

New Abbey House, Gate Lodge and Demesne, Kilcullen



Location to the south east of Kilcullen, along the River Liffey



1750s main house with returns and later additions

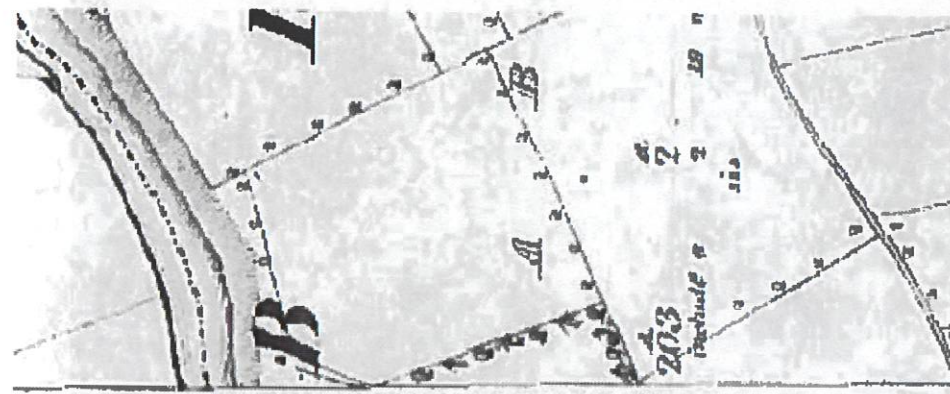
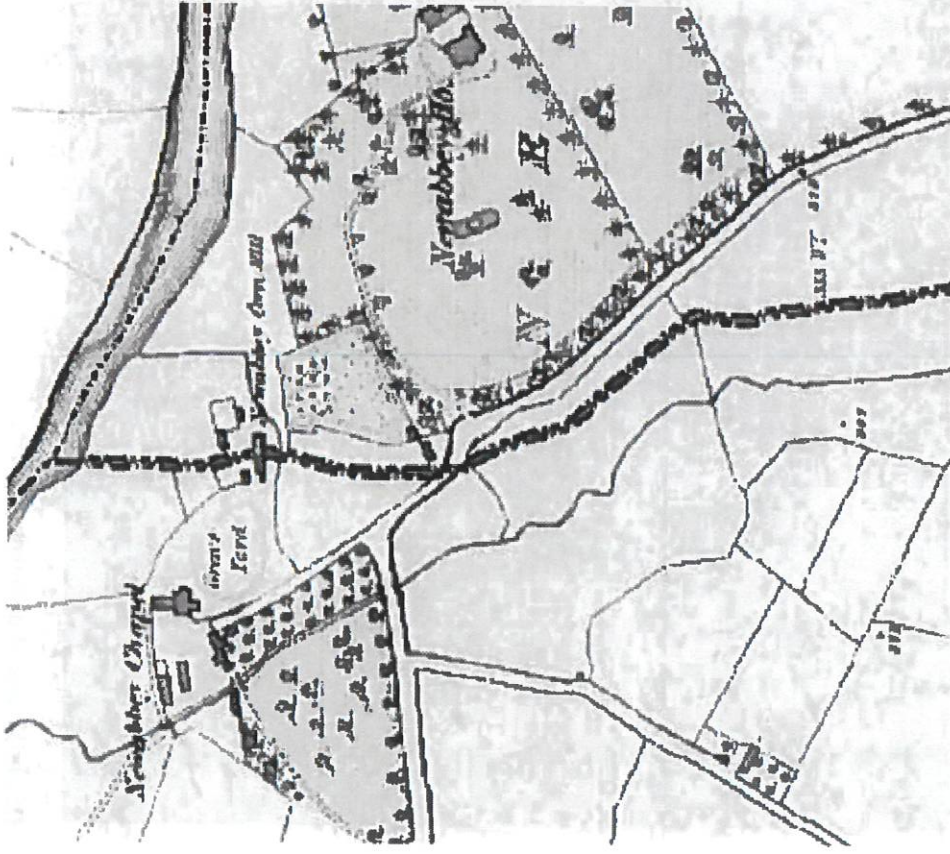


