

Warehouse at 352 Burnley Road East
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SUMMARY

Archaeological building recording was carried out for Mr Peter Farrow in January 2007 at a small disused warehouse on Burnley Road East, near Rawtenstall, Lancashire (NGR: SD 83532282), before its conversion to residential use. The building was formerly associated with the nearby Dale Mill and is of three storeys, stone-built, and a single bay in width. The records made include floor plans, a section drawing and photographs, as well as a written account.

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LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT

Photo	Subject
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2	The building from the north, with adjoining garage to the right
3	View of the site from the west, showing the warehouse in relation to surrounding buildings and Dale Mill
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5	Front (east) elevation
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A complete set of photographs forms part of the project archive (see Appendix 1)

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report presents the results of archaeological building recording at a small disused mill warehouse at 352 Burnley Road East, near Rawtenstall, Lancashire, carried out in January 2007. The work was commissioned by the owner Mr Peter Farrow, to fulfil a condition of planning consent from Rossendale Borough Council for the conversion of the building to residential use.
- 1.2 The warehouse is thought to be of mid or late nineteenth century date, and is three storeys high and a single bay wide, with few individual features of interest. Records made include a ground floor plan, a section drawing, photographs, and a written account.
- 1.3 The work was carried out in accordance with the standard specification for the recording of historic buildings issued by the Lancashire County Archaeology Service. This report will be submitted to the client, the planning authority, the County Archaeology Service and the English Heritage National Monuments Record, while the project archive will be deposited at the Lancashire Record Office, Preston.

2 Location and current use

- 2.1 The building stands on the west side of Burnley Road East (the B6238) in the valley of the Whitewell Brook, 1km north of Waterfoot in Rossendale and to the north-east of Rawtenstall (Figure 1; NGR SD 83532282). It adjoins a garage workshop and immediately to the south is a short row of terraced houses, separated from the warehouse by a narrow yard which was not accessible at the time of recording.
- 2.2 The building was disused at the time of survey, having functioned as a cannabis farm and builder's store in recent years.

3 Planning background

- 3.1 The warehouse is not listed as having special architectural or historic interest. Planning permission was granted by Rossendale Borough Council in 2006 for its conversion to residential use (application no: 2006/468), and a condition attached to the consent requires a detailed record of the building to be made before development, which this report is intended to be.

4 Historical background and archaeological interest

- 4.1 The warehouse appears to have been associated with Dale Mill, believed to have been a cotton spinning and weaving mill, most of which was located on the east side of Burnley Road East. As such the building is a significant component of a historic industrial complex and its conversion will result in the loss of historic fabric, which recording will go some way towards mitigating.
- 4.2 Little is known of the history of the building itself, but the first edition Ordnance Survey 6" to the mile map, surveyed 1844-7, shows a small block at the location, of which the warehouse probably formed a part (Figure 3). At this date Dale Mill was known as "Edge Side Holine Mill". The 1895 1:2500 map clearly shows the warehouse, distinct from the adjoining building to the north, and apparently linked by a bridge or other overhead structure to a pair of buildings on the east side of the road, which are part of the Dale Mill complex (Figure 4). While the building itself does not appear to alter between the 1895 map edition and those of 1911 and 1930, the overhead structure is not shown on these later maps (Figures 5 and 6).

5 Recording methodology

- 5.1 The archaeological building recording took place on 10 January 2007, and in accordance with the standard specification issued by the Lancashire County Archaeology Service for historic industrial buildings. It involved the production of floor plans and a cross-section drawing of the building, showing all significant archaeological detail, and employing conventions based on those specified by English Heritage¹.
- 5.2 A photographic record was also made, using a medium format camera with shift and other lenses, and black and white film for the sake of archival permanence. External and internal photographs were taken, in most cases using either a 1m or 2m ranging pole marked with 0.5m graduations as a scale, and their locations are shown on copies of the floor plans. The photographs have been printed to a size of 7" x 5", with one print at 10 x 8", and a selection are copied in this report, where they are referred to by numbers in bold. A small number of 35mm colour slides was also taken.

¹ English Heritage 2006 *Understanding Historic Buildings: A guide to good recording practice*

6 Building description

Exterior

- 6.1 The warehouse is a plain, functional building with very little embellishment (1-3). It faces east, standing end-on to the road and is clearly later than the adjoining workshop building to the north, as the straight joint in the front elevation indicates. The wall is faced with coursed hammer-dressed, watershot sandstone, and the dressings to the openings are monolithic blocks. At the eaves are plain, square stone gutter brackets and the hipped roof is covered with blue slates with a tile ridge.
- 6.2 Openings in the front elevation (4-6) include a doorway and blocked window at ground floor level, and taking-in doors to the first and second floor. There is no evidence that these once connected to a bridge, but to the north of them are two areas of render which appear to indicate alterations, perhaps the removal of power transmission (such as a belt-drive).
- 6.3 The north elevation is largely taken up by the earlier workshop, and the chimney breast which must have served a fireplace in this adjacent building has been incorporated into the warehouse wall (7). To the west of here are windows on all three floors of the warehouse, that on the ground floor narrowed. This side and the south side of the building are faced with the same watershot coursed stone as the front (8); the south side has a doorway at ground floor level as well as two windows (some blocked), and the first and second floors have windows in the same positions. The rear elevation, facing west onto the steeply sloping hillside, is faced with random rubble and lacks any openings or other features.

