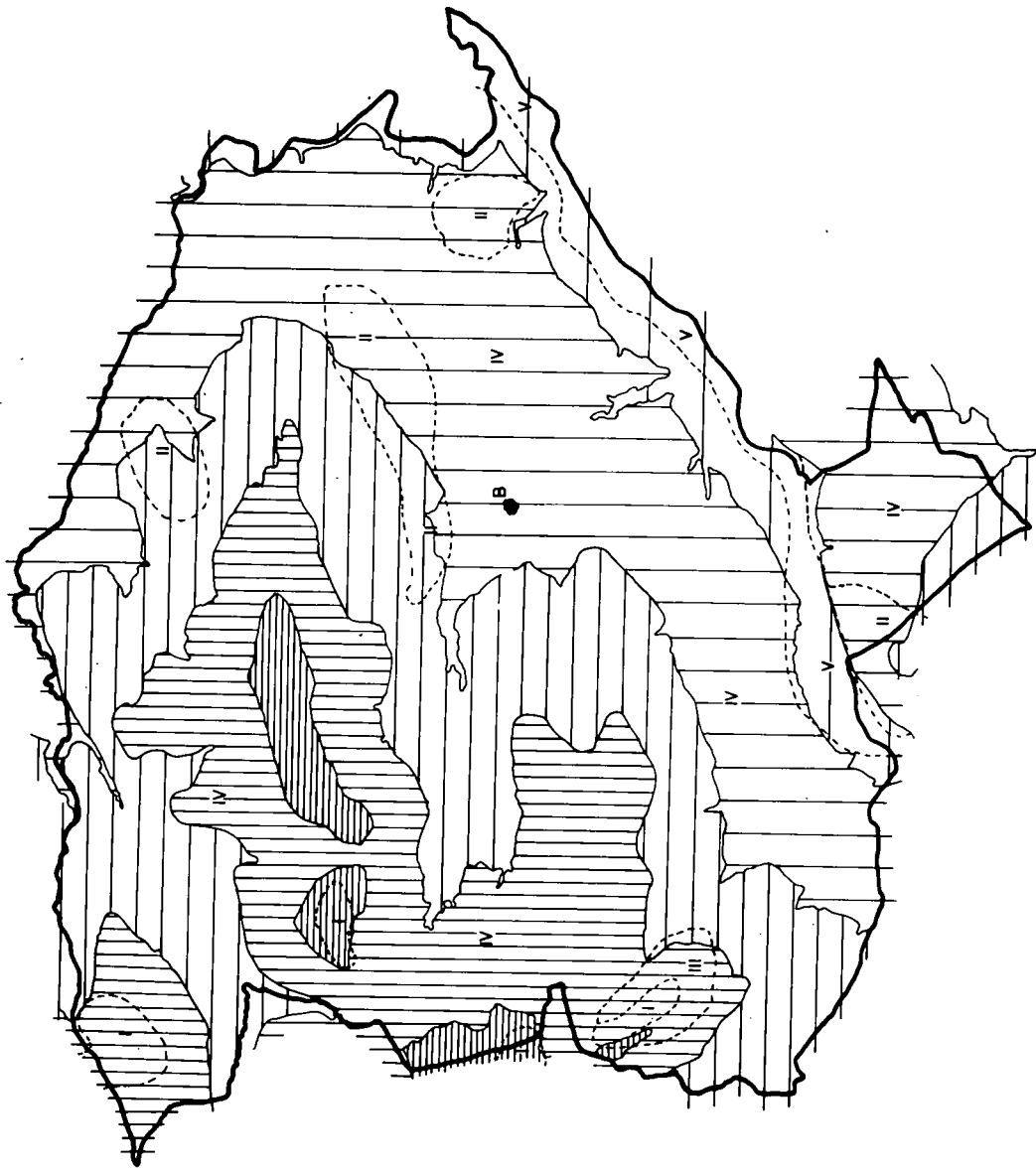
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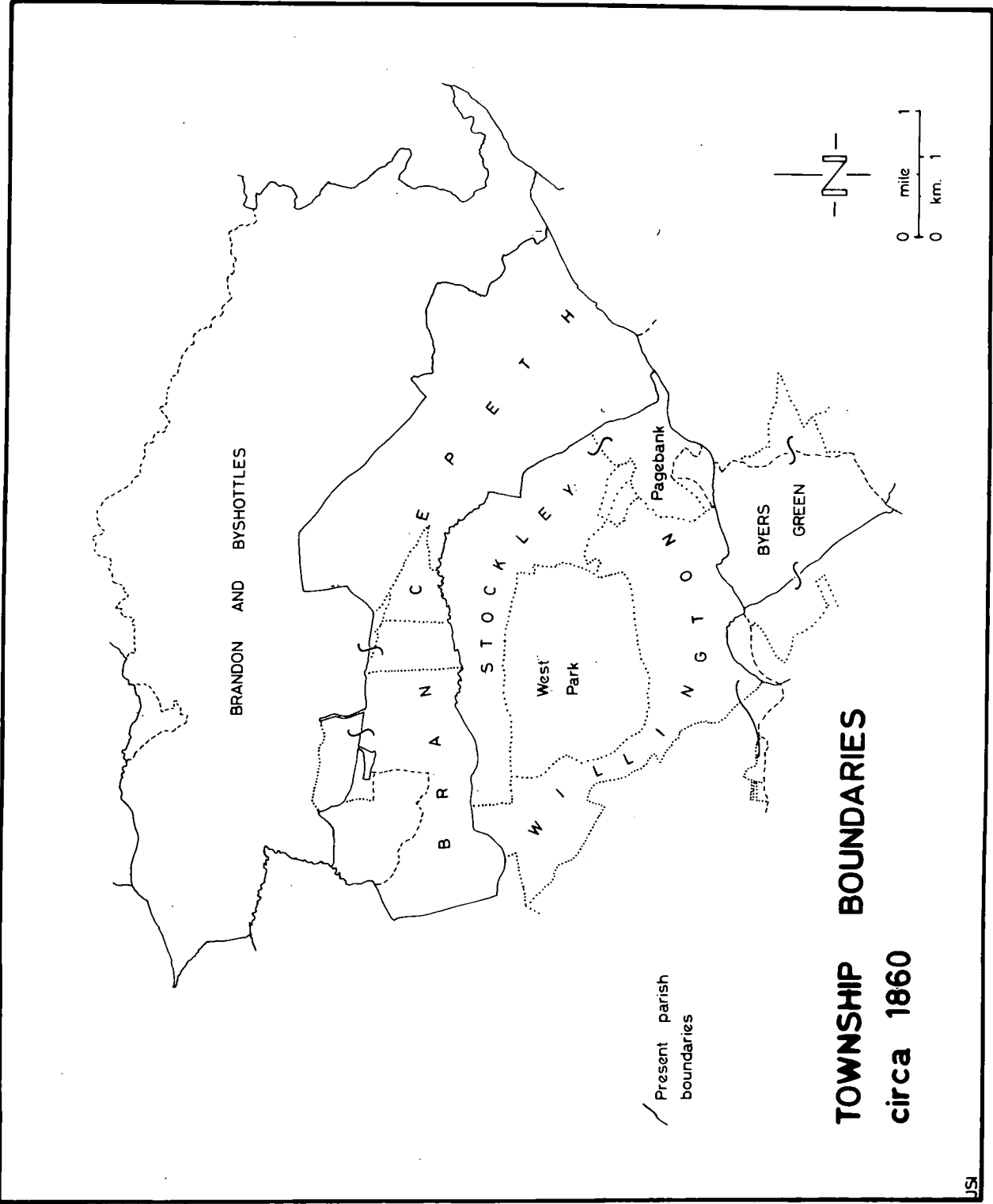
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GENERALISED SOIL ZONES
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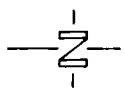
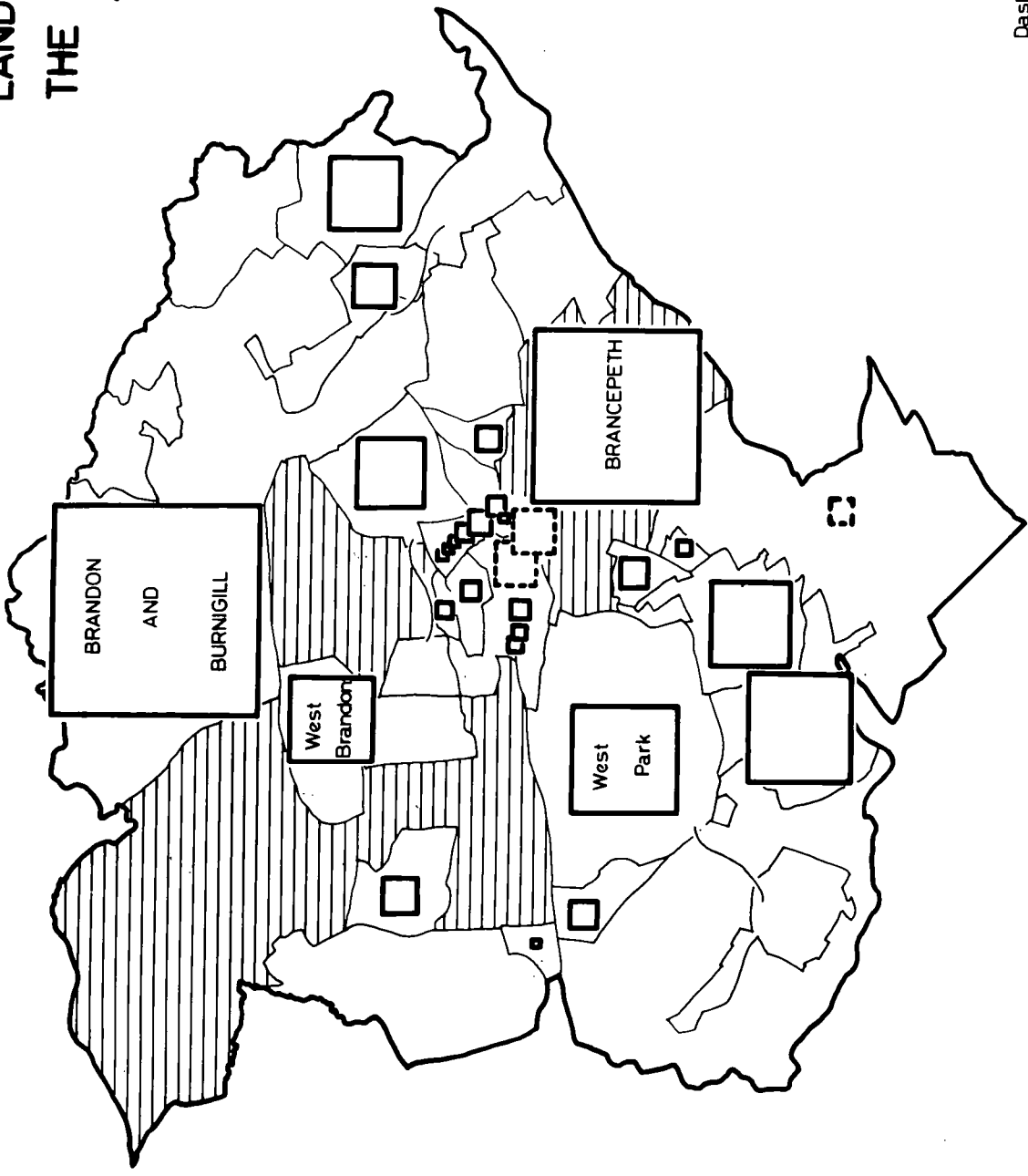
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TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES

circa 1860

LAND PURCHASES BY THE RUSSELL FAMILY 1796 - 1850



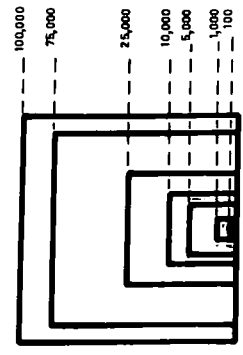
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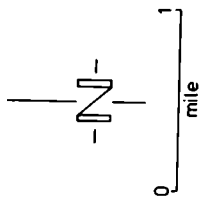
Expenditure, in pounds sterling

(OMITTING TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING LESS THAN 100 POUNDS)