1860s stable block and courtyards

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Maps

NIAH Demesne Survey



OS 1837 demesne shaded grey



OS aerial view of demesne

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Site Survey Report

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Site Status : Main features substantially present - peripheral features unrecognisable

Initial Overview

Site Footprint Visible	Yes
Boundary Defined	Yes
Significant Development	No
Feature Richness Index	6

Architectural Features

Principal Building	Yes
Garden Structures	No
Gateways and Gatehouses	No
Buildings of Indeterminate Purpose	No

Movement Within Site

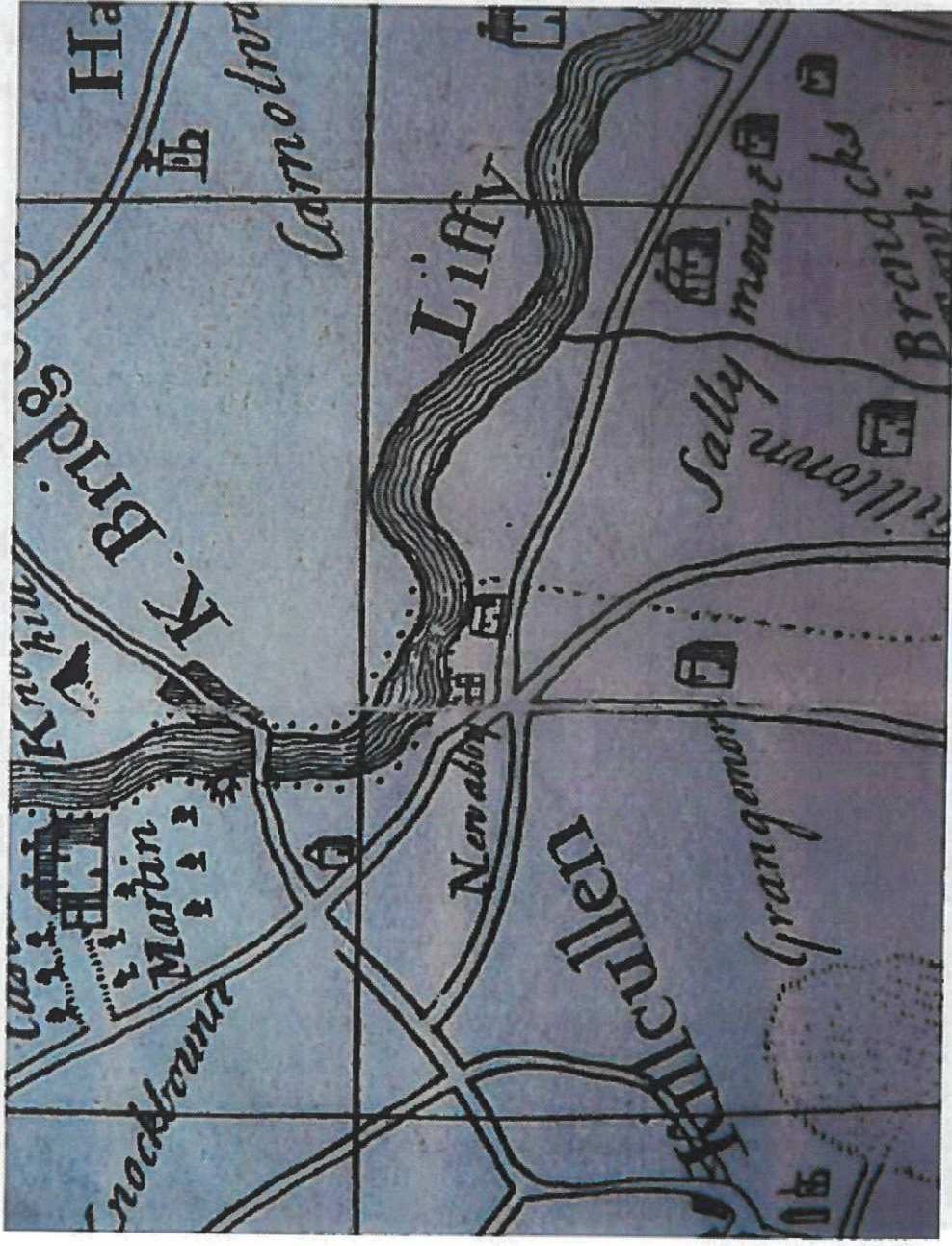
Entrances have changed	No
Drive position has changed	No
Avenues	No
Woodland Drives or Walks	Yes