Interior

- 6.4 There is little inside the building to indicate positively its historic function, and as a warehouse there are likely to have been few fixtures or fittings. Secondary uses are also likely to have led to the loss of historic components.
- 6.5 The ground floor has plastered walls and modern breeze block walls (9,10), some of which enclose the plain timber stairs in the north-east corner. The floor is concrete and gives a high ceiling height, with softwood cross-beams carrying joists laid lengthways; there is no evidence for any former internal divisions.
- 6.6 On the first floor the walls are also plastered and the room has the same pattern of ceiling beams and joists, with the taking-in door in the east side, where there is also a trap-door overhead (11,12). The timber stairs are similarly plain and a

plank and batten door within a historic partition encloses them from the room (13).

- 6.7 The second floor is open to the roof (14), and has a similar taking-in doorway at the east end (15). The roof is carried on four trusses, all of softwood, with central iron tie, angled struts and butt purlins; the east truss appears to have been modified to carry a hoist beam associated with the taking-in doors, although this is no longer present and its precise arrangement is not clear (16-17).

7 Conclusion

- 7.1 The warehouse probably dates from the mid or late nineteenth century and served the adjacent cotton mill, perhaps for storage of raw goods brought to the site by road or for finished goods awaiting despatch. It is a simple functional building which has been subject to some modification but contains relatively little evidence for its original or subsequent historic uses.

Appendix 1: Contents of the project archive

To be deposited with the Lancashire Record Office, Preston
1 file, containing:

- a copy of the report text & figures
- full set of labelled photographs
- photographic negatives
- 35mm colour slides
- site notes (annotated plans etc)

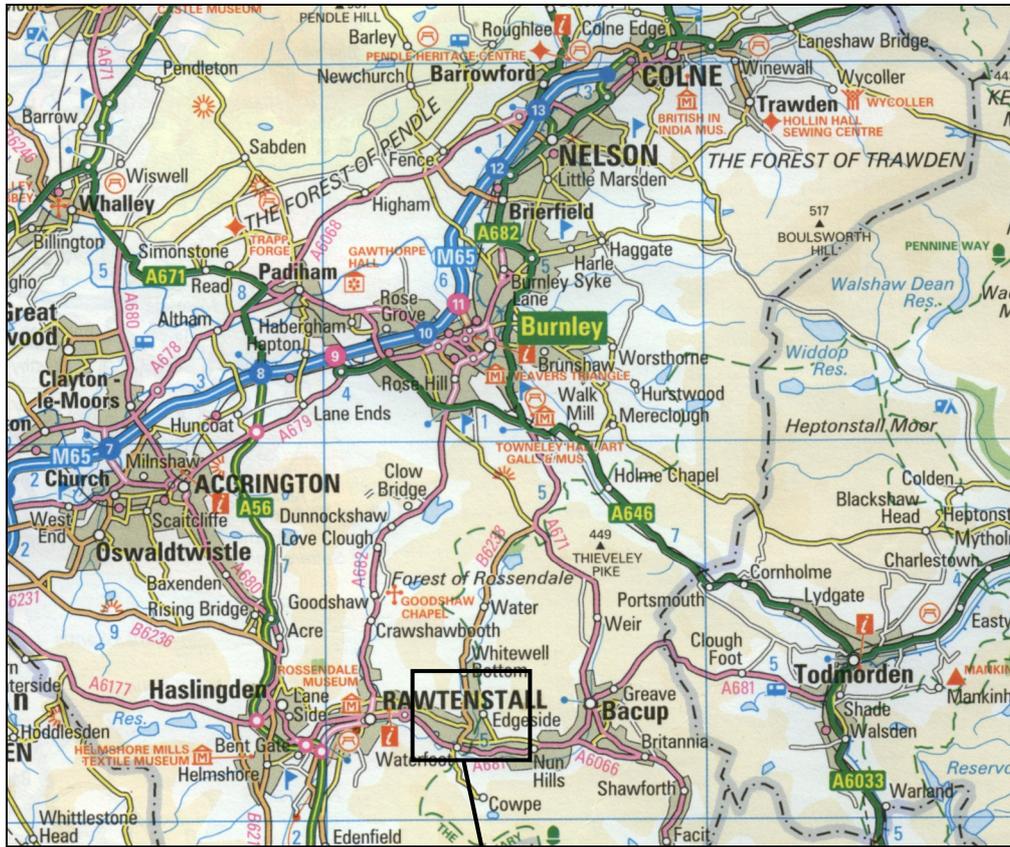
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Photo	Film	Frame	Subject
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8	1	14	The building from the south-west
3	1	16	View of the site from the west, showing the warehouse in relation to surrounding buildings
2	1	17	The building from the north, with adjoining garage to the right
9	1	18	Interior: ground floor, from the east
10	2	1	Interior: ground floor, from the west
11	2	2	Interior: first floor, from the east
12	2	4	Interior: first floor, from the west
14	2	5	Interior: second floor, from the east
15	2	6	Interior: second floor, from the west
16	2	7	Interior: detail of east roof truss with slot for former hoist (pulley wheel is modern ephemera)
17	2	8	Interior: detail of west roof truss, from the east
13	2	10	Interior: door to stairs on first floor, from the south
4	2	11	The building from the east
1	2	12	The building from the east with adjacent buildings
5	2	13	Front (east) elevation
6	2	14	Main entrance and blocked window on ground floor, east elevation