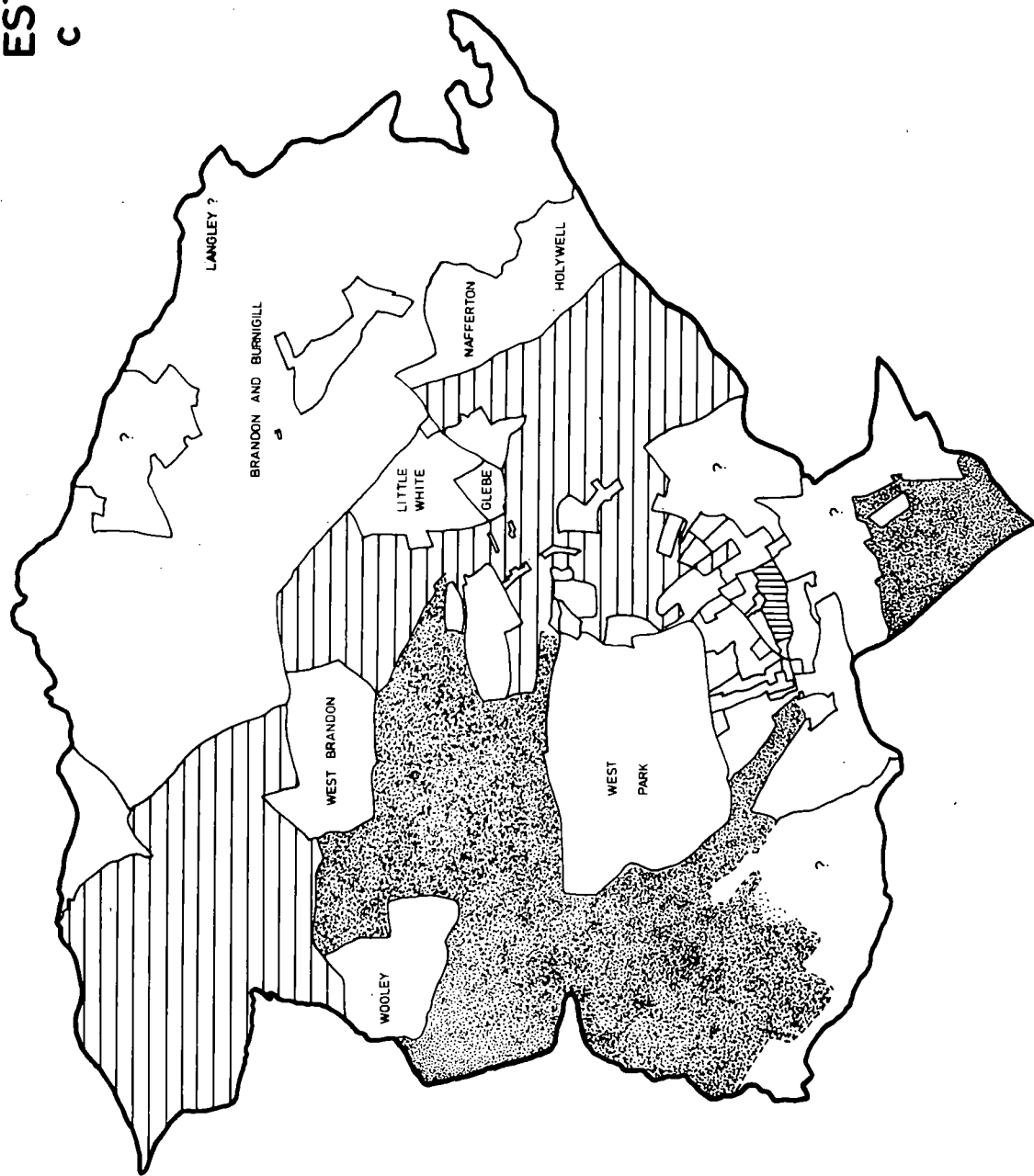
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ESTATE BOUNDARIES c 1750

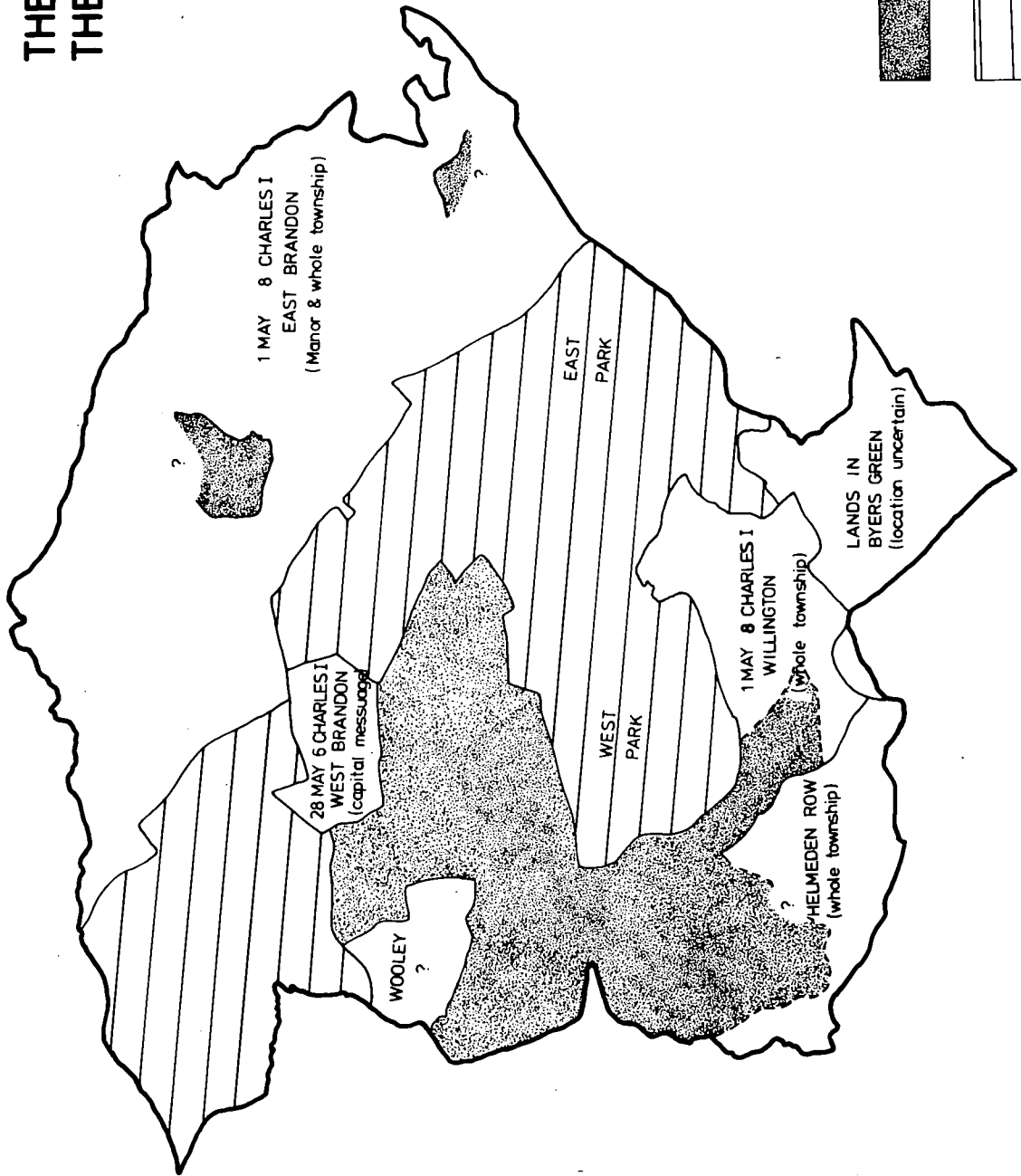
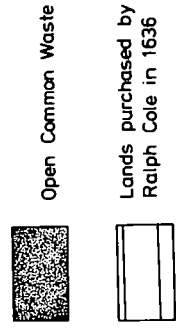
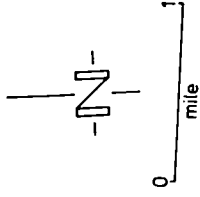


This map is a very simple representation. Details shown here are recognised as incomplete - only definitely identified boundaries are indicated.

-  BRANCEPETH ESTATE
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-  OPEN COMMON WASTE
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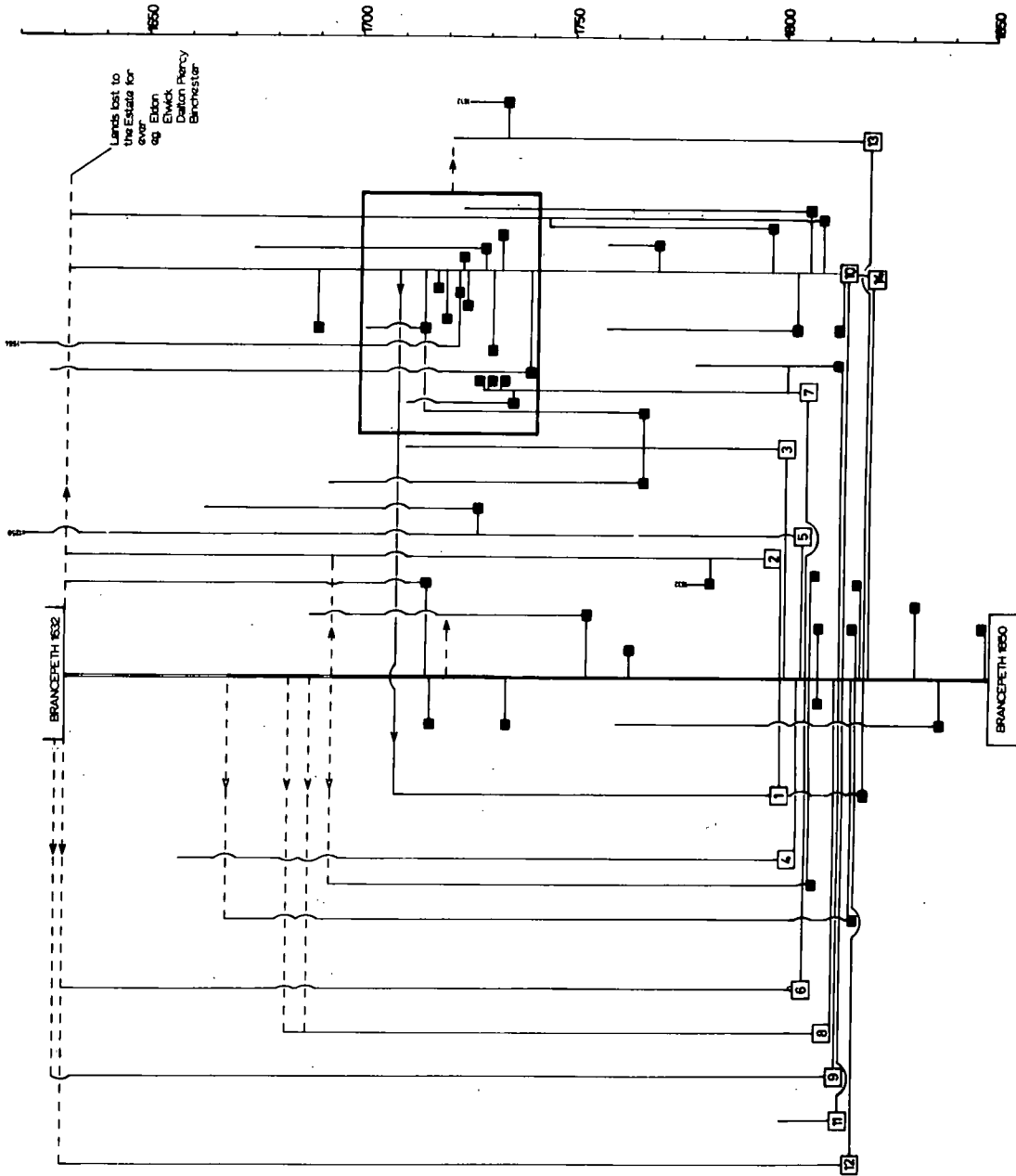


THE BREAK-UP OF THE ESTATE 1630-2



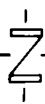
SIMPLIFIED DIAGRAM OF MAJOR LAND SALES 1630-1850

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DEEDS
- SECTION BOUNDED BY DOUBLE LINE
ILLUSTRATES TYPICAL COMPLEXITY MOST OF
THE SMALLER ESTATES CAN ALSO BE
TRACED BACK DIRECTLY TO 1632
- ESTATES OF LESS THAN 30 ACRES (1/2 H)
- LARGER ESTATES BOUGHT BY THE
RUSSELL FAMILY
- 1. PART OF FENWICK'S ESTATE IN WILLINGTON
- 2. CLARK'S ESTATE IN BRANCEPETH
- 3. LINGY CLOSE
- 4. LITTLE BURN
- 5. HUMBERSLEDGE
- 6. BRANDON LORDSHIP
- 7. WILKINSON'S ESTATE IN BRANCEPETH AND
STOCKLEY
- 8. LITTLEWHITE AND BRAMMS DEN
- 9. WEST BRANDON
- 10. ESTATE OF FORSTER-MILLS IN WILLINGTON
- 11. GREENWELLS ESTATE IN WILLINGTON
- 12. LOW WOODLEY
- 13. WEST PARK AND HELMINGTON ROW
- 14. NACKSHIAN AND TANNERS HALL