Landscape Features

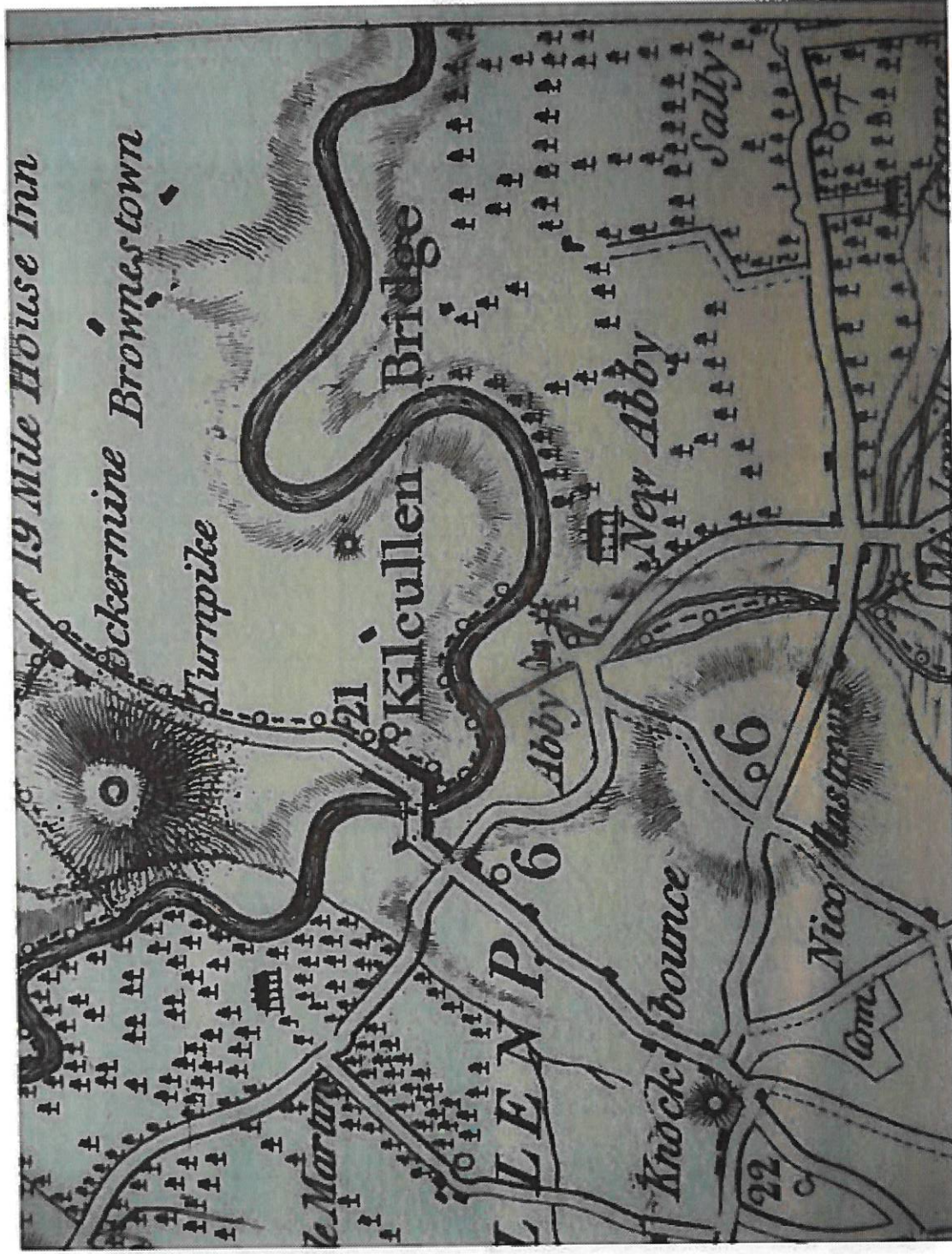
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Woodlands	Yes
Woodland Footprint Changed	No
Orchards	No
Parkland	Yes
Formal Garden	Yes
Kitchen / Walled and Productive Gardens	No
Vistas	No
Allees	No
Natural and Naturalistic Water Features	Yes
Comments	Pond at 284986, 209091.
Artificial Water Features	No
Other Features	No
Section Comments	The principal building has been extended since the 1899 OS survey to include and enclosed garden area.

