

The abodes given in the burial registers for the Lyncombe & Widcombe and St James cemetery mostly have the names of the parish as a component. Sometimes it is not obvious why a designation is Lyncombe rather than Widcombe. This stems from the splitting of the parish of Lyncombe & Widcombe into separate parishes of Lyncombe and Widcombe in 1856. The boundary between the two runs from the river up Lyncombe Hill, along Greenway Lane then up Entry Hill. This leads to various anomalies; Lyncombe Vale is in Widcombe and the eastern side of Lyncombe Hill is in Widcombe but the western side is in Lyncombe. Parts of what is now Combe Down were originally part of Widcombe - boundary markers for the parish still exist near the Cross Keys Inn.

While Walcot is usually viewed as being centred on St Swithin's church, historically it encompassed a swathe of land outside the borough walls all the way to Weston parish which has an eastern boundary to the west of Victoria Park. While Westgate Street is in Abbey parish, further west, Monmouth Street, Monmouth Place and the Upper Bristol Road are in Walcot parish.

In the centre of the city are parishes of St Michael, St Peter & St Paul (Abbey), and St James. The complicated nature of the boundary is attested by the numerous parish markers inscribed on buildings along Upper Borough Walls.

From the *London Gazette* of 12 Feb 1856 (21849) p548:

<p>“ The boundaries of the parish of Lyncombe commence at the north-western corner of such parish, where the same adjoins the parish of Twerton and the River Avon, and then proceed eastwardly along the middle of the said River Avon to Lower Widcombe Mill, on the west; then leaving the said River Avon and proceeding southwardly along the middle of the street or road, called Lyncombe Hill, and south-westwardly along the middle of the road or lane, called Greenway-lane, and then again, southwardly, along the middle of the road or lane, called Entry Hill, to the corner of the road near the house called the Cross Keys Inn, where the said parish of Lyncombe adjoins the parish of South Stoke; then proceeding in a westwardly direction along the boundary separating the said parish of Lyncombe from the parish of South Stoke to the point where the same adjoins the parish of Englishcombe; then proceeding northwardly along the boundaries separating the said parish of Lyncombe from the parishes of Englishcombe and Twerton to the point where the boundary line of the said parish of Lyncombe commenced, as the same is more particularly delineated on the map or plan hereto annexed and thereon coloured green :</p>	<p>“ The boundaries of the parish of Widcombe commence at the western side of the mill (including the mill), called Lower Widcombe Mill, in the parish of Lyncombe and Widcombe, and then proceed northwardly along the middle of the River Avon to the point where the said parish of Widcombe adjoins the parish of Bathwick; then in an eastwardly direction along the boundary line separating the said parish of Widcombe from the said parish of Bathwick, as far as the parish of Claverton; then proceed in a southwardly direction along the boundary of the said parishes of Widcombe and Claverton, as far as the parish of Monkton Combe, and then in a westwardly and southwardly direction along the boundary line separating the said parishes of Widcombe and Monkton Combe, as far as the parish of South Stoke: then westwardly along the boundary line separating the said parishes of Widcombe and South Stoke, as far as the house called the Cross Keys' Inn, at the southern end of the said road or lane called Entry-hill, and from thence proceeding northwardly along the middle of the said road or lane called Entry-hill, and thence north-easterly along the middle of the said road or lane called Greenway-lane, and northwardly along the middle of the road or street called Lyncombe-hill to Lower Widcombe Mill, where the boundary line of the said parish of Widcombe commenced, as the same is more particularly delineated on the map or plan hereto annexed, and thereon coloured pink.</p>
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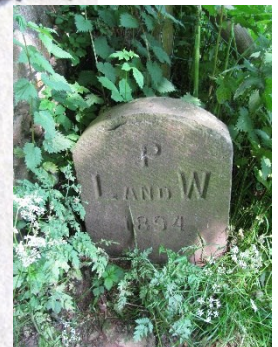
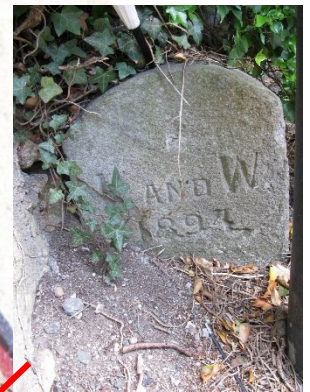
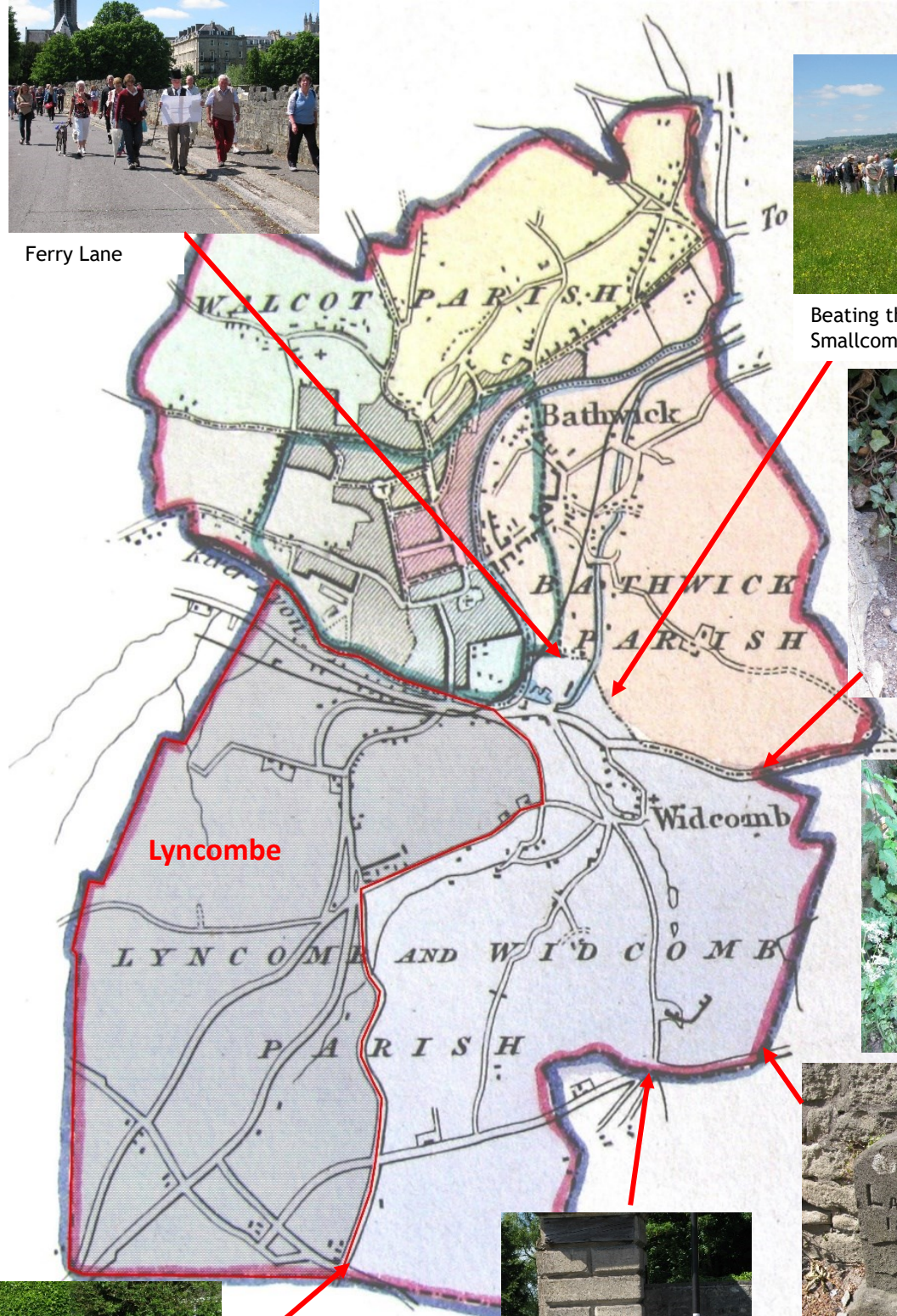
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Ferry Lane



Beating the bounds above Smallcombe Vale



North Road



By the Cross Keys (Another parish marker is by the bus stop on the southern side of Midford Road.)

Gatepost at the top of Ralph Allen drive