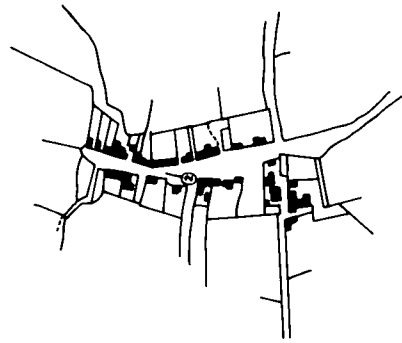


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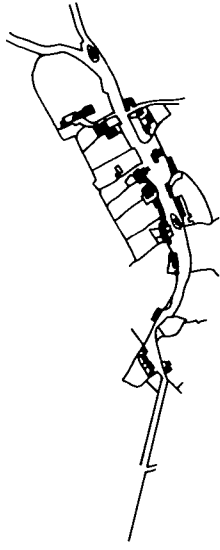
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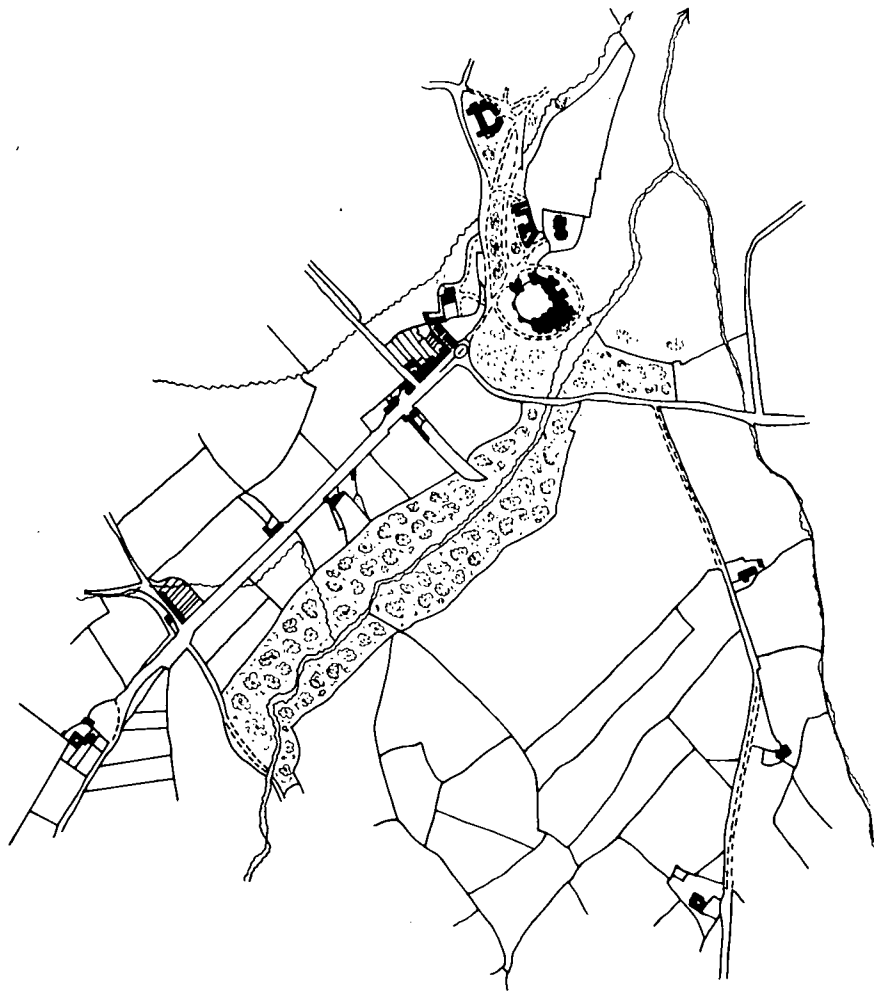
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BRANDON



WILLINGTON

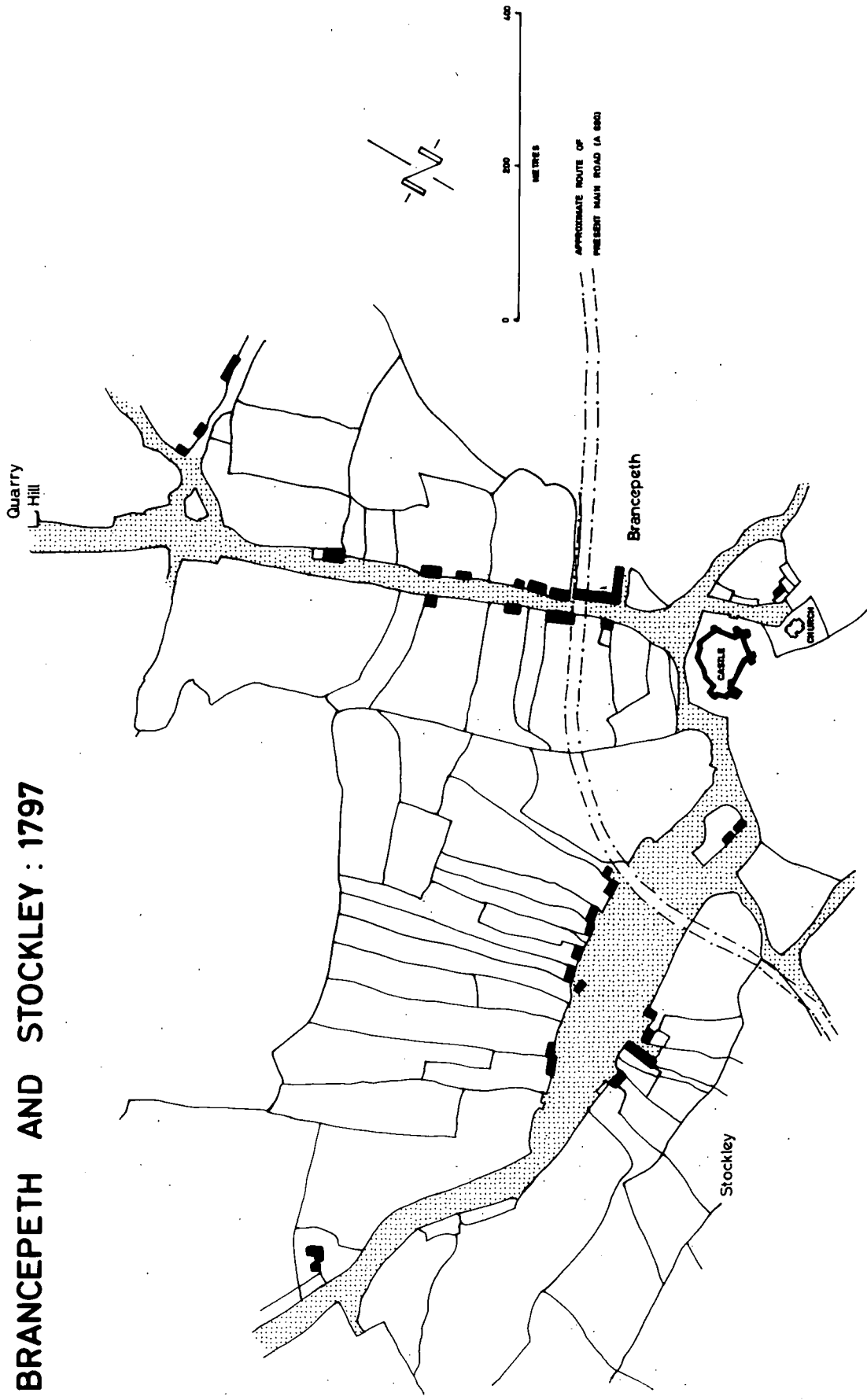


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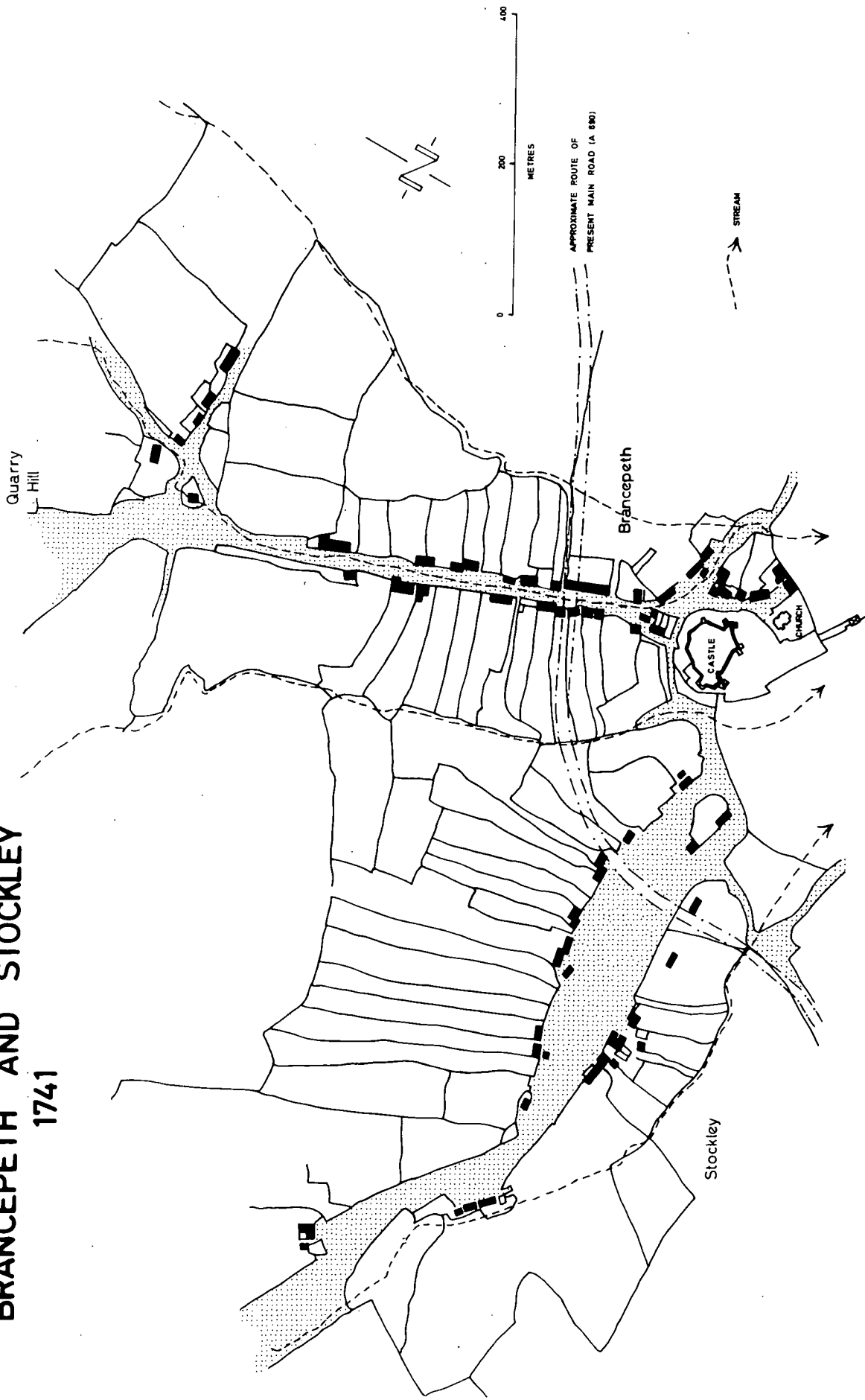






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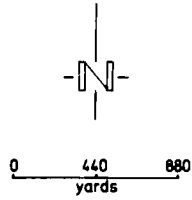


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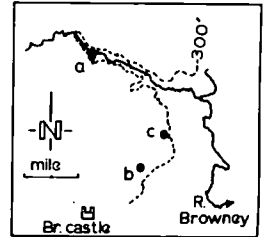


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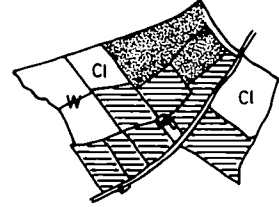
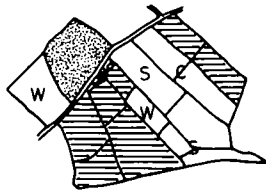
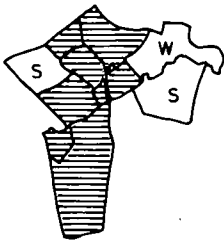
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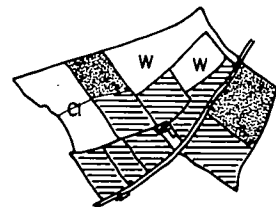
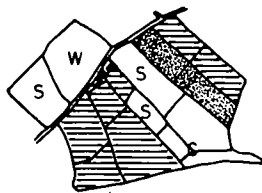
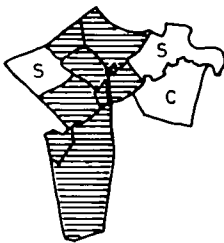
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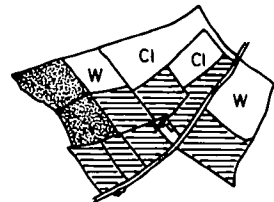
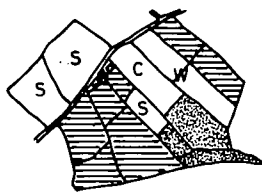
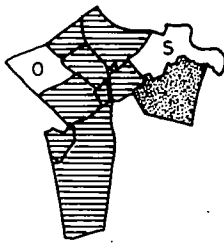
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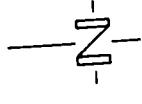