Maps



Nobel & Keenan 1752 an abbey and a gentlemen's seat are indicated on the lands

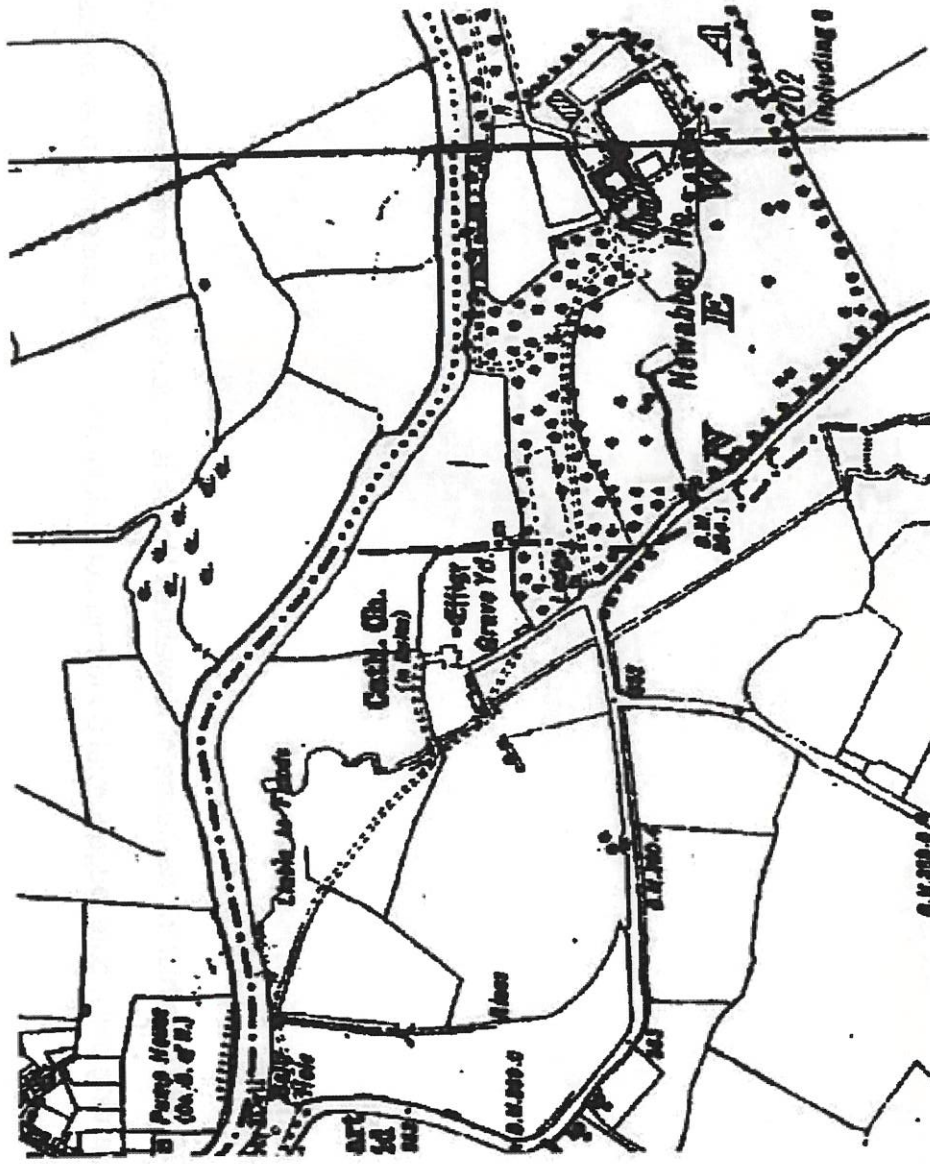


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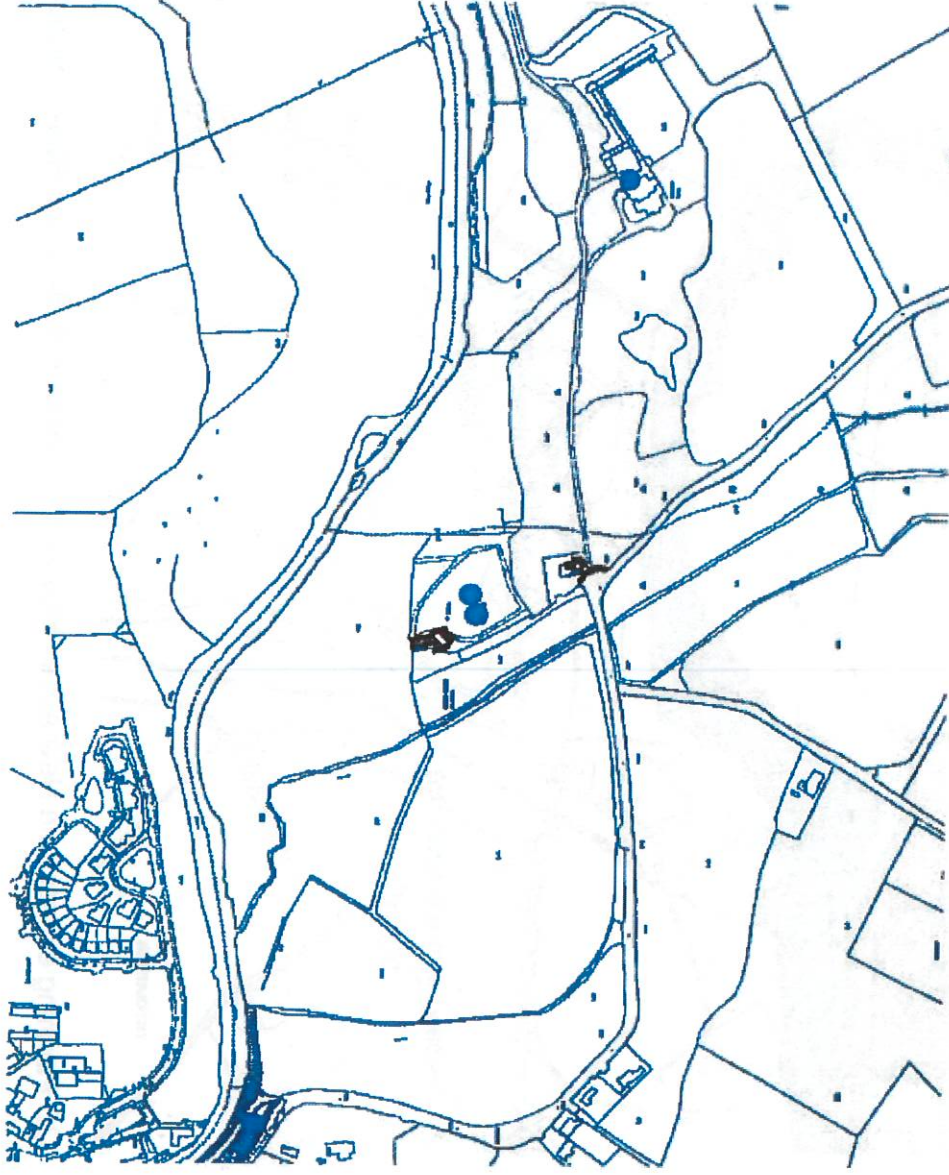
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OS 1837 the historic demesne of Newabbey House is indicated by a grey wash. The demesne has planting belts, gate lodge formal pond and out buildings to main house with possible earlier 16c/17c house.



