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by Elaine Johnston



Wales with part of Scotland (series 53, issued between 2 November and 17 December 1815). The map's full title is *A Delineation of the Strata of England and Wales with part of Scotland; exhibiting the collieries and mines, the marshes and fen lands originally overflowed by the sea, and the Varieties of Soil according to the variations in the Substrata, illustrated by the most Descriptive Names.*

Smith's 1815 map was the subject of Simon Winchester's bestseller, *The Map that Changed the World*. This map was never published as a single sheet; the large size of the original map and the size of the printing presses in the early nineteenth century meant that it had to be published in fifteen sections, each folded into six panels. We scanned the original panels held in the BGS Library Archives, and digitally removed the joins. At its original scale of five miles to the inch, the map would have been eight feet long by six feet wide if it had ever been published as a single sheet. Our reproduction is published at half scale: ten miles to the inch, and is colour-matched to the original. The original maps are valuable and fragile; viewing is by appointment only. Now this beautiful half-scale reproduction means that Smith's achievement can, at long last, be widely appreciated.

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Peter Allen joined the Survey in 1967, becoming Assistant Director in 1987 and serving on the Directorate until 2000. He was one of the decision-makers within the Survey and experienced organisational changes at first hand. His account will be of interest to anyone seeking information on how the public services responded to governmental changes throughout the dramatic economic years of the 1980s and 1990s, and also to anyone interested in the inner workings of the BGS itself.
205pp. £18. ■

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