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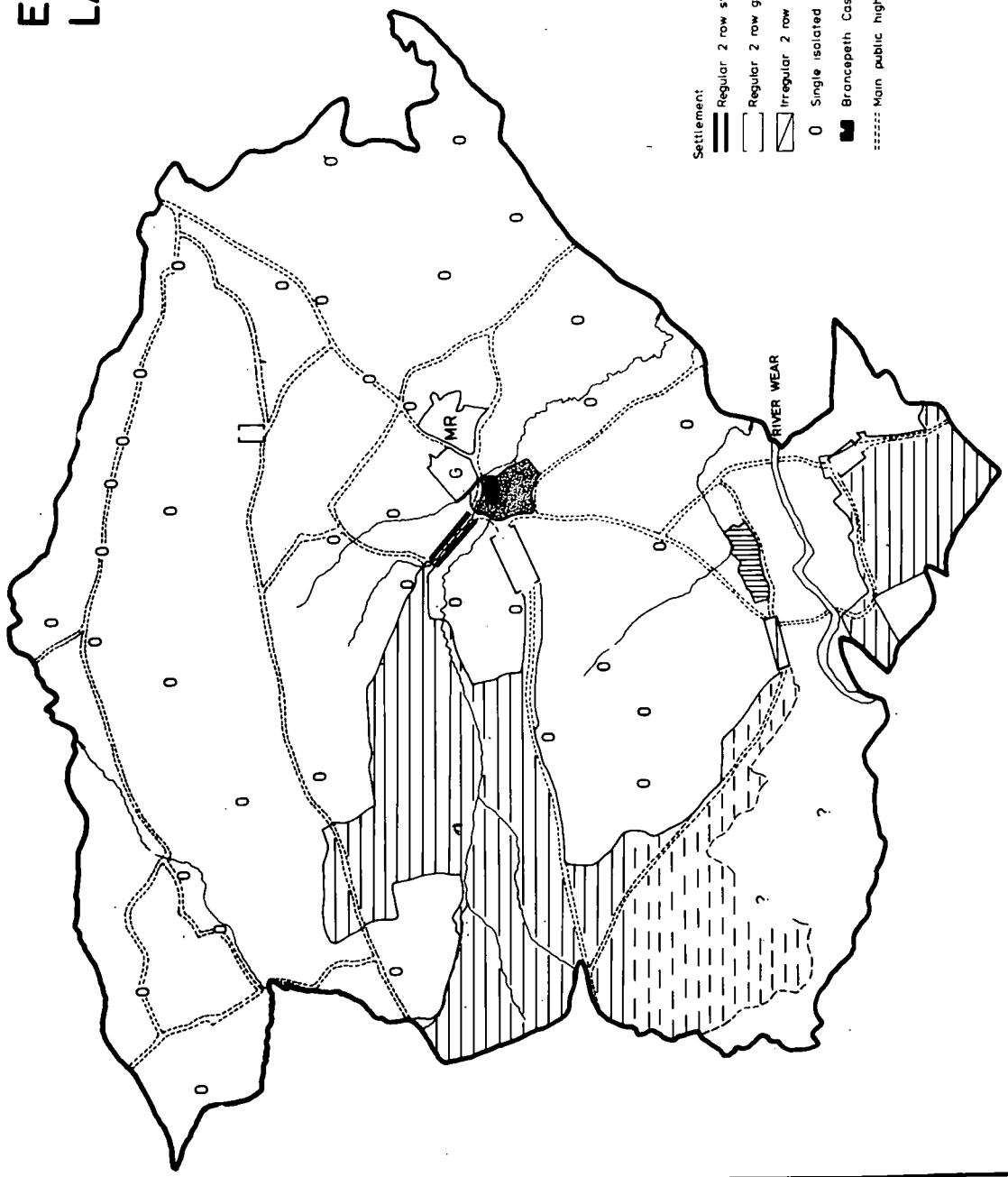
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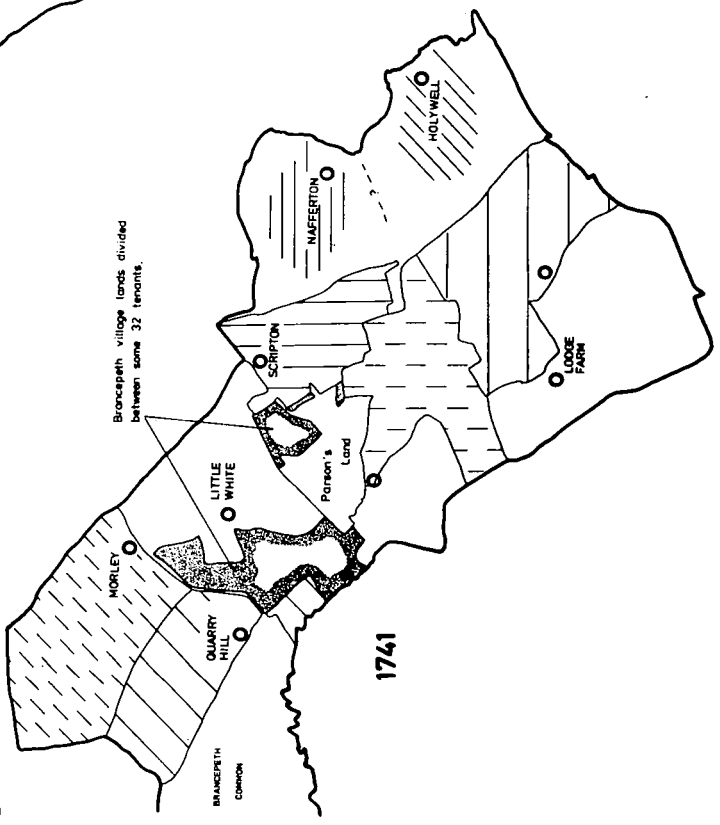
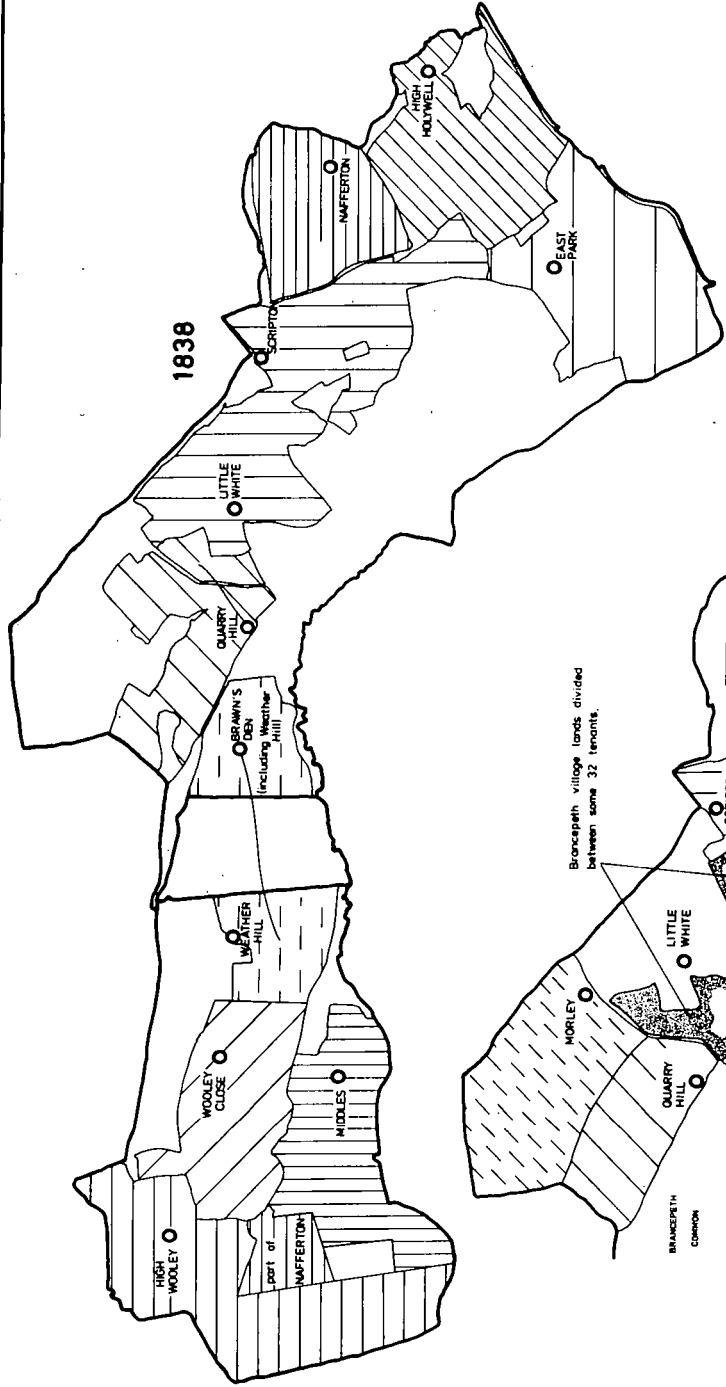
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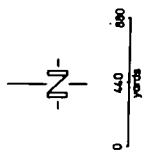
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- Settlement:**
- ▬ Regular 2 row street village
 - ▬ Regular 2 row green village
 - ▬ Irregular 2 row street village
 - Single isolated farmstead
 - Brancepeth Castle
 - Main public highways
- Agriculture:**
- ▬ Open
 - ▬ Common
 - ▬ Waste
 - ▬ Subdivided fields Riggs held in severally, some enclosed
 - ▬ Parkland
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 - MR Land held of the Manor of the Rectory of Brancepeth
 - ~ Main streams
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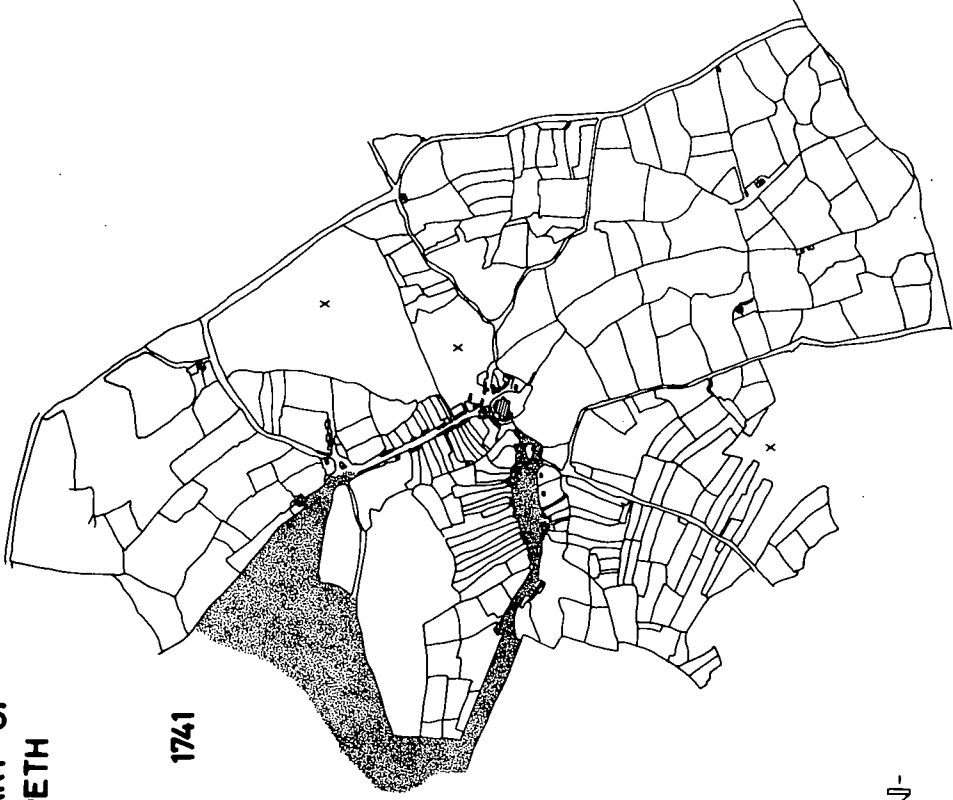