OS 6" c1900 - Major Robert Historic Brereton added a Doric porch and a two storey wing to the east of the range in 1901. Lord Glentoran acquired the property in 1909 and added a two storey two bay west wing. Walled gardens have been laid down in the demesne and outbuildings have been extended to form two courtyards .



OS 2000+ Mrs Kenneth Urquhart resided in the house until it was sold to the present stud farm owners Judmont. SMRs nearby KD028-025(Holy well), KD028-040(Franciscan friary),KD028-04001(Cemetery),KD028-066(16th/17th century house). NIAH survey Gate lodge,Gates and Church ruins. Walled garden to east enclosed to the north west and north east by extensive stabling .

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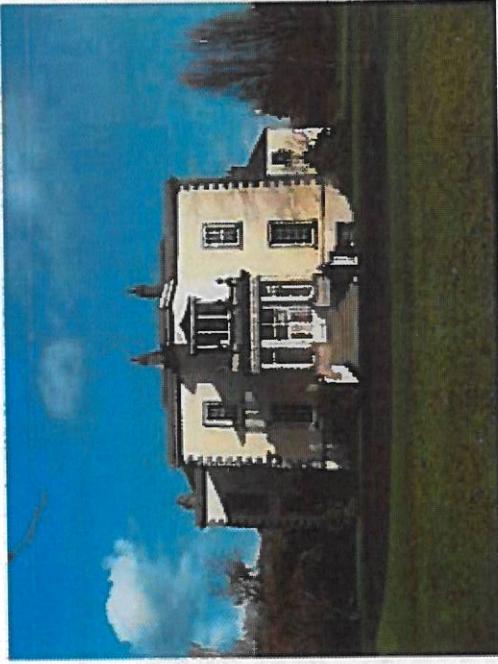
OS Planning extract note New Abbey House is mapped as B28-12 and B28-29 walls & gates

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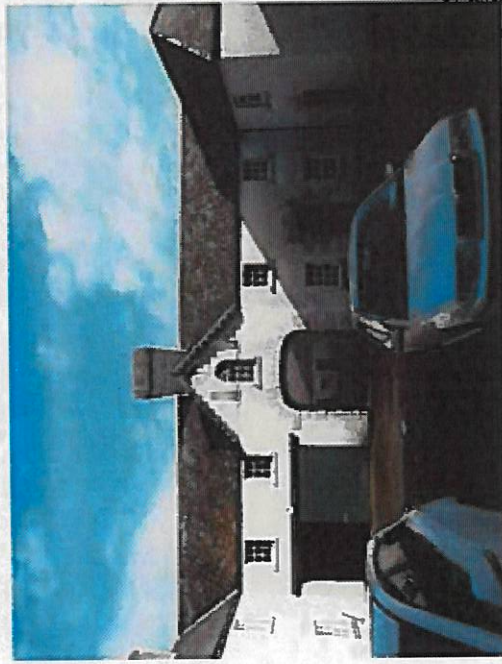