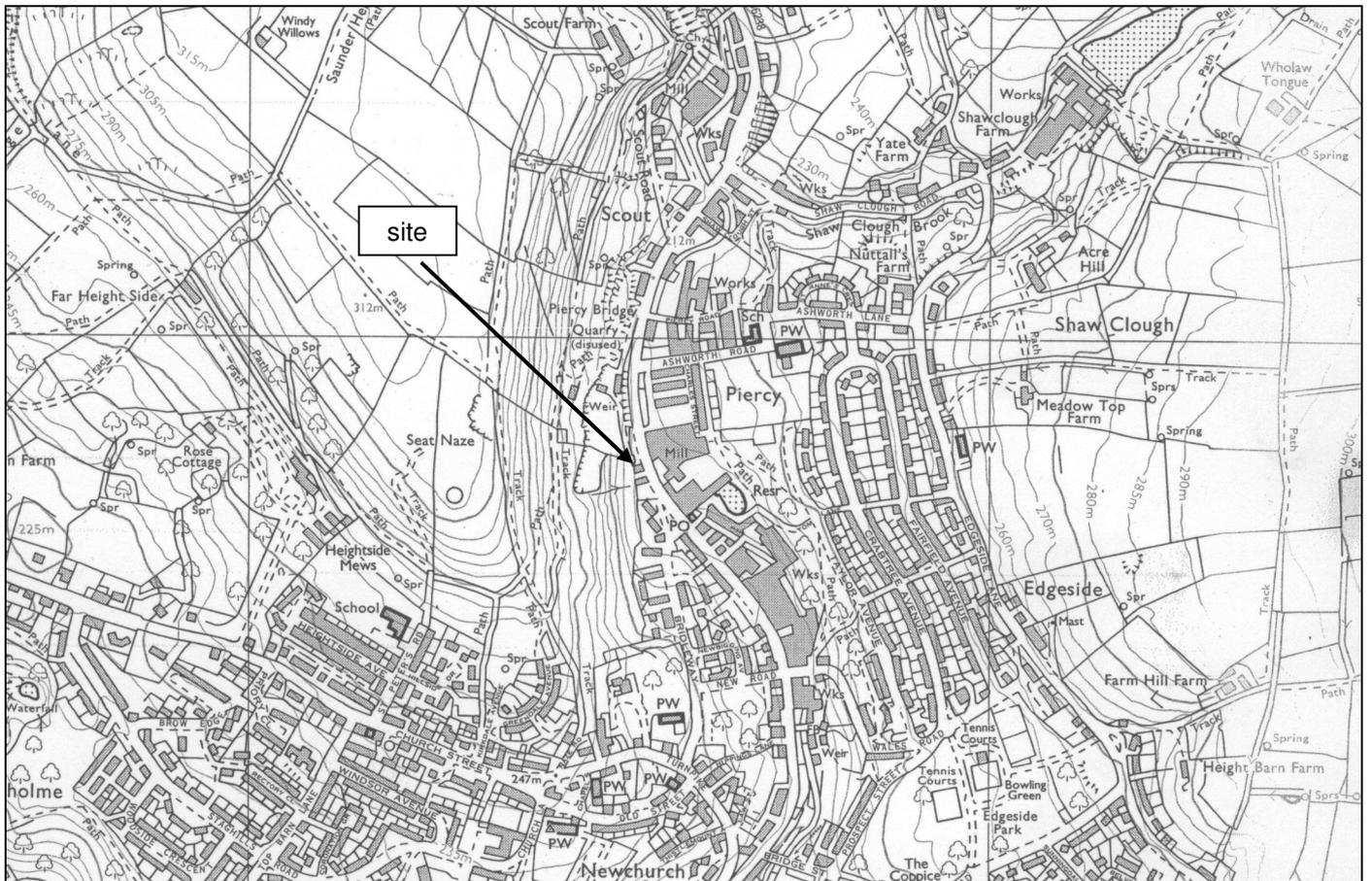
LIST OF COLOUR SLIDES

Slide Subject

- 1 View of the site from the west, showing the warehouse in relation to surrounding buildings and Dale Mill
- 2 The building from the east
- 3 Front (east) elevation
- 4 The building from the south-west