**BRANCEPETH -
PATTERNS OF TENURE
1838 AND 1741**

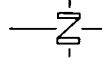
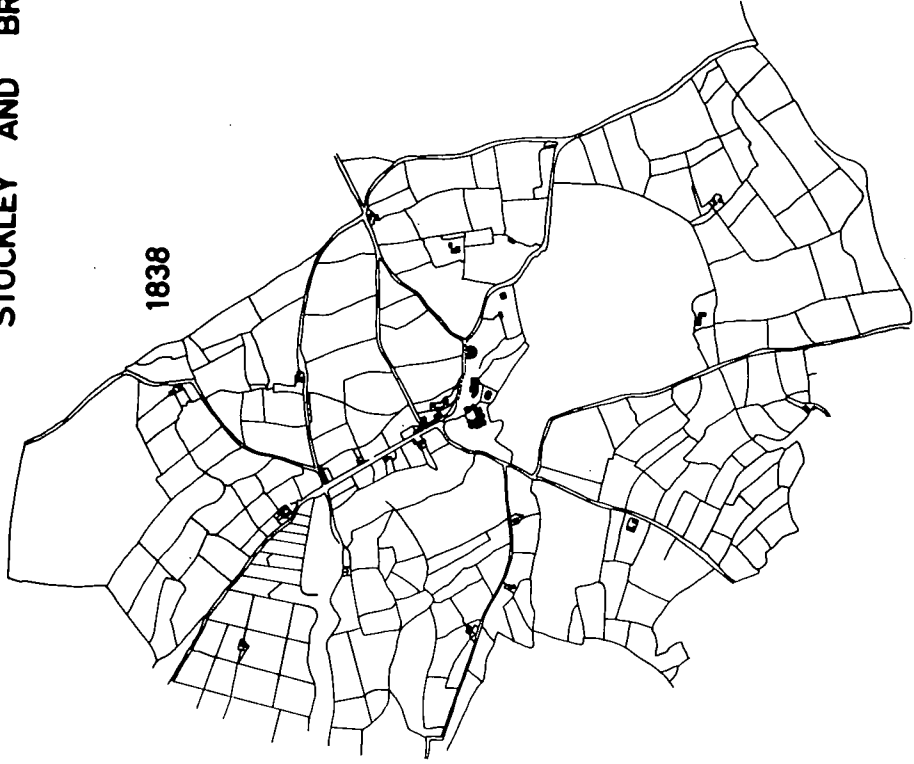


**FIELD BOUNDARIES IN PART OF
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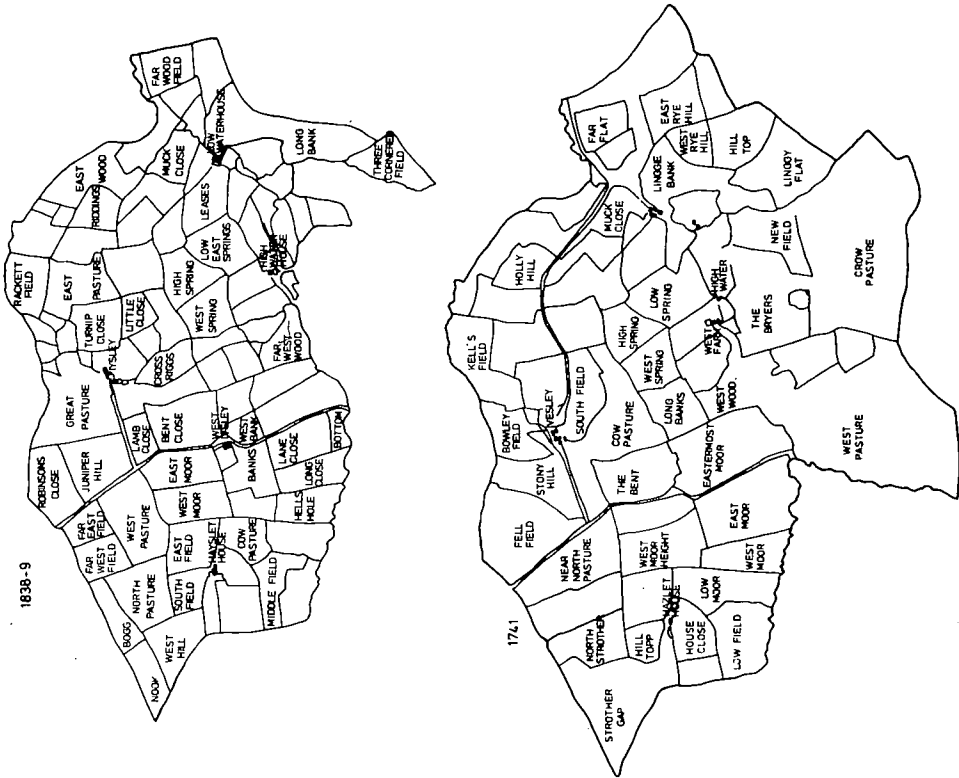


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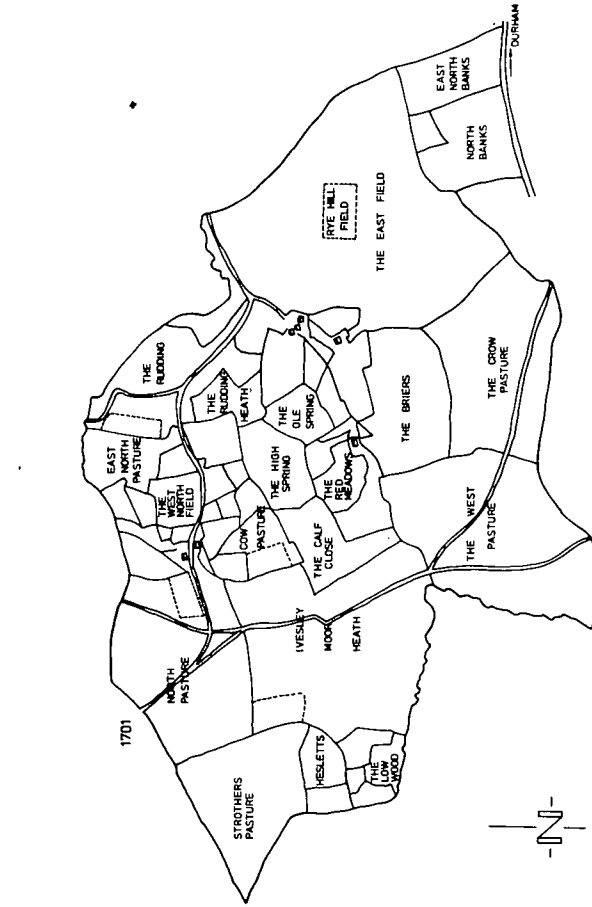


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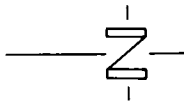
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FIELD BOUNDARIES IN NORTH-WEST BRANDON 1839 - 1741 - 1701



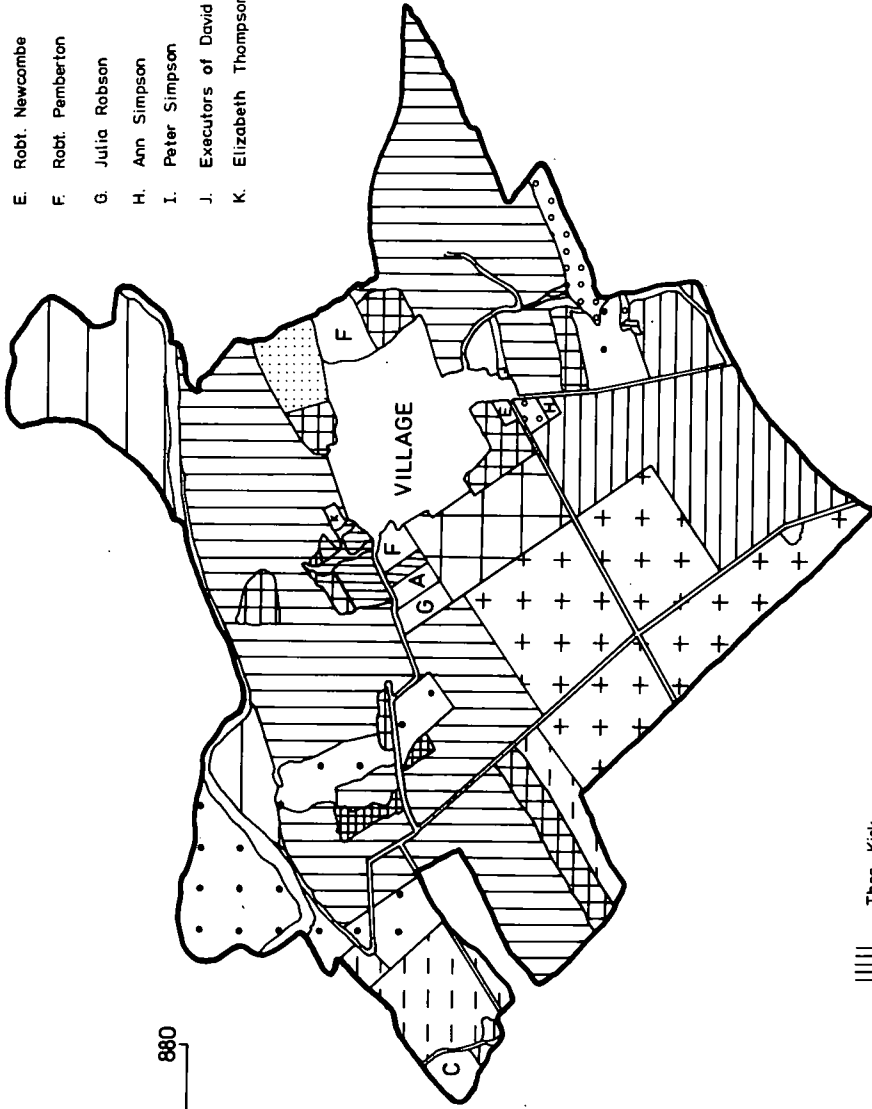
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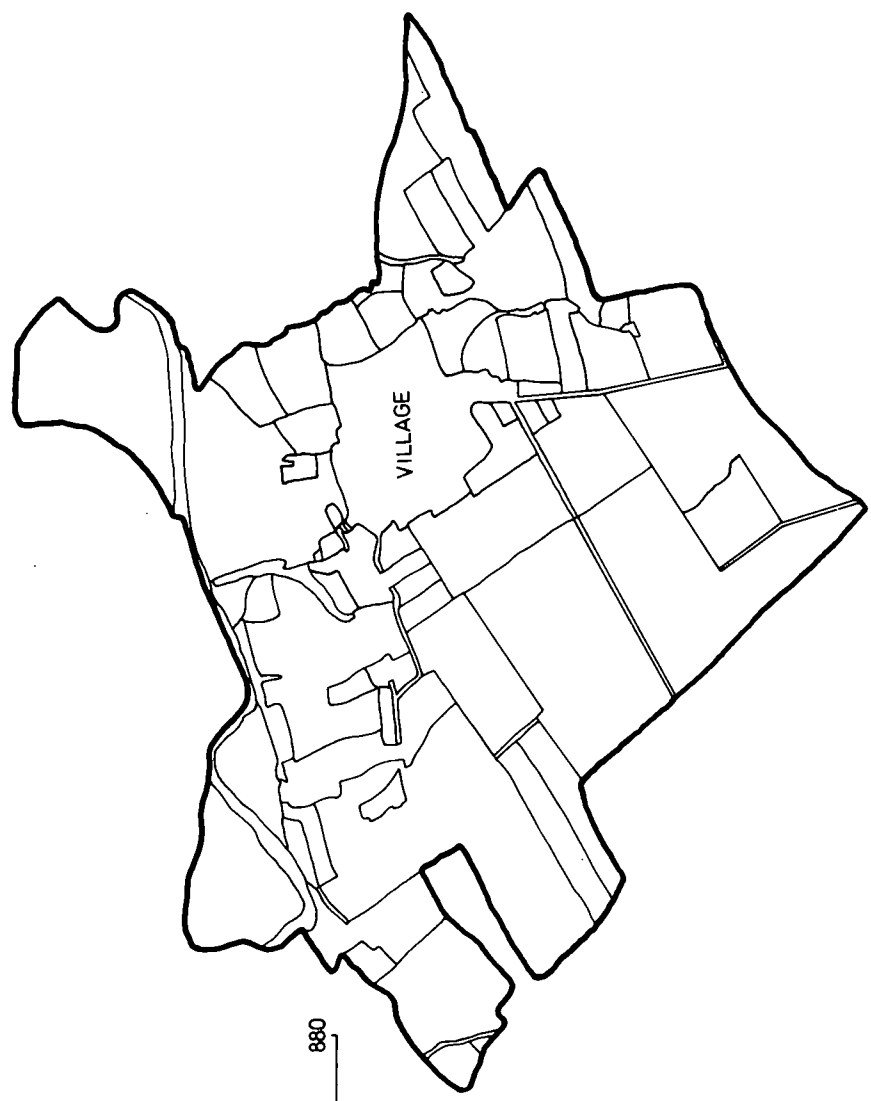
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- B. Ralph Corney
- C. Rev. Geo. Fielding, for the poor of PH of St. Andrew Auckland.
- D. John Harrison
- E. Robt. Newcombe
- F. Robt. Pemberton
- G. Julia Robson
- H. Ann Simpson
- I. Peter Simpson
- J. Executors of David Tindall
- K. Elizabeth Thompson

