

CHARTED TERRITORY

Maps of
All Sizes

Modern day maps tend to be the same size, use the same symbols and fonts, and give the same type of information. But historically each map was created for its own specific purpose and its size was chosen by the surveyor, according to the demands of their client and their willingness (or ability) to pay.



This sketch is only 17 cm wide, and was produced to illustrate the land – coloured in green – purchased by the second Jedediah Strutt from William Slater in February 1823.

In contrast, this enormous map which is nearly 2 metres wide and more than 3.5 metres long, shows what land and property the Strutt family owned in Belper, Milford and Makeney in the late 1820s. As it only deals with land and buildings held by the Strutt Estate, everything they didn't own was left out, which explains the blank areas on the map.



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