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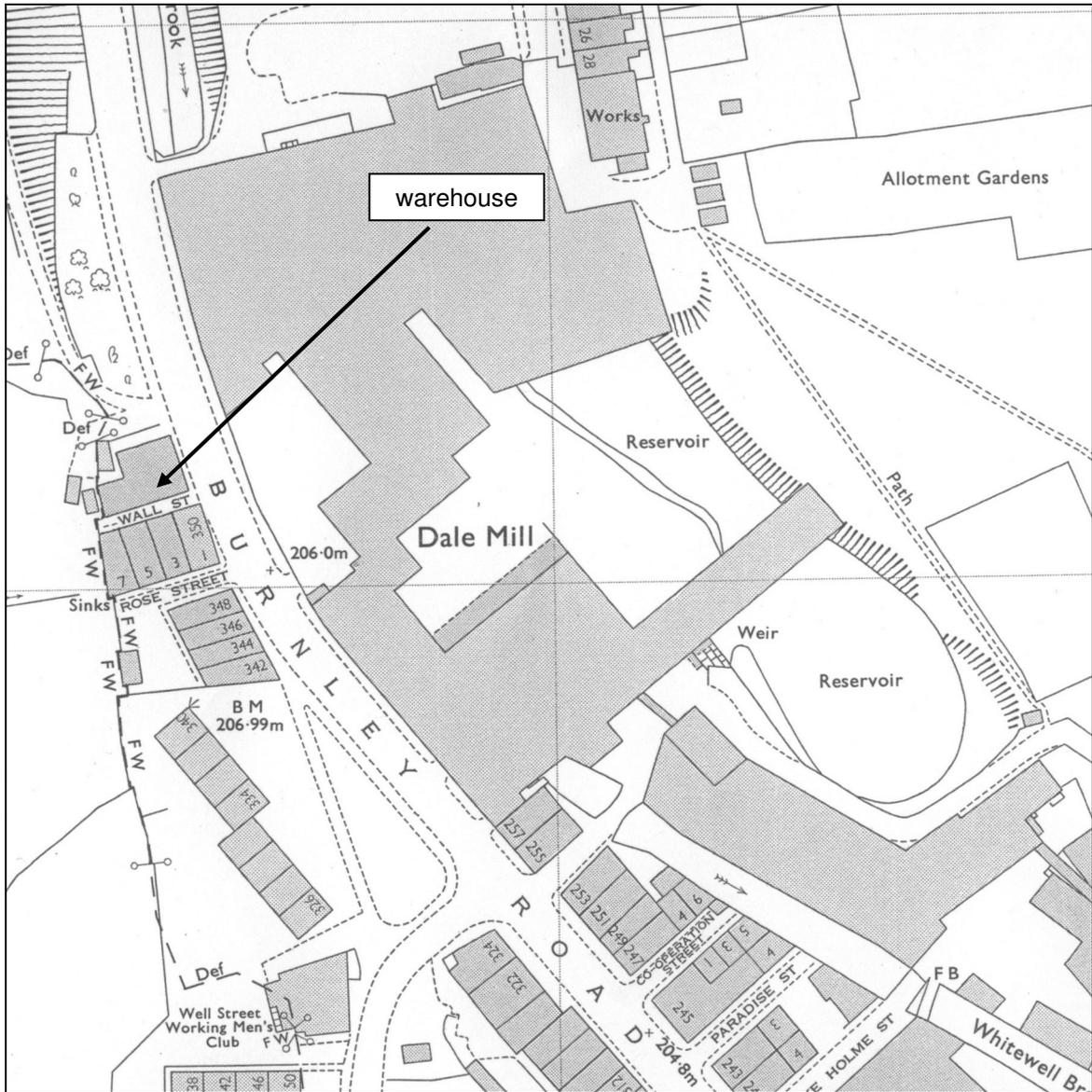
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Figure 1: Location maps

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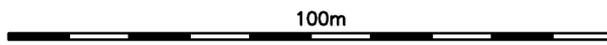


Figure 2: Detailed location map

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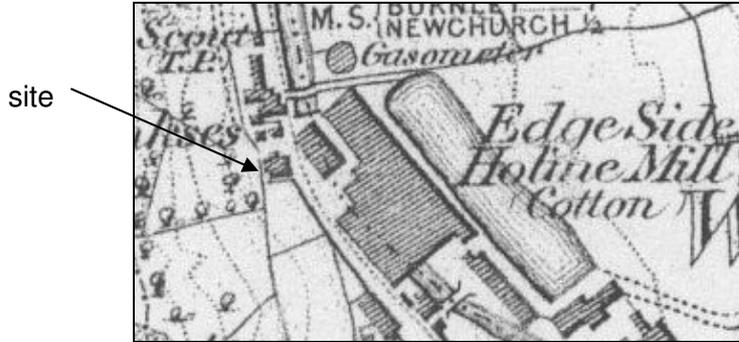
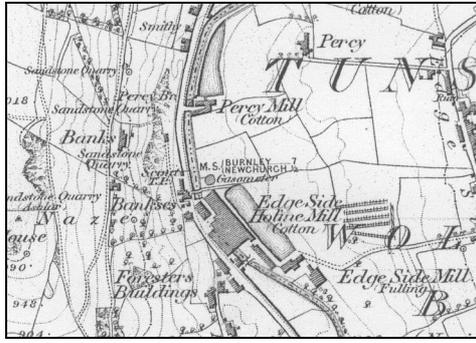


Figure 3: Extract from Ordnance Survey 1849 6" to mile map (surveyed 1844-7)
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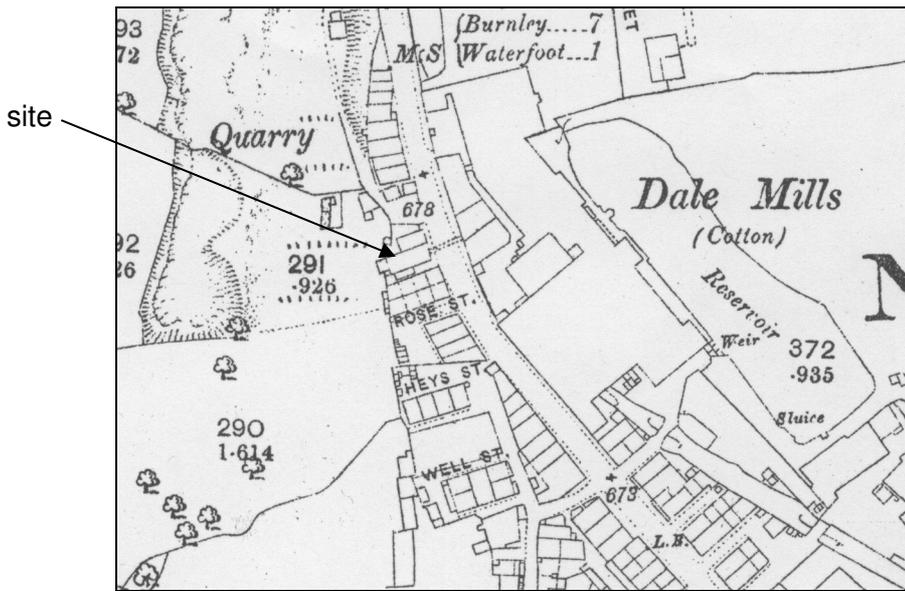