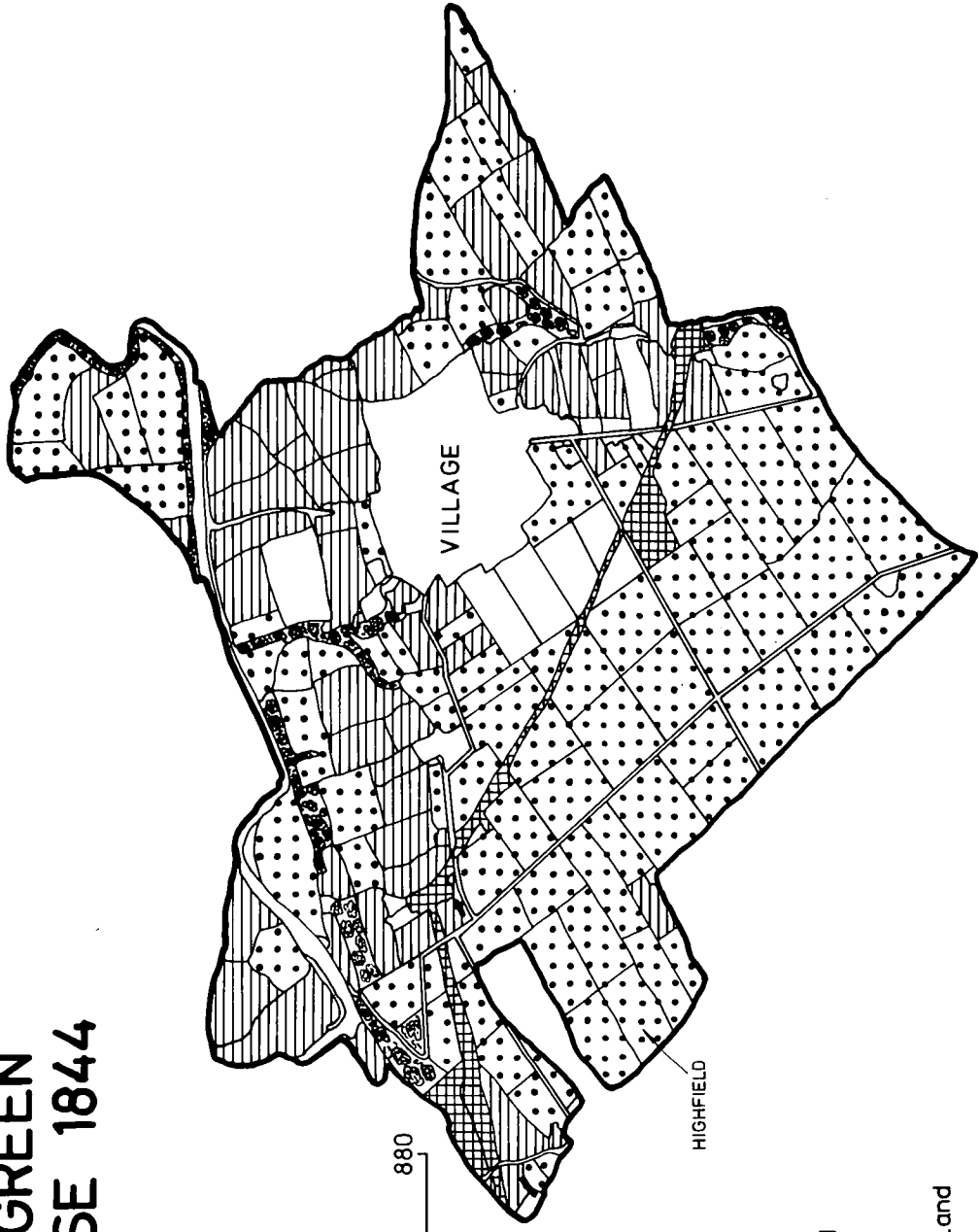
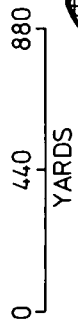
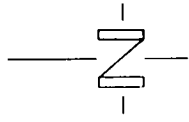






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**BYERS GREEN -
PATTERN OF TENURE 1844
(excluding the village)**



BYERS GREEN LAND USE 1844



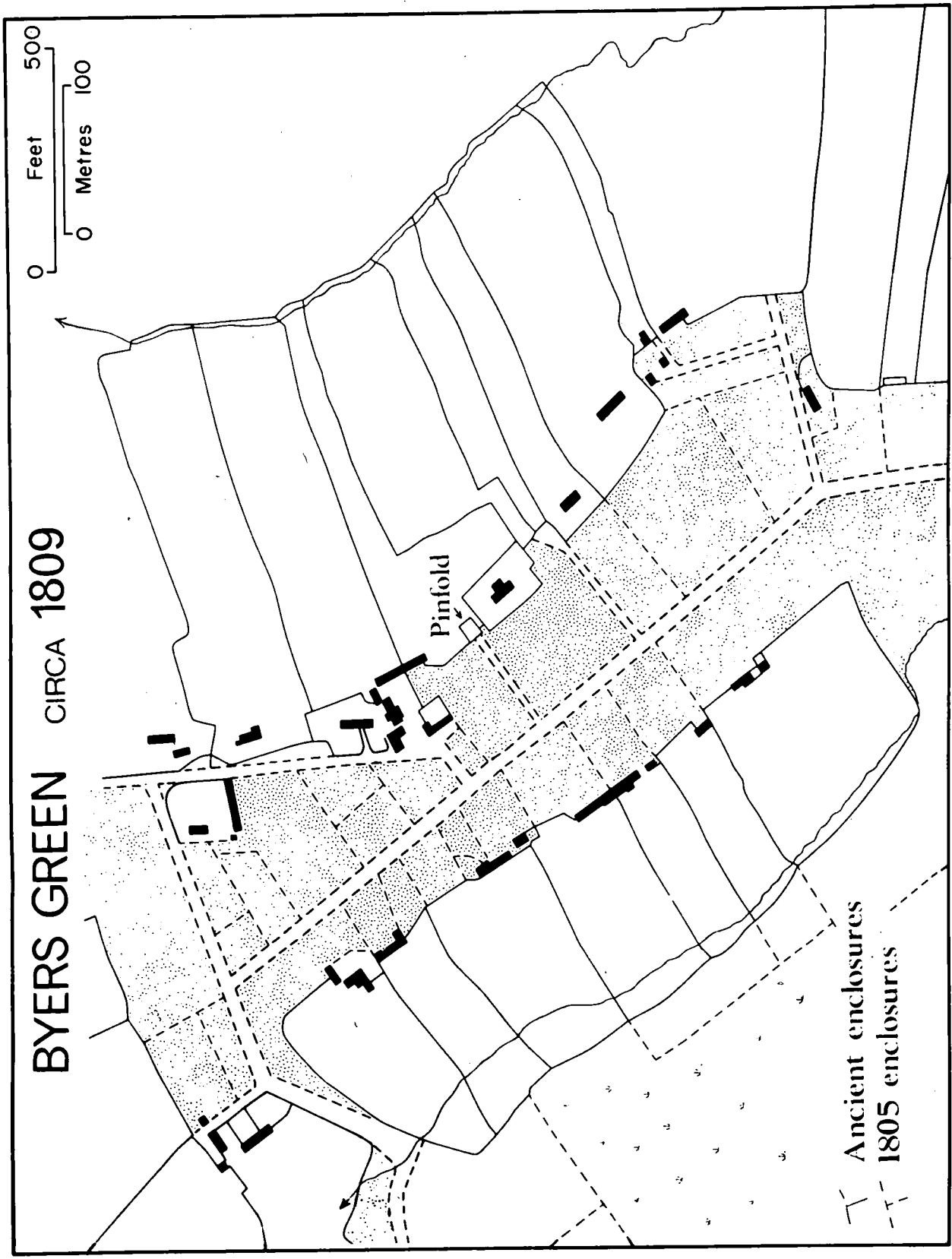
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BYERS GREEN CIRCA 1809

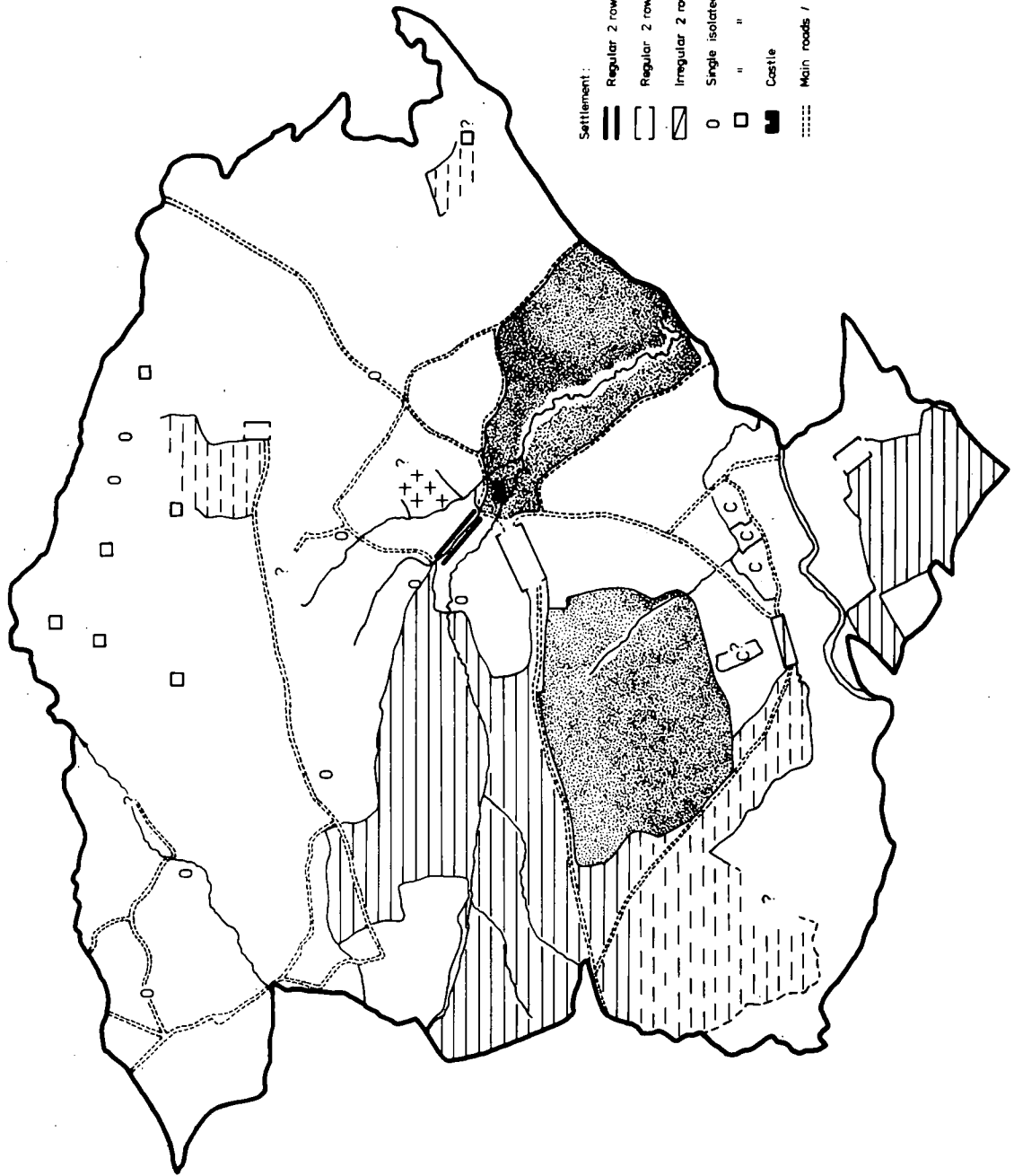
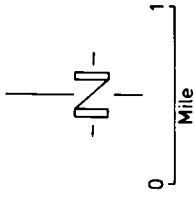


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— Ancient enclosures
- - - 1805 enclosures