OS aerial 2010 view of demesne

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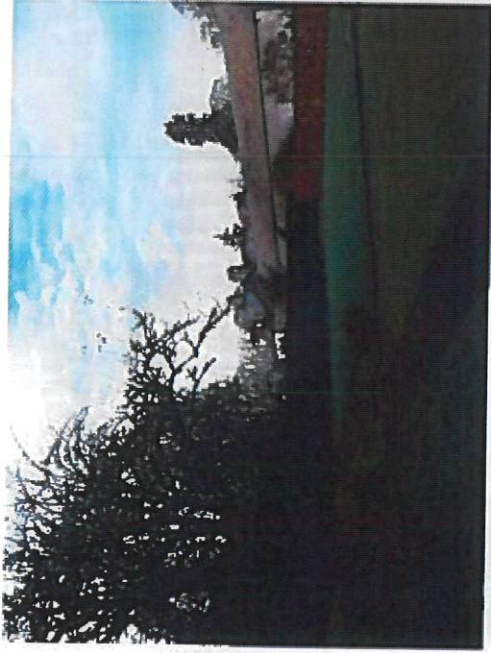
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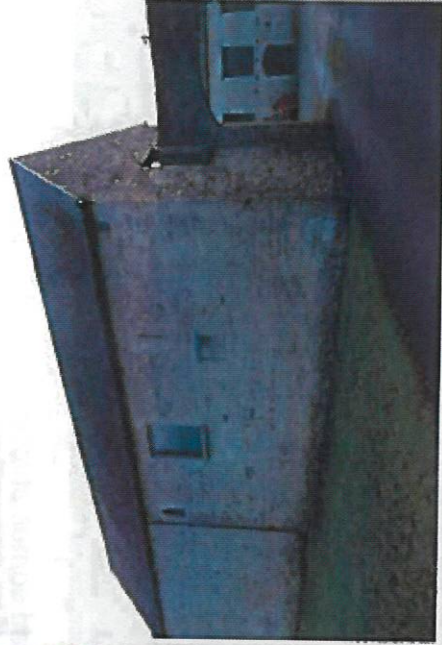
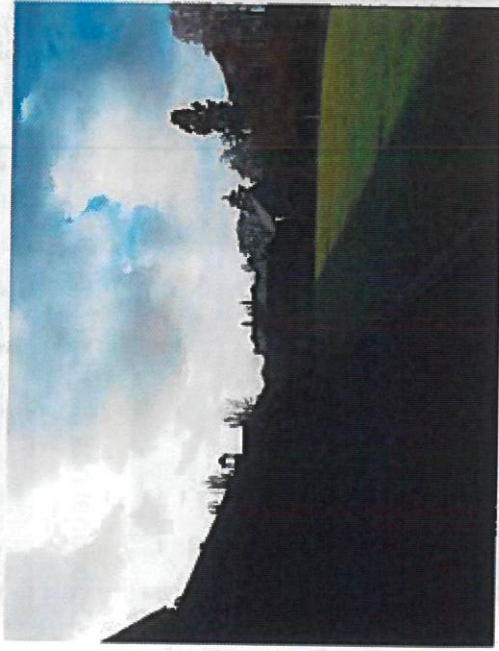
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Walled garden and stabling





Octogonal hall ,lugged architraves and oak leafed cornus stucco



Stair hall with Doric freize stucco and lugged architrave to balcony

Architectural Inventory

Reg . No.

Date : 1750-1866-1900-1995

Previous name: N/A

Townland: New Abbey

County: County Kildare

Coordinates:

Categories of Special Interest: Architectural, Archaeological, Historic, Historic designed landscape/demesne

Rating: Regional

Original Use: Farm house

In Use As: House ancillary to Stud Farm

Description

Composition:A two storey over basement four bay, double pile, mid Georgian (1750) with Victorian and Edwardian additions.

It was built near a Franciscan friary(1486) and mill. It is set in a wooded demesne on the banks of the river Liffey

Roof: Four bay hipped roofs, with dutch gable to rear except central stair roof. Two central chimney stack spine walls supporting stair.

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Walls: South east parapetted and quioned rendered front facade topped by urns. North east rear facade returns rendered.

Openings: Multi-pane sash Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian windows. Astragals of windows removed in 19th century.

