

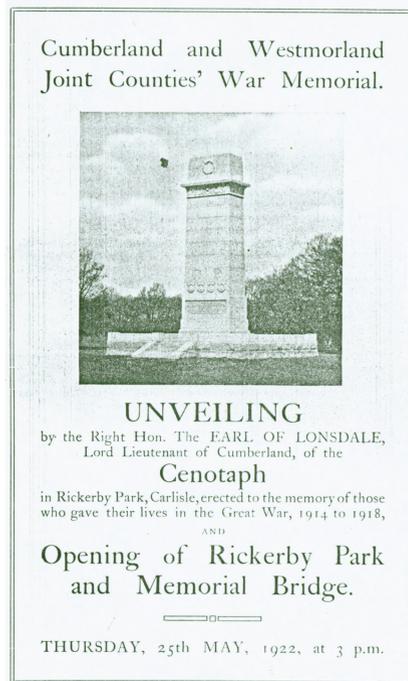
Rickerby Park

War Memorial and Parklands

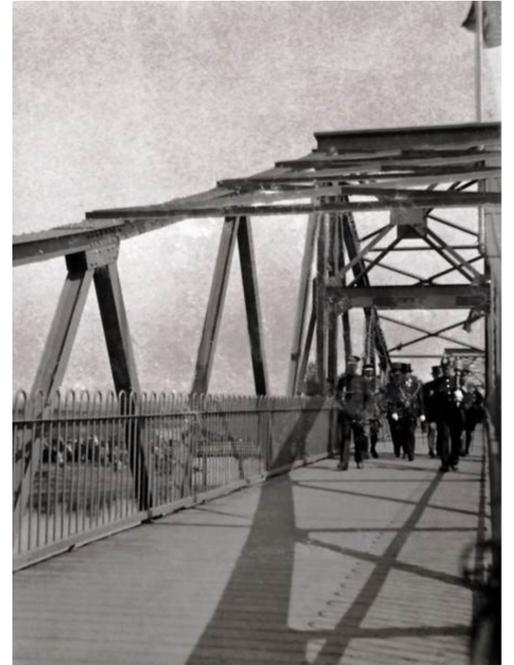
Writing in 1923, James Walter Brown said: "For, less than one hundred years ago, the broad sweep of level sward that stretches from the river bank well-nigh up to Brampton Road, consisted of a number of small fields, sub-divided by hedges. Until comparatively recent times, the line of forest-trees that grew along the old hedgerows were plainly to be seen, and in some places they are distinctly traceable." All traces of these field boundaries have now disappeared. It was the owner, George Head Head, who swept away all the hedges on the Carlisle side of Rickerby House, and had the park tastefully laid out and planted with vista-like clumps of trees. George Head Head allowed the Carlisle public access to the Rickerby Park walks. He owned all the land from Eden Bridges to Linstock and from the River Eden to Brampton Road.



George Head Head, 1795-1876. He laid out the Rickerby Park lands.



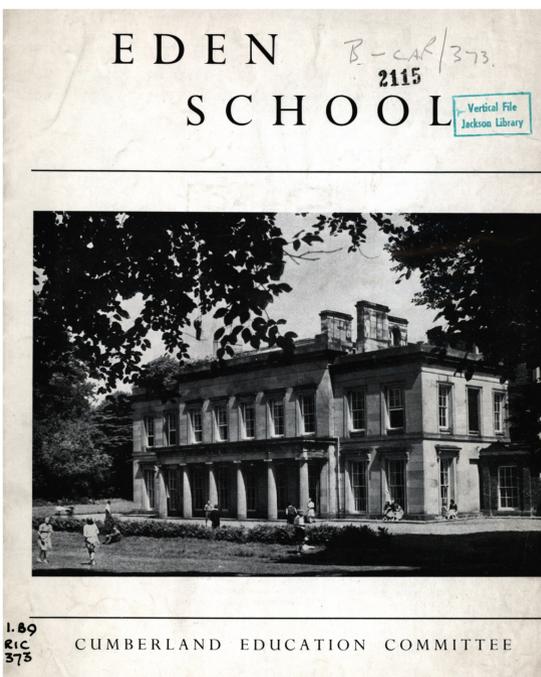
The dedication of the Cenotaph to the men and women of Cumberland and Westmorland who died in the Great War. The Cenotaph was unveiled by Lord Lonsdale on 25th May 1922. It was designed by Robert Lorimer and is made of Shap granite.



The Memorial bridge was opened on 25th May 1922, the same date as the dedication of the Cenotaph, the bridge giving a new public entrance to the park.



The North Lodge to Rickerby House used to stand at the junction of Brampton Road and the Linstock Road. The park gates, which were supported by massive stone pillars on either side of the road, and the lodge itself were removed sometime after World War II. This was to allow school buses taking country children to Eden School to turn round this tight corner.



Eden School opened in 1953.



Playing field on the other side of the road from the Cenotaph, where Metal Box used to hold their sports.



In the angle between the River Eden and Rickerby Beck is a modern stone circle made up of the different types of stone to be found along the course of the river from its source at Mallerstang to the Solway: Millstone grit, limestone, Shap granite, Kirkstone slate, Penrith sandstone.