Figure 4: Extract from Ordnance Survey 1895 1:2500 map (re-surveyed 1891)
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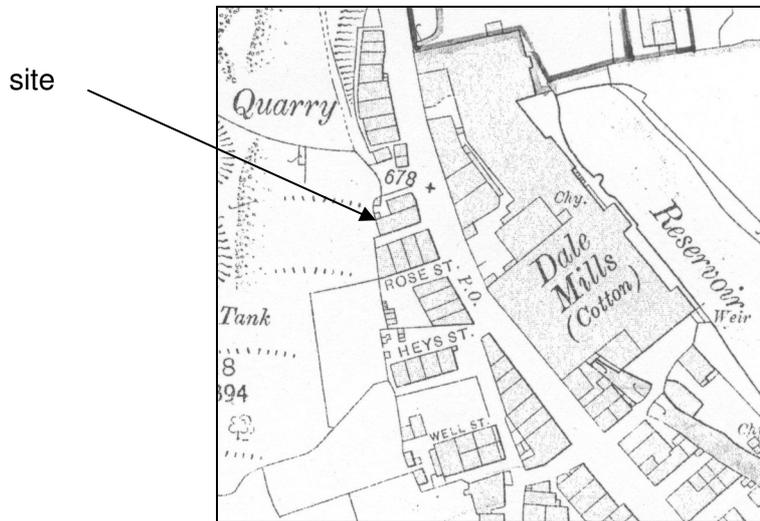


Figure 5: Extract from Ordnance Survey 1911 1:2500 map (revised 1908)
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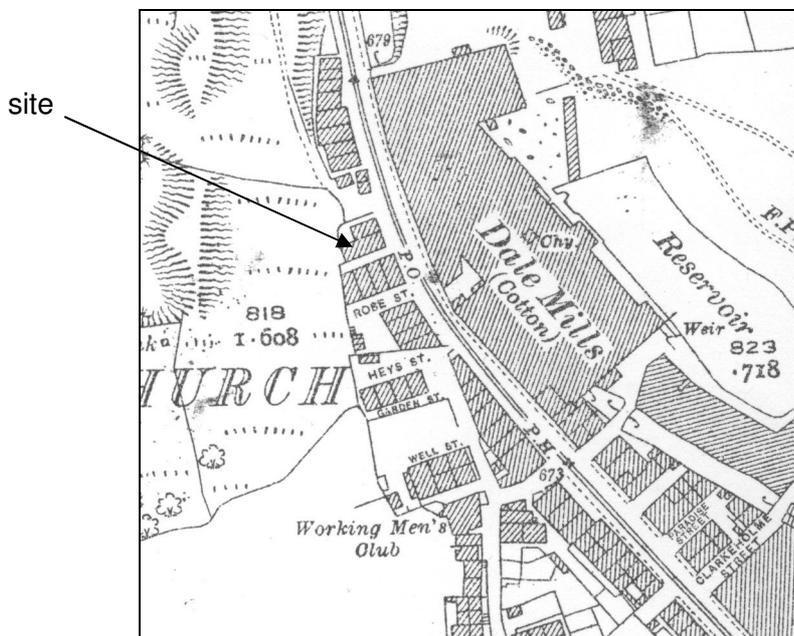
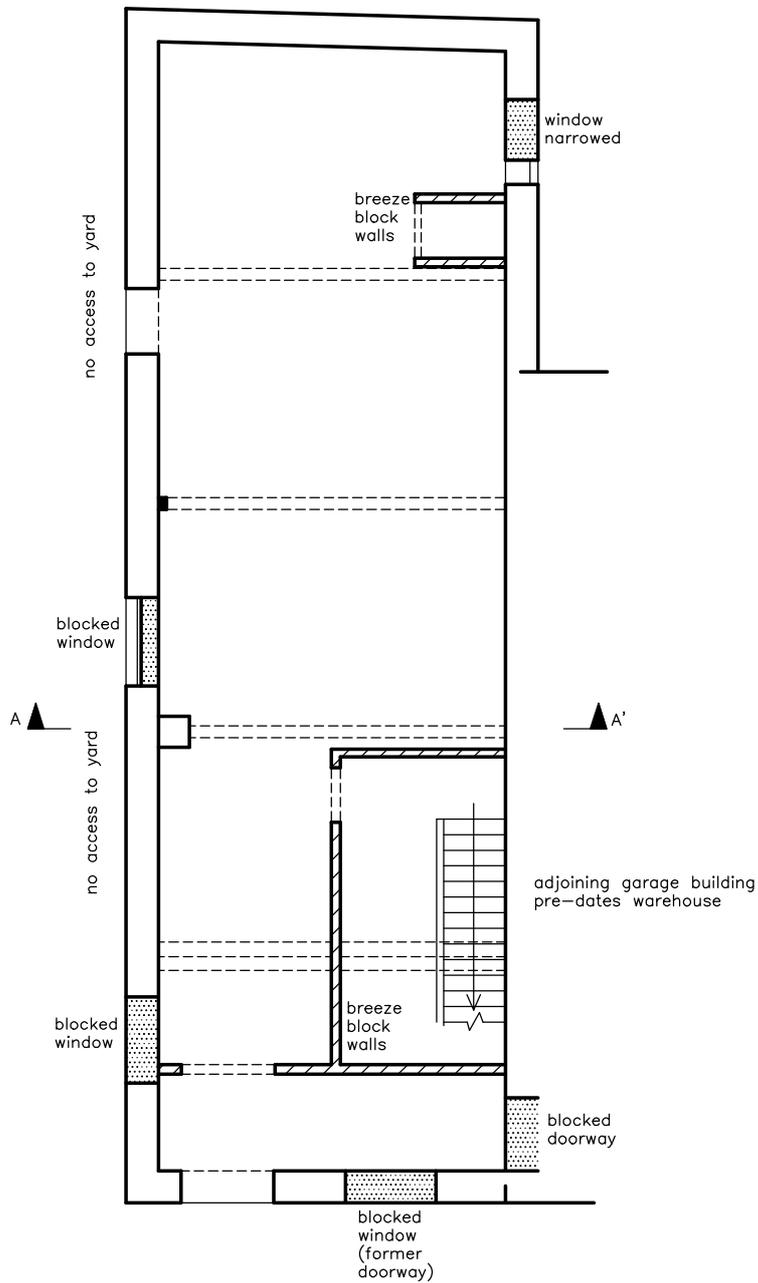


