



Title: Colliery, Victoria Garesfield c 1925

Item Description: Garesfield Colliery at High Spen was opened in 1837 by the Marquis of Bute with the sinking of Garesfield A Pit. This was followed by the Bute and Tilley Shafts and the Clinty, Towneley, Ruler and Tilley Drifts. The colliery had two banks of coke ovens - 116 in all. The Consett Iron Co took over the colliery in 1890 and remained in charge until nationalisation in 1947. The colliery closed in 1962.