

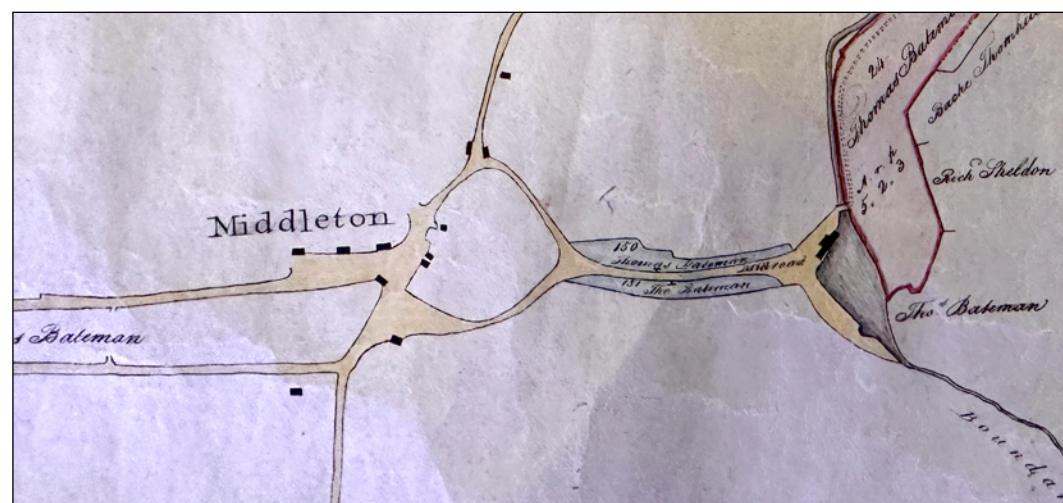
A landscape photograph showing a grassy hillside with a small stream or ditch running through it. The hillside is covered in green grass, and there are several large, leafy trees on the right side. The sky is blue with white clouds.

THE TRACK FROM CASTLE FIELD TO MIDDLETON DALE

Peter Burdett's Map of Derbyshire (1767) shows a route from the village down to Middleton Dale; this might be the Castle Field track or Dale Lane or both. In fact, both tracks met part way to the dale to form a rough circle around the eastern houses of the village. This is shown on the Middleton Estate and Enclosure Maps (1813 & 1819) but the route had disappeared by the time of the Middleton Estate Surveyor's Handbook (1841).

The Castle Field track is sometimes referred to as the Old Road - as opposed to the New Road to Youlgrave. However, the road to Youlgrave is a stronger candidate for this title.

1767 Peter Burdett
1813 Township of Middleton (Middleton Hall)
1819 Enclosure Map of Middleton (Derbyshire Records Office)
1841 Middleton Estate Surveyors Sketchbook (Middleton Hall)
1837-38 OS 1" (The Old Series)



A map of the Middleton and Smerrill areas. The map is divided into several regions: ARBOR LOW (top left), MIDDLETON (top right), KENSLOW (center), SMERRILL (bottom right), and LONG DALE (bottom center). A red line is drawn along the eastern boundary of the MIDDLETON region, indicating the location of the new school building.