Figure 6: Extract from Ordnance Survey 1930 1:2500 map (revised 1928)
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FIGURE 7:
 GROUND FLOOR PLAN

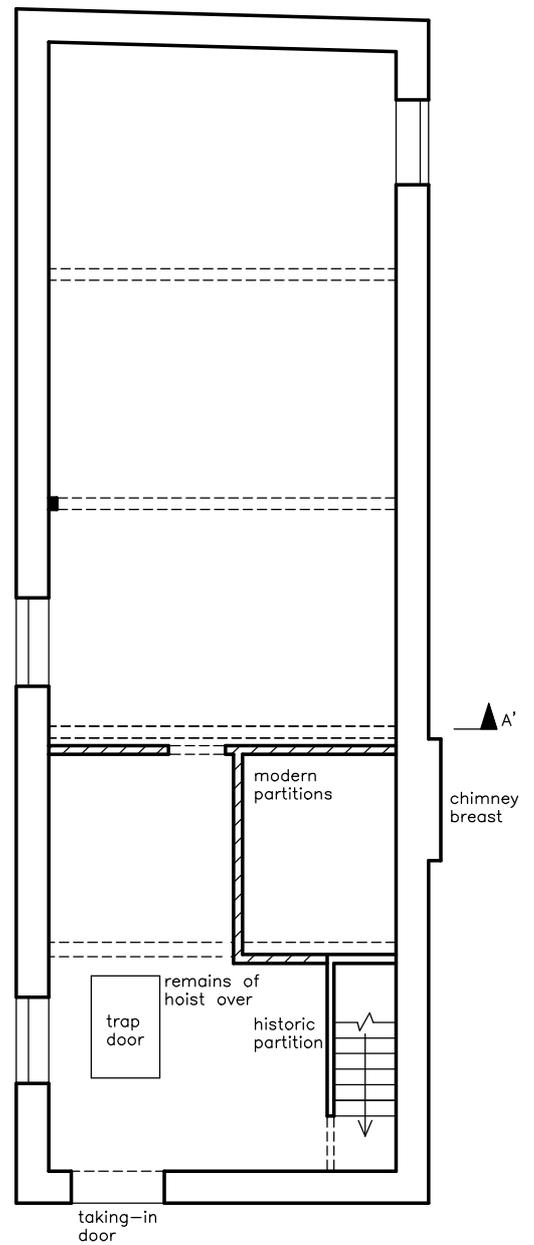
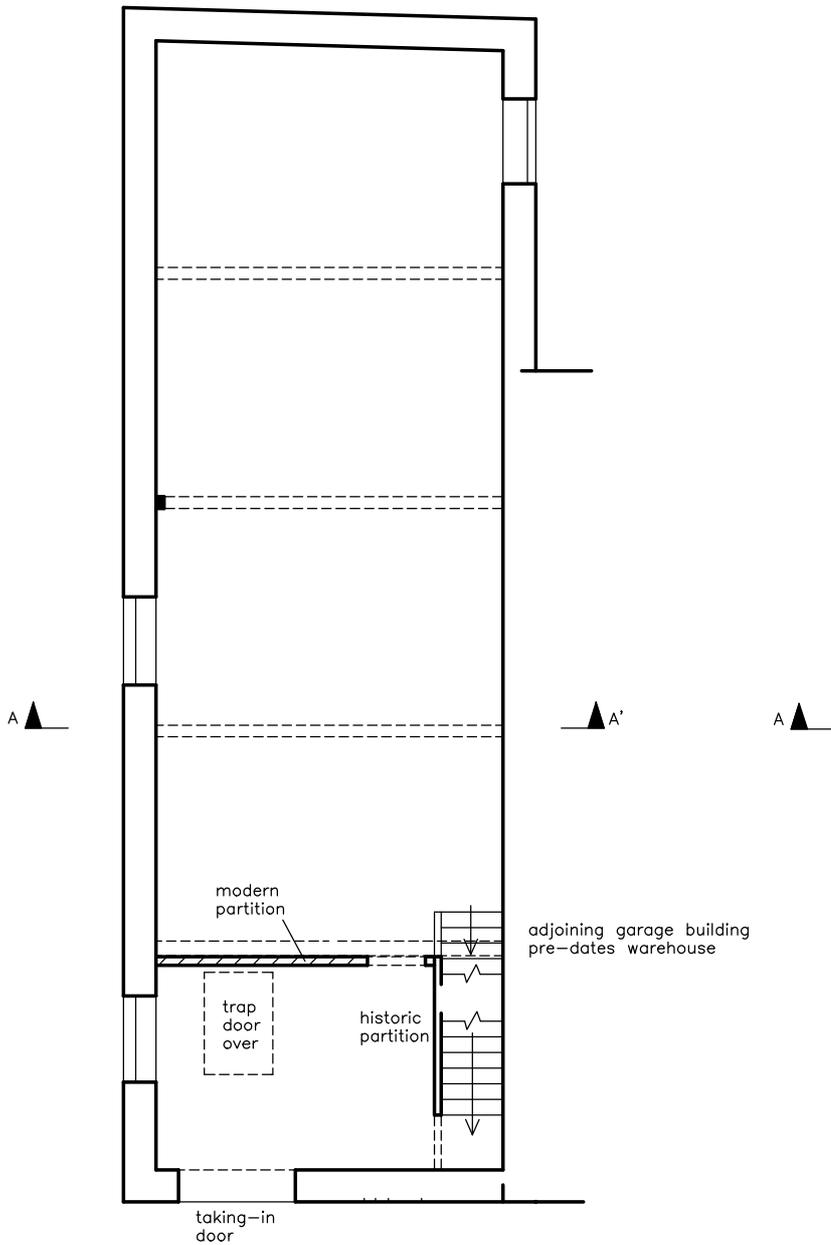
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FIRST FLOOR

