

The Duddon Valley Local History Group,

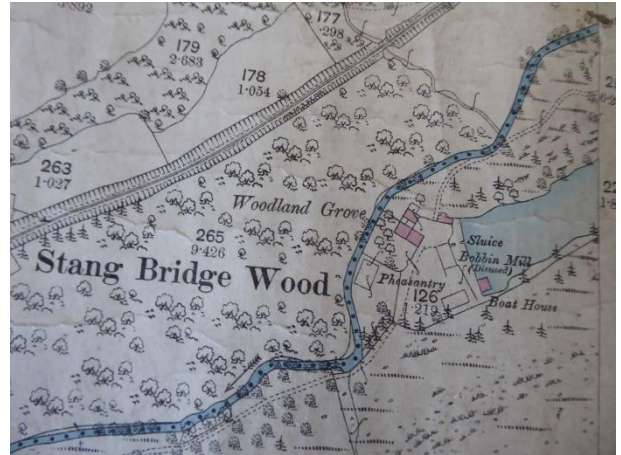
Over two hundred maps came to the history group when Thomas Butlers, Solicitors, closed down. They covered a patchwork of the area between Egremont and Roose. Most were 25" to the mile in scale. Some were first editions, Cumberland 1860 and Lancashire 1888, others were second editions, 1898 and 1913. The first editions were often embossed with the date and some were coloured. They suffered various degrees of dirt and damage though some were remarkably intact. Dirt from over a hundred years in a room with a coal fire and tobacco smokers was cleaned off but the stains, spills and the brown remains from earlier repairs with sellotape remain. Where whole areas were missing, prints of the appropriate sections from maps in the National Library of Scotland map collection were patched in.

The Victory Hall seemed the obvious place to display the maps to the locals and it is the History Group's intention to change the map sheet in the frame on a regular basis.

1. The maps:



2. Coloured First Edition, Woodland Grove:



3. Embossed Cumberland First Edition 1862:



4. Cleaning with Tesco's cheapest white bread:



5. Some maps were very tattered and torn:



6. Repaired using print from the original map

