

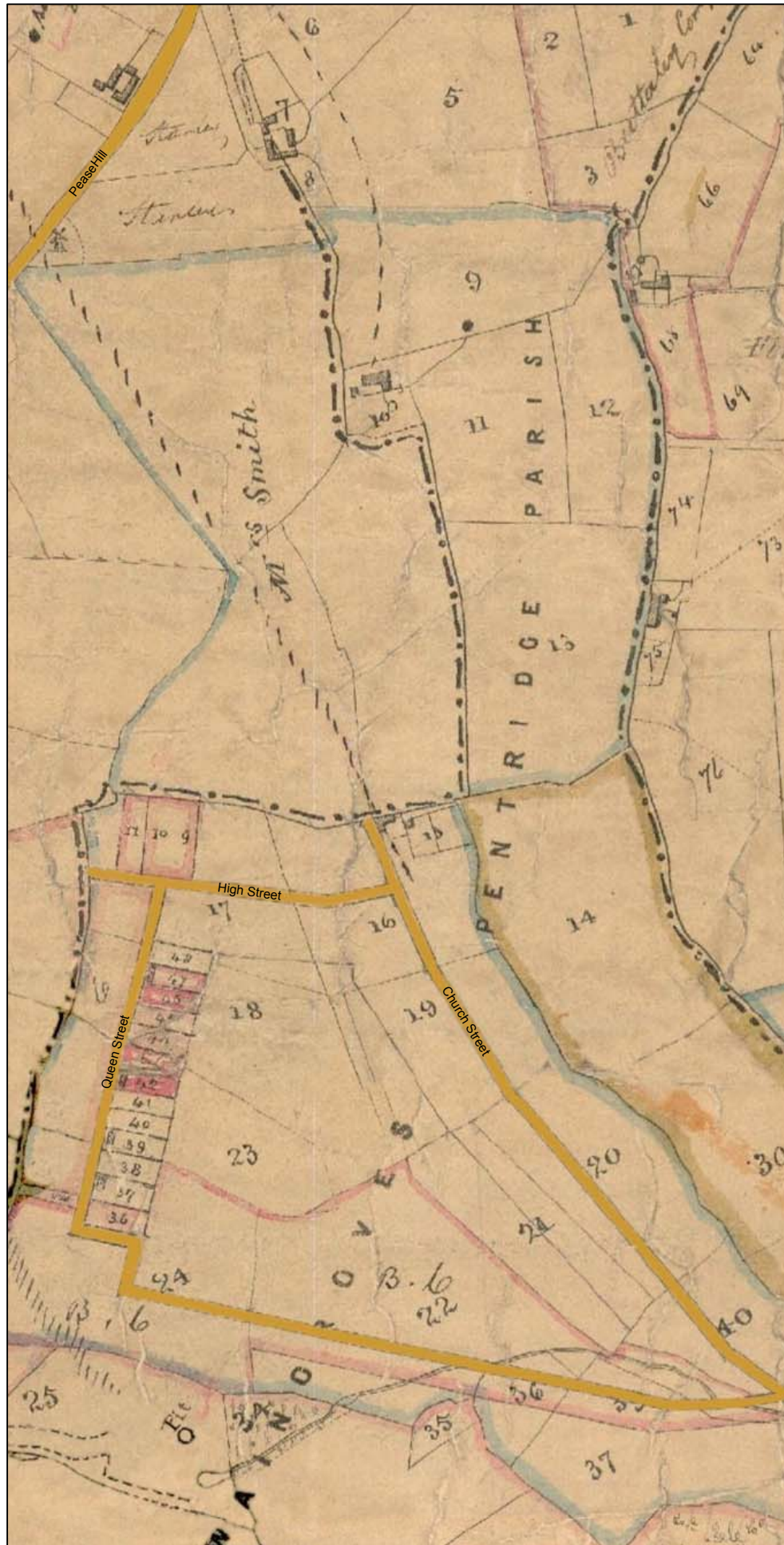
Waingroves 1853

You can see from this map of Waingroves from 1854 that there was very little housing. There are no houses on Church street apart from a row of cottages sideways on, where the road used to finish just above Jessop Street (then called High Street). This row of cottages are still there.

The length of Waingroves road along the top to Peasehill doesn't yet exist. However building plots can clearly be seen on Queen street and this is most likely to house miners families for the Butterley company's new Waingroves pit, which wasn't officially sunk until 1859.

However this map does identify a pit in that area, which may mean there was already some mining activity in the early 1850s.

The map also shows the Windmill at the top of Peasehill and also Peasehill farm. Also note that Pit Lane hasn't yet been established.



Waingroves 1900

This map shows how much the village as grown in the forty Seven years since the 1853 map.

Houses have sprung up on both sides of Church Street, together with a Chapel and public house (Thorn Tree Inn) and 'Beer Houses' Jolly Colliers and Britannia.

You can see the first Brickworks that have been established in the middle of the village, taking advantage of the clay deposits just a foot below the surface.

Queen Street still appears to be sparsely populated, but look how it still extends over Pit Lane and down to the corner at the bottom right of the map to join on to Church Street. This part began to fall into disuse after the closure of the Waingroves Pit in 1922 and is now nothing more than a footpath.

You can also see that building activity as started near the top of Waingroves Road and Peasehill. The Windmill is still there but it is now joined by the Windmill Inn Public House.

A row of six cottages known as the Cope's houses can also be seen sideways on to the road.

My Uncle Johnny used to live here and he still had gas lights in the late 1960s.

