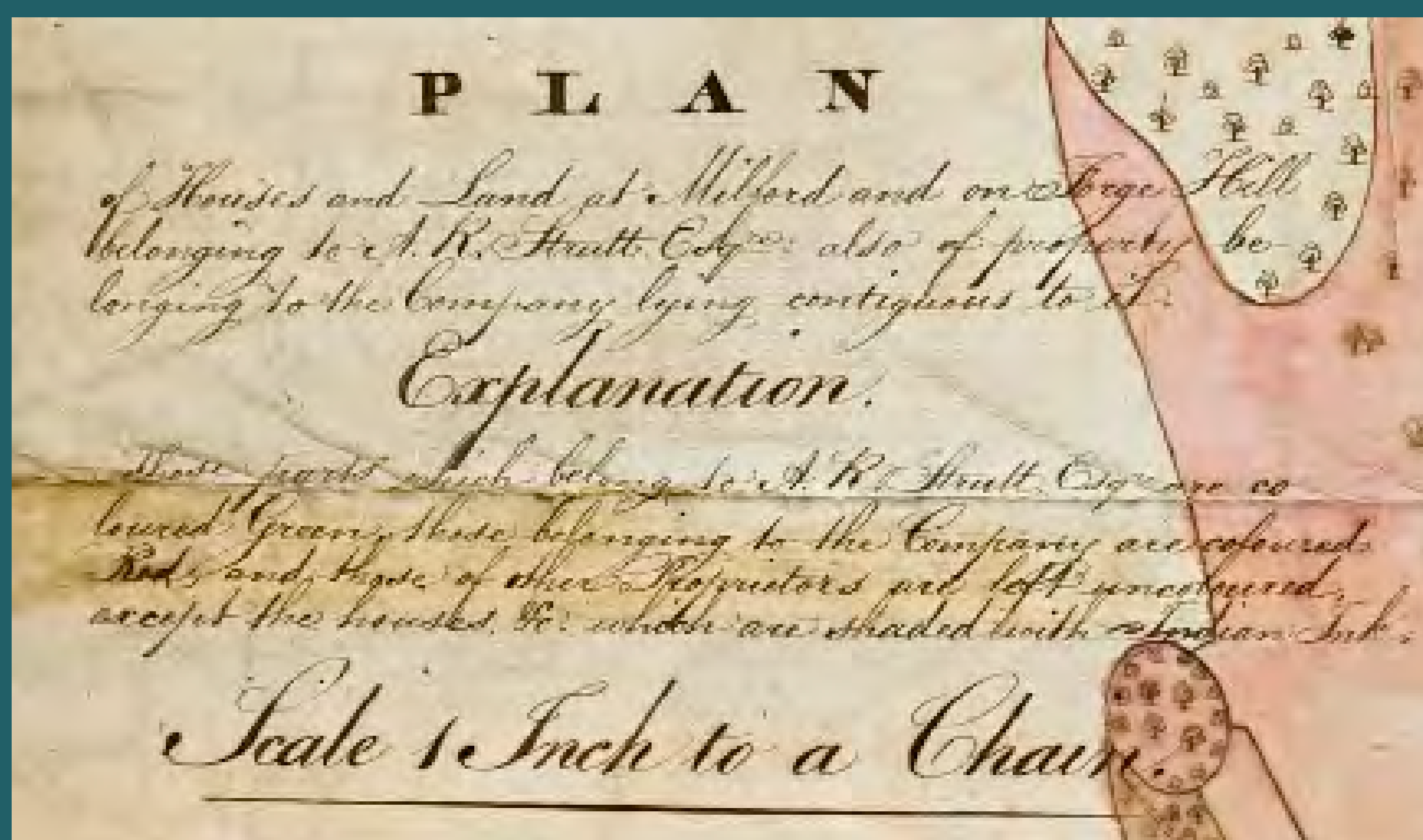
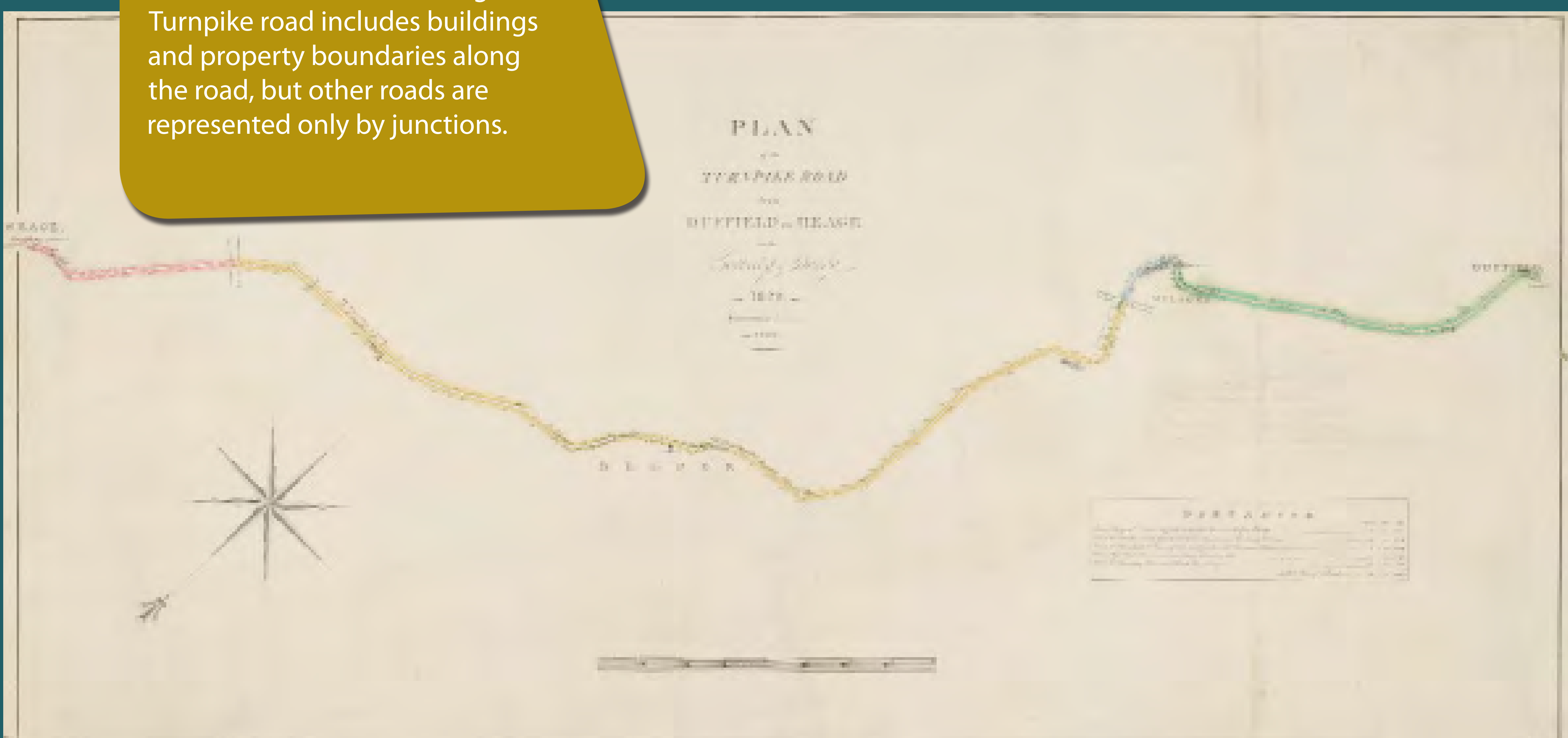


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The Purpose of Mapping

Before the Ordnance Survey began mapping the country in the 19th century, surveyors were paid, usually by a landowner, to produce a map or plan for a specific purpose. The surveyor only included the information the client had asked for, ignoring everything else.

This 1829 plan showing the route of the Duffield to Heage Turnpike road includes buildings and property boundaries along the road, but other roads are represented only by junctions.



To make it clear why a map had been produced, surveyors included explanations. This detail from a pre-1875 Milford estate map clarifies that it was created to show which lands were owned by the Strutt Company, and which were owned personally by Anthony Radford Strutt.

This 1888 plan shows Bridgehill House in Belper, home of the Strutt family, and was produced to show the location of the gas, water and drain pipes in and around the building. The house was demolished in the 1930s and this plan is the only surviving document that shows its layout. It only covers the ground floor, as no information about the other floors was needed.



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