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Guide to the Lakes

The Lakes Guides project aims to present guidebooks to The Lakes and their maps on the web, making rare item more accessible. The overall strategy is to transcribe the book, scan the map, and index both thoroughly to make links to and from a 'standard' gazetteer. Version 1 deals with the earliest guide book, by Thomas West, 1778; other guide books will follow - Jonathan Otley's is being indexed at present. A lot of basic work has gone into building an Old Cumbria Gazetteer, a backup tool for the project, which now has 15000 place entries, illustrated by 5000 photographs. At least 150 other early printed maps, and numerous prints, are also included on the website: -

www.geog.port.ac.uk/webmap/thelakes/