The Rolleston and Anslow Tithe Maps

The Staffordshire Past Track website -

www.staffspasttrack.org.uk - is managed by the County Council's Archive and Heritage service. Through it one can explore Staffordshire's history through photographs, images maps and documents.

In recent years the Friends of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Archive Service (FoSSA) have been raising funds to digitize the Archive's collection of parish tithe maps.

Both Rolleston and Anslow Parish Councils have sponsored production of their own maps but this has been on hold until digitization for the whole county has been possible.

Tithe maps and awards are invaluable for the history of villages, properties, families, agriculture and landscape in England and Wales for the period1837 – 1852. Each piece of land or property has a reference number drawn on the map itself which is also recorded in an accompanying tithe award which gives the name of the landowner and occupiers, description of property, acreage and rent charge.

Digitisation is now complete and the maps are being gradually downloaded on to the website in alphabetical order. They have a zoom feature which allows detailed examination of small sections.

The Rolleston map for 1838 and the Anslow map for 1845 both appear under a Rolleston heading since they were separate "townships" within the parish of Rolleston at that time.

There is much of additional local interest. Stretton, Horninglow and Branston all appear under Burton. Look at Burton itself before the big breweries. Four maps for Hanbury cover an extensive area through Marchington.

At the time of writing Tutbury and Tatenhill are not yet downloaded.

Postscript: *The above note will appear in the next issue of Rollestonian which is at the printers. Since writing, the map for Tutbury Parish has appeared; also four maps for the old extensive parish of Tatenhill which includes the townships of Barton under Needwood, Dunstall, Wichnor, and Tatenhill and Callingwood.*

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