

RAILWAYS.

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In response to a request for details of railways (his hobby) relating to Broughton.

From a book written by Robertson and Opitz.
Two railways mentioned - 1, London to Exeter, with
Southampton, Dorchester and Salisbury.
2, Andover Road.

The railway from London to Southampton was scheduled to go to Hookpit and then to Dorchester. Also from Hookpit to Salisbury and on to Exeter, called the London and Salisbury Railway.

The route is shown on three maps in the HRO, DP 83, of 1840; two maps of 1838 and 1839 show early stages of planning.

Route shown as passing through Crawley at the Rack and Manger, Little Sombourne and east of Kings Sombourne to Horsebridge in a cutting, crossing the Andover to Romsey road where the Roman Road crosses it. Pittleworth to Bentley and between the Tytherleys to Frenchmoor and Dean. Via Grimstead to a station at Milford.

This line was rejected in favour of the present line. Basingstoke came off at Battledown to Andover 3rd July 1854 and to Salisbury, Milford, 1 May 1857. The new Salisbury station was built on the present site with the Salisbury to Yeovil line about 2 years later.

2, The Andover Road line turned out to be wrongly catalogued, turning out to be a Turnpike Map and not a Railway Map.

Mr. Honeybun knows nothing of the projected railway from Bulford to Southampton mentioned by the auctioneer in the Norman Court outlying sale of 1907 - "With regard to Broughton especially he might mention that a new railway was projected from Bulford to Southampton, and surveys had already been made, and a station had been located at Broughton. This would lead to a considerable advance in the rental values at Broughton."