SECOND FLOOR



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FIGURE 8:
 UPPER FLOOR PLANS

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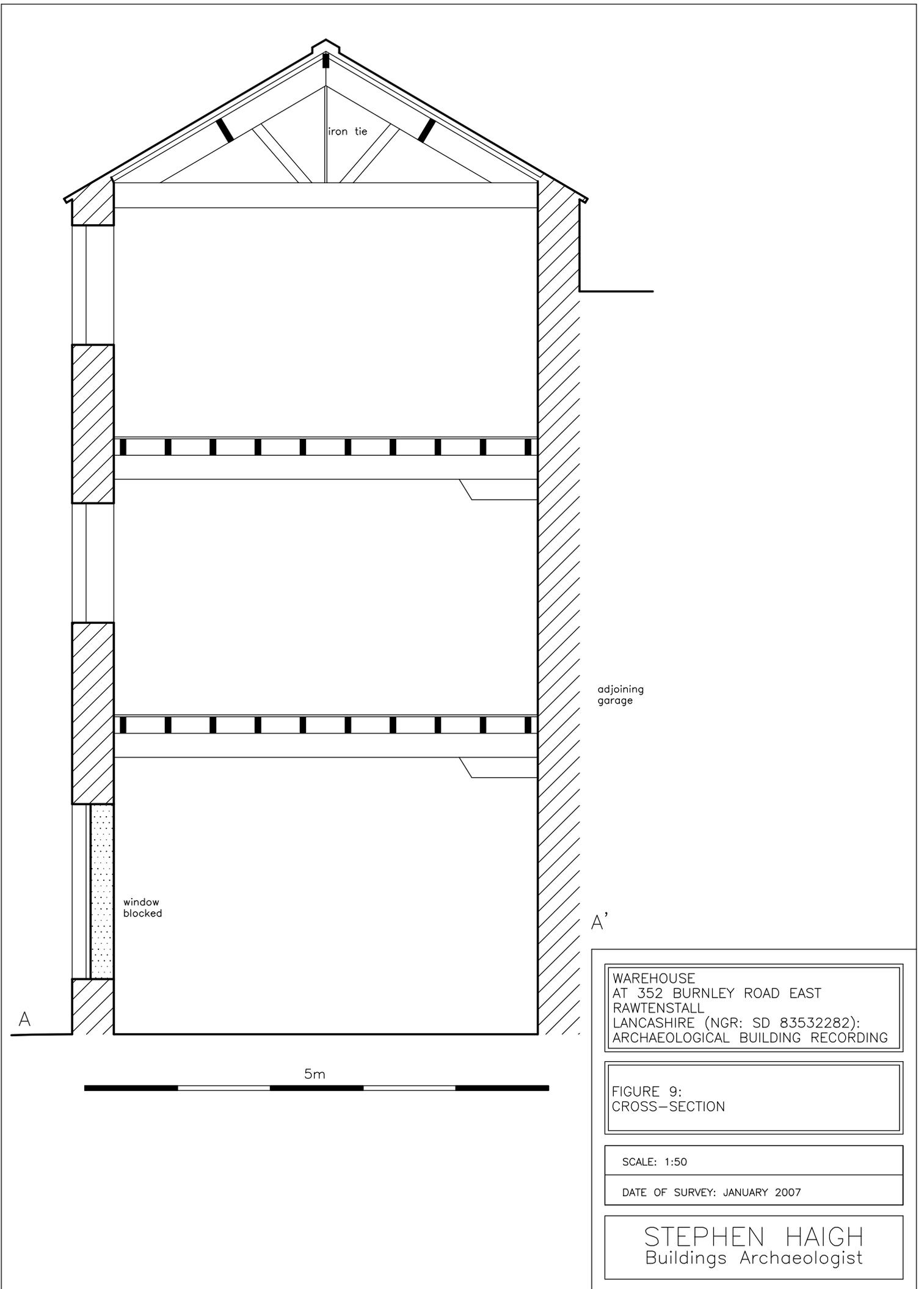
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FIGURE 9:
 CROSS-SECTION

