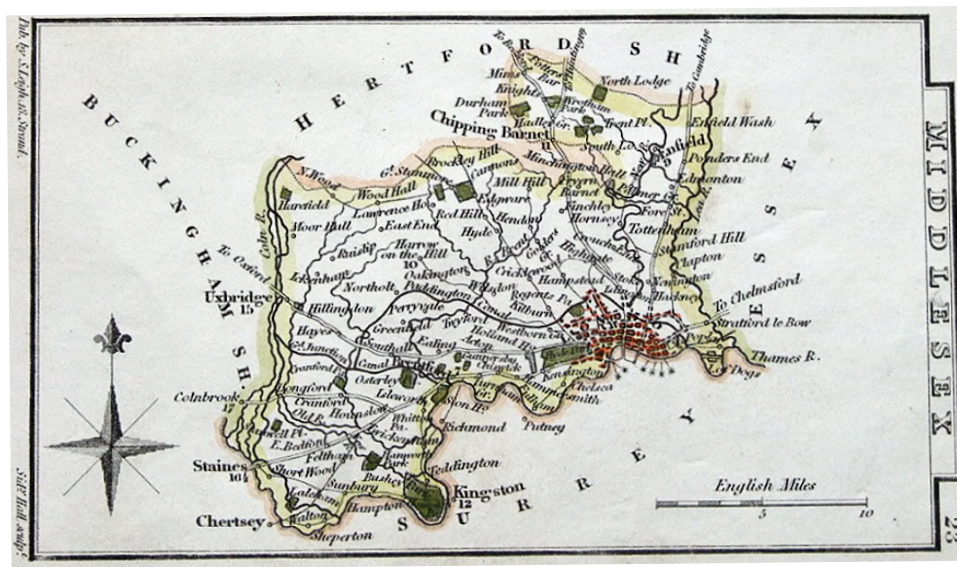


The pocket atlas of Samuel Leigh contained fifty-five miniature maps of the counties of England and Wales, plainly drawn and finely engraved by Sidney Hall. According to the printed front label, also engraved by Hall, it sold for twelve shillings plain but sixteen shillings coloured and the latter is a rarity today. A frontispiece or engraved title-page lacks both the word 'pocket' and any date. The maps are followed by a large folding one of England and Wales. A 104 page index and twelve page publisher's catalogue complete the work but the index is not present in the new editions dated 1834 and 1842.



Hall's maps are detailed, if not overcrowded, and the lack of plate marks would suggest their engraving several to a plate. Perhaps taking a leaf out of James Wallis' book (see 1812a), a map of the Isle of Wight is included and there is also a separate plate for each of the Yorkshire Ridings, following the example of Charles Cooke (see 1810). They are about 70 x 120 mm. and have the publisher's imprint and Hall's signature below the bottom border at left and right respectively:

*Bedfordshire; Berkshire; Buckinghamshire; Cambridgeshire; Cheshire; Cornwall; Cumberland; Derbyshire; Devonshire; Dorsetshire; Durham; Essex; Gloucestershire; Hampshire; Herefordshire; Hertfordshire; Huntingdonshire; Isle of Wight; Kent; Lancashire; Leicestershire; Lincolnshire; Middlesex; Monmouthshire; Norfolk; Northamptonshire; Northumberland; Nottinghamshire; Oxfordshire; Rutlandshire; Shropshire; Somersetshire; Staffordshire; Suffolk; Surrey; Sussex; Warwickshire; Westmoreland; Wiltshire; Worcestershire; Yorkshire, Nth. Riding; Yorkshire, W. Riding; Yorkshire, E. Riding; Anglesea; Brecknockshire; Caermarthenshire; Caernarvonshire; Cardiganshire; Denbighshire; Flintshire; Glamorganshire; Merionethshire; Montgomeryshire; Pembrokeshire; Radnorshire.*

All the maps, fronted by the undated frontispiece/title also engraved by Hall, were issued bound with *Leigh's New pocket road-book* from 1825. Their dates of publication are derived from the imprints of that work's ten editions. This very popular road-book was republished by Leigh & Son from 1835, Leigh & Co. from 1840, George Biggs in 1842 and George Biggs and Orlando Hodgson in 1843. Samuel Leigh's imprint at the foot of the maps was replaced by that of his widow, M.A. Leigh, in some copies of the 1831 edition and all of them from 1833. Issues from 1837 lack Hall's signature, including a reissue of the 1834 new edition of the pocket atlas. Canals and railways were gradually introduced, making the maps even more crowded and the paper used has proved to be rather prone to foxing and age toning.

*Leigh's New pocket atlas of England and Wales.* London, Samuel Leigh, 1820; Mary Anne Leigh, 1834, 1834 i.e. (1837); George Biggs, 1842.

*Leigh's New picture of England and Wales.* London, Samuel Leigh, 1820.

*Leigh's New atlas of England and Wales.* London, Samuel Leigh, (1825), (1826), (1831); Mary Anne Leigh, (1833), (1835), (1837), (1839); Leigh & Son, (1840), (1842), (1843).