Acquired by George Brereton in 1779. Post 1864 Major Robert Brereton added a two storey wing and partly glazed Doric porch topped by a glazed belvedere.

Interior: Octagonal hall plan, with niches similar to rectory in Straffan and Oldcourt Carberry, expressed as a two storey, three bay central front. Oval rococo ceiling, cornus and chair rail, to drawing room. Stair hall has extensive Doric frieze and pendentive cornus to ground floor. There are lugged shoulder architraves to the main block. Early shell motif Georgian fireplace in rear bedroom, rest boxed and protected.

Site: Wooded demesne on the banks of the river Liffey. Pond to immediate west, walled garden to east. Enclosed to the north west and north east by extensive stable blocks.

General: Courtyard to rear with two storey Victorian stable block .Victorian Gate lodge RPS ref 28-12 (11819035)

to west boundary with fine set of cast iron gates RPS ref 28-29 (11819034),

Appraisal

It was included in the An Foras Fobairtha 1976 'Buildings of Architectural interest in Co. Kildare'. It was part of List B of buildings, other structures or internal fixtures or features of artistic, historic or architectural interest of Kildare County Development Plan 1999. It was rated, B, as having Regional Interest.

It is **architecturally** important surviving intact 1750s Georgian gentlemens seat on the banks of the river Liffey. Structured about a tripartite plan with central chimney stacks, it has an octagonal hall with niches, similar to the rectory in Straffan and Oldcourt Carberry expressed as a two storey, three bay central front. It has fine Rococo and Doric plaster work, with intact lugged shoulder architraves door cases and lock furniture. Its has a central pile servants stair adjacent to the main hall and a corridor link to a later stair in the Victorian return.

It is **archaeologically** important, it is built near a site of a Franciscan friary founded 1486 and mill, this now forms part of a cemetery incorporating the Eustace medieval tomb . Its river setting , demesne, attendant grounds and curtilage has SMRs KD028-025(Holy well), KD028-040(Franciscan friary),KD028-04001(Cemetery),KD028-066(16th/17th century house).

It is **historically** important, Edmund Spencer probably wrote the six books of The Faerie queen at the nearby Franciscan friary. The property was acquired by George Brereton in 1779, who was killed in a Dublin duel two year later. Major Robert Historic Brereton added a Doric porch and a two storey wing to the east of the range in 1901. Lord Glentoran acquired the property in 1909 and added a two storey two bay west wing. Mrs Kenneth Urquhart resided in the house until it was sold to the present stud farm owners ,Judemont , in the 1990s.

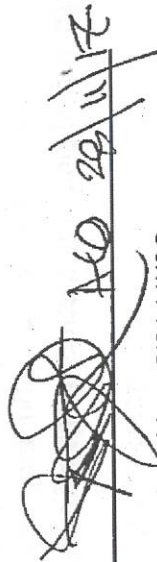
The **NIAH demesne/ historic designed landscape** Site Survey Report states Site Status : Main features substantially present - peripheral features unrecognisable. The results of a desk-based assessment of the site's condition and survival. Users should note that this preliminary assessment, being based on digital aerial photography, may be inaccurate. A field survey will be required to confirm the site's true level of survival and heritage importance. The demesne and historic designed landscape of New Abbey is an important contributor to the composite meandering setting of the river Liffey.

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1. I recommend that this structure is added to Kildare County Councils Record of Protected Structures (RPS) in accordance with section 54 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and as amended to protect its special interest heritage categories as described in the above particulars and architectural inventory

54.—(1) A planning authority may add to or delete from its record of protected structures a structure, a specified part of a structure or a specified feature of the attendant grounds of a structure, where—(a) the authority considers that—(i) in the case of an addition, the addition is necessary or desirable in order to protect a structure, or part of a structure, of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest, whether or not a recommendation has been made under section 53,

2. I recommend that a letter of notification is served in accordance with section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and as amended to the owner/occupier and interested parties.



Signed _____

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Architectural Conservation Officer

Kildare County Council