ELEMENTS OF LANDSCAPE c 1600



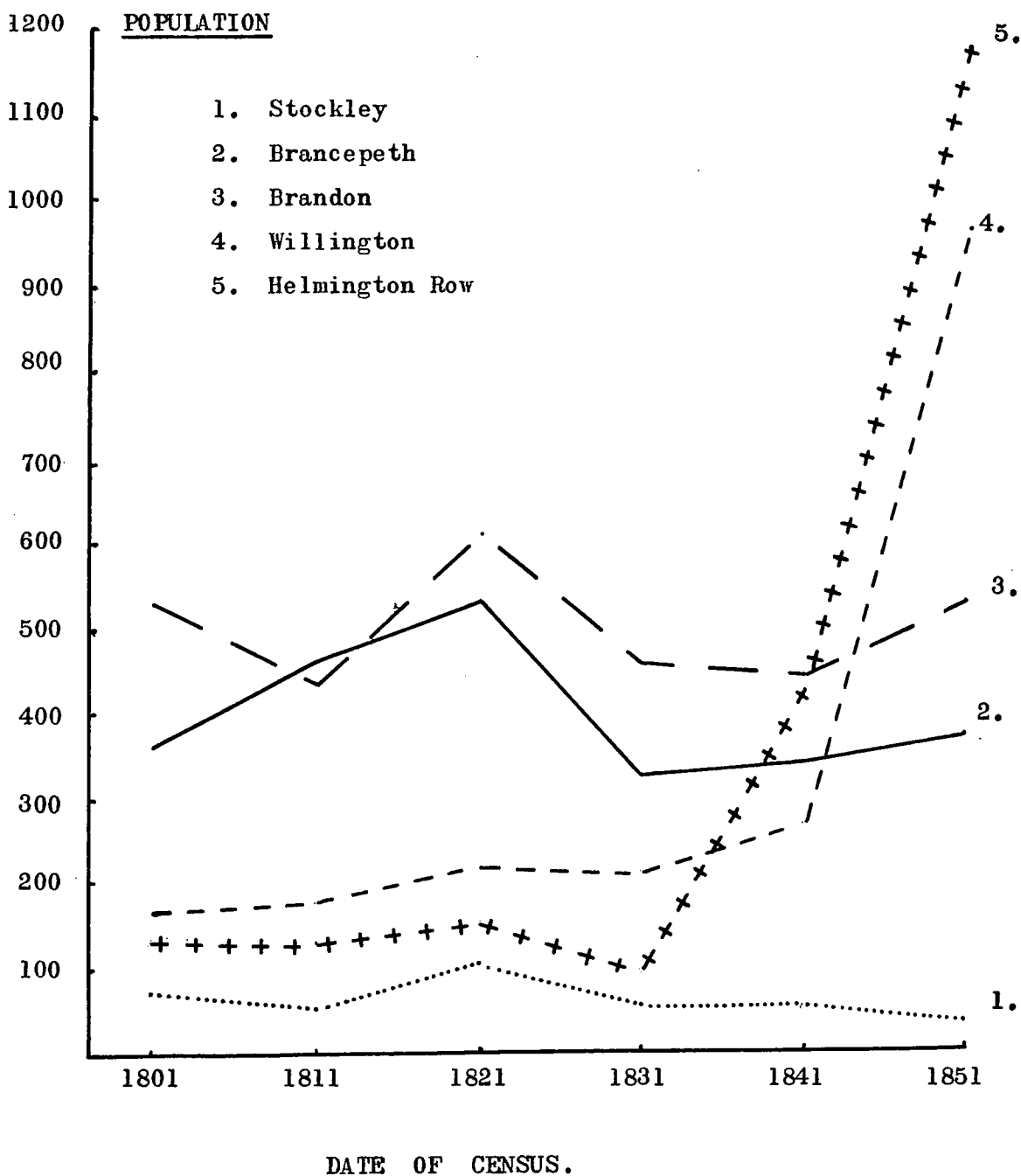
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- Regular 2 row street village
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 - Single isolated farmstead
 - " " " in Byshotelles Tp.
 - Castle
 - Main roads / tracks
- Agriculture:**
- Open identified
 - Common suggested by field patterns
 - Waste
 - Open common fields
 - Enclosed land
 - Parkland
 - Demesne
 - Main streams

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Population 1801 - 51

	1801	1811	1821	1831	1841	1851
BRANCEPETH	367	455	539	329	352	370
STOCKLEY	89	62	103	57	53	44
BRANDON	522	435	609	478	467	529
WILLINGTON	169	185	221	216	258	965
HELMINGTON ROW	121	120	154	97	435	1,182

The figures for Helmington Row illustrate clearly the impact of coal maning, and should be seen in association with Figure 2.2. No explanation is offered here for the fluctuations between 1811 and 1831.

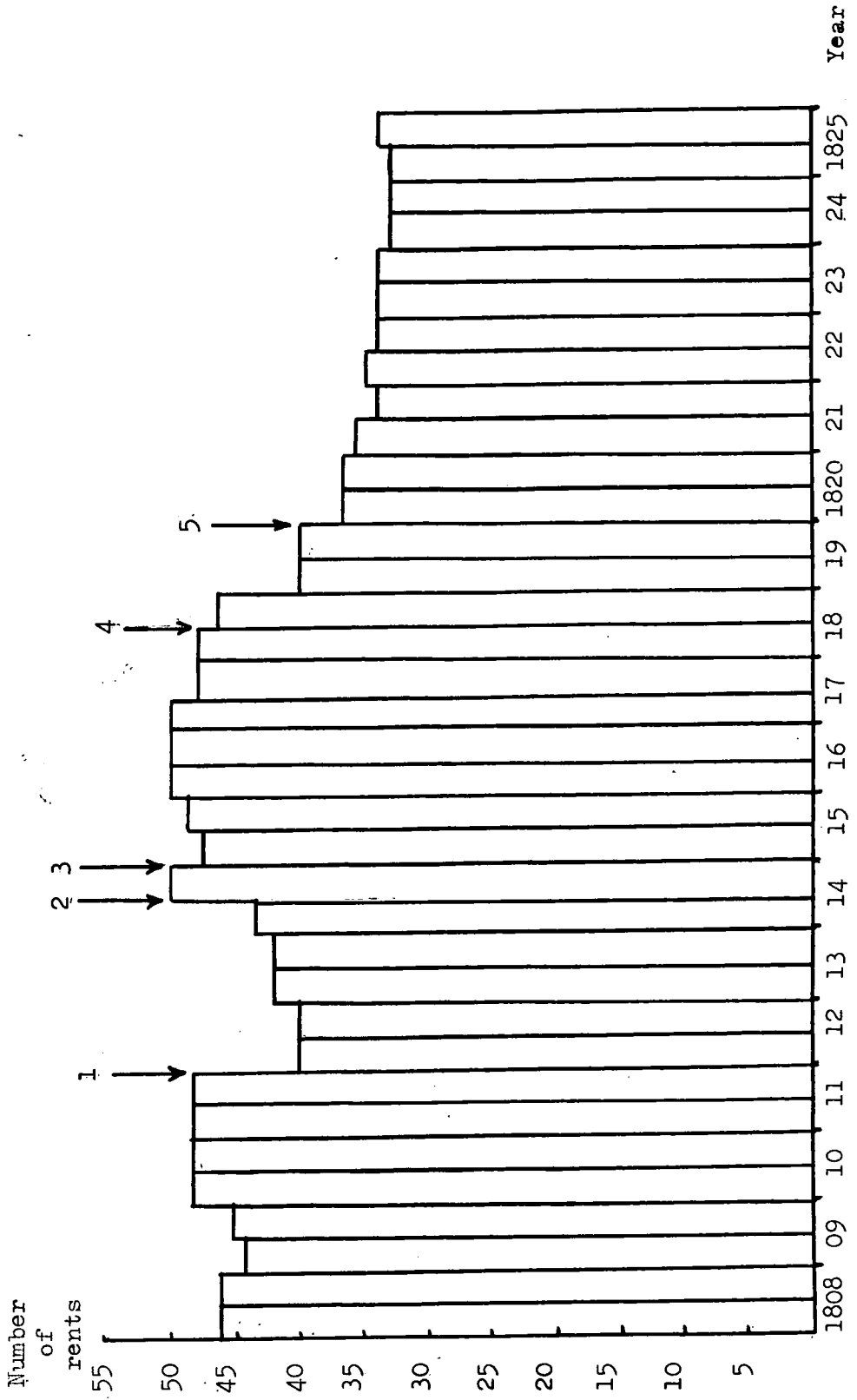
Appendix 4.2Extracts from the 1851 Census

Township	Dwelling Number	Place	Number of Persons	
BRANDON	7	Bail Hill	11	
	8	Haslett House	12	
	9	New Ivesley	6	
	10	Old Ivesley	5	
	11	High Water House	3	
		(One house uninhabited)		
	12	Low Water House	6	
	30	Low Burnigill	3	
	31	Low Burnigill	4	
	32	Low Burnigill	2	
	33	Low Burnigill	5	
	BRANCEPETH	16	All in Brancepeth	Total of 89
		26	Colliery	
1		Castle	8	
2		Castle Gates	2	
3		Rectory	15	
4		Offices	9	
44		Castle Stables	3	
45		- ditto -	2	
46		Garden	4	
47		- ditto -	2	
48		Kennel House	4	
49		Farm House	4	
STOCKLEY		1	Pagebank	10
	2	- ditto -	2	
	3	Stockley Fell	6	
	4	Stockley	5	
	5	- ditto -	8	
	6	Ox Close	6	
	7	Goodwell Field	7	
	End of the Tp. of Stockley			

Appendix: 4.3

Cottage Rents in Brancepeth
and Stockley 1808 - 1825

Taken from D/Br/Vol. 30, Vol. 31



Appendix 4.3 Cottage Rents in Brancepeth and
Stockley 1808 - 25

Notes of the graph:

- 1 From this date onwards, the overseers of the poor began to pay rent for nine tenants formerly under the township of Brancepeth. It was paid in one entry, with no further indication in later years of the number of dwellings involved.
2. Amount paid by the overseers fell.
3. Amount paid by the overseers rose.
4. - ditto -
5. No change in the amount paid by the overseers.

The deeds to the estate show quite clearly that the Russells purchased several cottages during their consolidation of the estate, so it is surely not unreasonable to expect the number of cottage rents to rise, rather than fall. It might well be that the gradual decline which began in 1817 shows the gradual demise of Stockley village over the four years up to 1820.

Appendix 5.1 Leases: A comparison of the contents of a lease listed by Bell in 1854 with an actual lease of 1699.

(i) (Bell 1854 99-100)

The usual stipulations in agreements with tenants in this county are -

Not to plough or break up any portions of the lands laid down to permanent grass.

To manage the arable lands according to the system of husbandry agreed upon

To keep and leave in good repair all fences, gates, drains etc.

Not to sell any hay or straw from off the farm without bringing thereon in lieu thereof five fothers of dung for every ton of hay or straw sold.

Not to depasture in the last half year a greater number of stints than in the previous half years.

To permit the incoming tenant previous to the expiration of the tenancy to sow with grass seeds the land sown with the away going crop, and to roll in the same; and also to scale and dress meadow grounds; also to place lime or manure on some convenient part of the premises for his own use.

To lead all materials which may be required for the repair or alterations of the farm buildings.

To pay, in addition to the rent agreed upon, 5% on the landlord's outlay in draining any part of the farm.

The landlord reserves to himself or his agent the privilege of entering upon the farm at all seasonable times, in order to see that it properly managed according to the agreed scheme of husbandry; and there is invariably a penalty specified of a certain additional rent per acre for every acre of the farm managed contrary to the stipulations or agreement.

Appendix 5.1

(ii) (Gateshead Library. Cotesworth MSS Box E, bundle 3, f.18)

February 17th, 1699.

- 1/ Sir Nicholas Cole of Brancepeth Castle.
- 2/ Jane Friend, of Oakenshaw, widdow
John Friend, of the same place, yeoman.

A lease for seven years from 1/ to 2/ of a messuage in West Park commonly called Yackenshaw, plus eight closes.

2/ agree that they will pay: Annual rent of £94 8. 0., with an additional £5 "for every acre of fresl as Swarth ground (other than hereafter is mentioned) that he or they shall plowe or convert into tillage in any part of the said demised p^misses without the licence or consent of the said S^r Nich. Cole his Heirs or assigns first therefore under his or their hand had and obtained. AND shall and will during the said tenure keep all and singular tillage ground in good sufficient and due course of husbandry faughing one third part thereof yearly and every year during the said term above demised and laying upon every acre soe to be fallowed and laid in faugh five and forty bowles of well burnt lyme and five and twenty loads of compost or Manure for the improveing and Enriching the soil thereof. AND shall and will yearly and every yeare during the said terme above demised well and sufficiently Scoore and dress ninety fower Roods of the Hedges ditches or fences in and upon the said demised premises or some part thereof where the same shall happen to be most needful and necessary to be scoored. AND shall Eate or consume and spend all the hay and strawe that shall dureing the said terme growe and Arise of and from the said Demised p^misses in and upon the Lands and grounds of the said Demised p^misses or Some part thereof and lay and spread all the Compost Dung and Manure that shall dureing the said terme proceed be gathered and bredd of and from the said p^misses every or any part thereof in and upon the said Lands and grounds or Some part thereof. AND shall and will in the last yeare of the said terme above demised permitt and suffer the said S^r Nicholas Cole his Heirs or Assigns or his or their Succeeding Tenn^t or Tenn^{ts} to plowe the Tillage ground at any time at his and their Wills and pleasure after the Feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Lord comonly called Christmas Day and to Scale Mold and Dress the pasture ground at any time at his and their Wills and pleasures from and after the Feast of the purification of the Blessed

Virgin Mary commonly called Candlemas Day AND further that they the said Jane Friend and John Friend their Ex^{cs} Adm^{ns} and Assigns shall and will at his and their proper costs and charges plowe upp Manure lime and faugh in the same and such like manner as is herein above covenanted for the grounds already in tillage twenty acres of the High Rift Pasture in Such part thereof where the said S^r Nicholas Cole (etc) shall at any time during the term above demised think fitt to order or Appointe the same AND shall for and in lieu thereof at the same time in husband like manner lay out into meadow or pasture ground after a wheat Bigg or Rye Cropp reaped or taken from the same the like Quantity of twenty acres of the grounds of the hereby demised p^mises now used in tillage. AND (here the tenants agree to pay all taxes on the premisses, except the prescript rents in lieu of tithes and any rent or tax imposed by Parliament or the Queen). AND shall and will alsoe at their proper costs and charges for and dureing the said terme above demised well and sufficiently uphold maintaine and keep the Houseing of the said demised p^mises in good sufficient tennant-able repair and Condition he the said S^r Nicholas Cole his heirs or assigns finding or alloweing all such timber and the workmanship thereof and all other materials to be Used in the Walls of the said Houseing and the workmanship thereof when and soe often as there shall be necessary Occasion for such repairs to the said Houseing or any part thereof.

(Then follows Cole's covenants, in which he promises protection, and payment for timber and wall) AND shall and will at the end of the said terme permitt and suffer them the said Jane Friend and John Friend their Ex^{cs} Adm^s and Assigns (they haveing fully paid and Discharged all the rents due for the p^mises) in the Harvest time next after the End or Expiration of the said terme hereby demised to have reape take and Enjoy to their proper Use and benefitts the Cropp or Corne and graine standing and growing in and upon the said Demised p^mises and to have liberty to stack the same in the Stackyard and to thrash the same in the Barne belonging to the said p^mises they the said Jane and John Friend their Ex^{cs} Adm^s and Assignes leaving one full third part of the Arable ground Fallow or Faugh and the Strawe and Manure comeing from the said way goeing crop in and upon the said p^mises for the use of the next Succeeding Tennants

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Appendix 5.2. Humbersledge Farm - Livestock and farm equipment.

Item	Oxen	(Kyne) Cattle	Steares	Calves	Horses	Wethers	Ewes	Hoggs	Hard-corn	Oats	Corn	Hay	twenters	other crops, Poultry and agricultural implements.	Total value including domestic goods.
DATE															
1581	4	5 (7.6.8)	3 (stott) (nowte) (4.16.0)	6 (2.11.8)	2	10	9 (5.4.8)	3						2 swyn, 11 geese, 4 hennes Waine and plough stuffs (15.0)	(3.7.9) (£42.2.1.)
(new house?)															
1628	4	11 (29.6.8)	8 (6.0.0)	2 (10.0)	5 (11.0.0)	33 (7.0.0)	'old sheep'	61 (10.0.0)				?	8 (14.0.0)	2 swyne, 8 hens, 1 cocke 3 wagons and plough gear rye and 20 thraves Bygg and 10 thraves Rye sown (6.13.4) (6.0.0) (1.10.0) (4.10.0)	(1.6.8) (4.0) (6.13.4) (6.0.0) (1.10.0) (4.10.0) (£172.4.2.)
1675	4		2 (2.12.0)	4 (3.0.0)	5 (11.0.0)	22 (8.0.0)	30 (11.0.0)	21 (5.0.0)	(sown)(sown) 10A (15.0.0)				3 (27.0.0)	Waine and plough gear (10.0.0)	(2.10.0) (2.10.0) (7.0.0) (7.0.0) (11.0.0) (11.0.0) (8.0.0) (8.0.0) (5.0.0) (5.0.0) (2.10.0) (2.10.0) (9.0.0) (9.0.0) (£187.0.0.)

(Figures in parentheses show value)

Appendix 5.3 Cropping schedules for three farms in Brandon.

B.	Pasture
F	Fallow
W	Wheat
Cl	Clover
G	Grass Seed
O	Oats
C	Corn.

iii) Schedule laid down in 1792 for Sleetburn Farm

Field name	Area	A. R. P.	1792	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	1800	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	
High Pasture	10 3 38	F	W	G	F	W	W	G	G	O	F	W	G	G	O	F	W	G	G	
Pt.																				
Great Fall	5 2 14	G	To remain in pasture.																	
High Meadow																				
Fields	5 0 34	F	C	G	To remain in pasture.															
White Close	3 0 0	(F	G)																
(arable)	3 0 0	W	(G	To remain in pasture.															
)	(G																
)	(G																
White Close	4 3 32	P	To remain pasture all the said term.																	
(pasture)																				
North Lingey	12 0 0	C	G	G	C	F	C	W	G	C	F	W	G	G	C	F	C	G	G	
Leaze																				
South Lingey	16 2 10	P	O	F	C	G	G	C	C	F	C	G	G	C	F	W	G	C	C	
Leaze																				
Pt.	11 2 18	Pease	F	W	G	C	C	F	W	G	G	C	F	C	G	C	G	C	F	
Ushaw Moor	17 2 30	O	F	C	G	G	G	C	F	C	G	G	C	F	C	G	G	C	F	
Pt.																				
Great Fall	16 0 0	P																		
Pt.																				
Great Fall	13 1 33	P																		
Lower Meadow																				
Field	9 2 15	Meadow	To remain meadow and pasture all the said term.																	
North Back																				
Close	5 1 24	P																		
South Back																				
Close	3 2 30	P																		
Lingey Lease																				
Paddock	2 0 32	P																		

B I B L I O G R A P H Y

PART ONE: PRIMARY SOURCE MATERIAL

BIBLIOGRAPHY: PART ONE - PRIMARY SOURCE MATERIAL

The weaknesses of much historical source material are quite well known (Baker (1970) 14 et seq.) and apply as much here in particular as in general. Many of the sources consulted formed part of the Brancepeth Collection, a large body of material only recently acquired by the County Record Office, and this was supplemented by other estate papers, and, for Byers Green, Halmote Court records. Sources are listed under the heading:

- i) C.R.O. - Brancepeth Collection
 - Other material
- ii) Gateshead Archives - Ellison estate papers
- iii) Dean and Chapter Library.
- iv) Department of Paleography and Diplomatic.
- v) Other.

Two publications proved very useful to the author in the initial stages of his work:

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| <u>Cornwall</u> , J. (1964) | How to read old title deeds:
14th - 19th centuries
A Publication of the department of
Extra-Mural Studies, University of
Birmingham. |
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History". |

DURHAM COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

THE BRANCEPETH COLLECTION

It was the acquisition of this collection by the Durham County Record Office that led to the undertaking of this thesis. The entire collection of estate records from 1570 onwards was made available to the author, but unfortunately he was only able to tap a little of it. The material relating to the years between 1600 and 1850 is largely a heterogeneous mass, uncatalogued except for the estate plans, made up of deeds, will, surveys, letters and a whole variety of miscellaneous papers. Unfortunately, there are no estate books until William Russell took over in 1797 - the location of these is as yet unknown, if they do exist. After 1800 there is a full and detailed record of the running of the estate although the volumes do include working documents from other lands held by the Russell family.

The collection falls into four main areas, and it is proposed to list the main sources under each format. The author possesses a detailed catalogue of these parts of the collection he examined, but it was felt unnecessary at this stage to produce it in full.

A. The Plans (C.R.O. Brancepeth Collection D/Br/P -)

These are fully catalogued. The earliest is 1701, while the first map of the core of the main estate is dated 1741. Where maps have been used as the basis of figures in the thesis, due acknowledgement is given.

B. The Volumes (C.R.O. Brancepeth Collection D/Br/V -)

These were little used, as much of their content relates to the very end of the period of study and much later. They provide a large store of material as yet untapped.

C. The Estate Papers (C.R.O. Brancepeth Collection D/Br/E -).

These are particularly characterised by their wide variety of content. In some cases these are catalogued, but they are not indexed. Two bundles here provided many important references - D/Br/E 6, and D/Br/E 8 - and both of these are acknowledged many times in the text.

D. The Deeds (C.R.O. Brancepeth Collection. D/Br - Deeds, etc)

These made up most of the bulk of the collection, about 1,900 documents in all. Roughly sorted, they fell into two main groups. One related to the progress of the central estate from 1632 to 1797, while the other was made up of most of the deeds giving title to much of the lands bought by the Russells. Where actual documents were missing, abstracts often gave a full picture. At the time of use, these documents were unsorted, but apart from the main estate, some sort of title was discovered to all the holdings mentioned in the table which accompanies Figure 3.2. Knowledge of lands which passed out of the hands of the lord of Brancepeth for some time was gained from some of the sources listed below. No material came to light regarding the main estate before 1569, although the title for Humbersledge Farm went back to the twelfth or thirteenth century and deeds for two other closes in Brancepeth went back to the beginning of the sixteenth century. It was the deeds which made possible the construction of Figure 3.5. Typical examples can be seen in the photographs included (Frontispiece, and overleaf).

Tithe Awards

Tithe awards and plans were consulted for:

1. Brancepeth (1839). D/Br/P L157, L158, L159.
2. Brandon and Byshottles (1838). D/Br/P L161.
3. Helmington Row (1838). D/Br/P 163.
4. Willington (1838). D/Br/P L157, L164.
5. Stockley (1838). D/Br/P L157, L158.

Enclosure Awards

1. Helmeden Row
and Willington Moor Commons (1757)
2. Brancepeth Moor and
Stockley Common (1759)
3. Byers Green (1809)

Land Tax Records

1. Brancepeth LTA/D/NW
2. Brandon and Byshottles LTA/D/NW
3. Byers Green LTA/D/SE
4. Stockley LTA/D/NW

Others

1851 Census Microfilms M3/16 and M3/17.
Back numbers of the Durham Advertiser (Microfilm)

GATESHEAD CITY ARCHIVES

This is the home of the estate papers of the Ellison family, into whose hands passed West Park and lands in Helmington Row for many years. A useful source of varied material, although much of it is not very well preserved.

DEAN AND CHAPTER LIBRARY

This provided two quite important sources:

1. The Raine Manuscripts. Material concerning the tithe dispute.
2. The Longstaffe Case Material relating to the lands of the Manor of the Rectory.

DEPARTMENT OF PALEOGRAPHY AND DIPLOMATIC

Visits here were to examine Halmote Court material relating in the main to Byers Green. There were many scattered references and in some cases detailed surveys, but the gaps here proved too great for the author's limited scholarship.

OTHER

The Northumberland County Record Office yielded up the working papers of the Enclosure Commissioners for Byers Green and papers of the Swinburne family relating to Holywell and Nafferton, while the important Crown Survey of the estate was held in the Durham Geography department on microfilm.

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PART TWO: SECONDARY SOURCE MATERIAL

ABBREVIATIONS

Trans	-	Transactions
-oOo-		
A.A.A.G.	-	Annals of the Association of American Geographers.
Ag. Hist. Rev.	-	Agricultural History Review.
Antiq & Archaeol Soc.	-	Antiquarian and Archaeological Society.
Arch. Aeliane	-	Archaeologia Aeliana
Architec & Archaeol. Soc	-	Architectural and Archaeological Society.
Econ. Hist. Rev.	-	Economic History Review
Eng. Hist. Rev.	-	English History Review
G.A.	-	Geografiska Annaler
G.J.	-	Geographical Journal
Geog. Mag.	-	Geographical Magazine
I.B.G.	-	Institute of British Geographers
Journ. Econ. Hist.	-	Journal of Economic History
N.S.A.	-	Newcastle Society of Antiquarians
Quart. Journ. Econ.	-	Quarterly Journal of Economics.
Royal Ag. Soc.	-	Royal Agricultural Society
Royal Hist. Soc.	-	Royal Historical Society

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