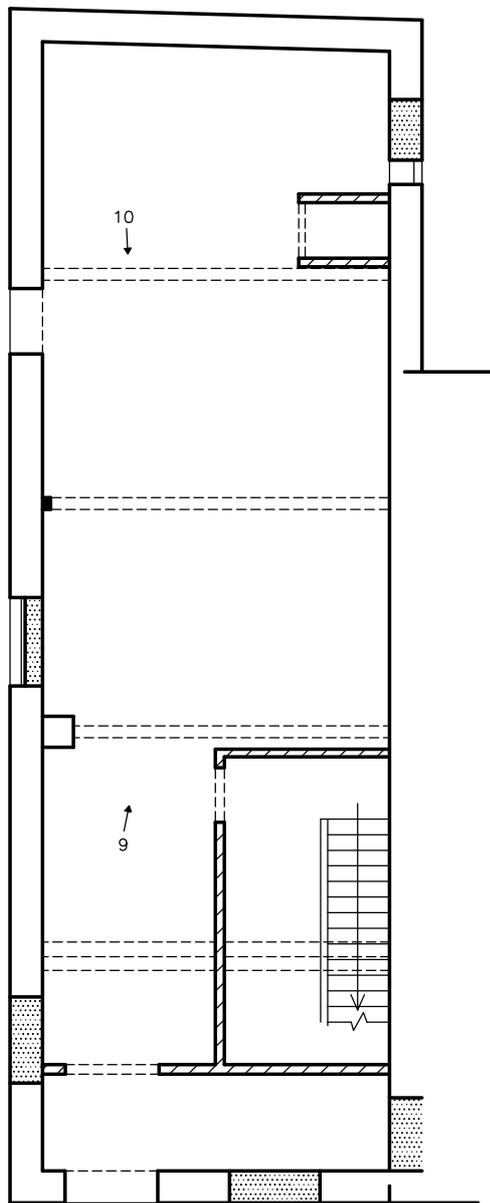
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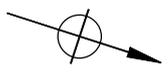
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FIGURE 10:
 GROUND FLOOR PLAN
 WITH KEY TO PHOTOGRAPHS

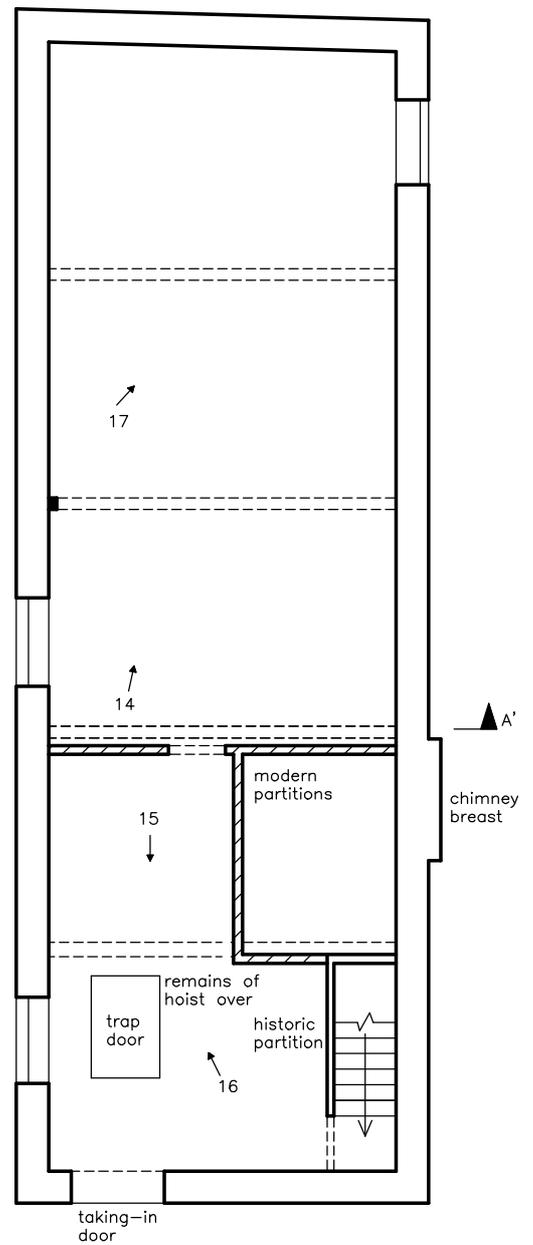
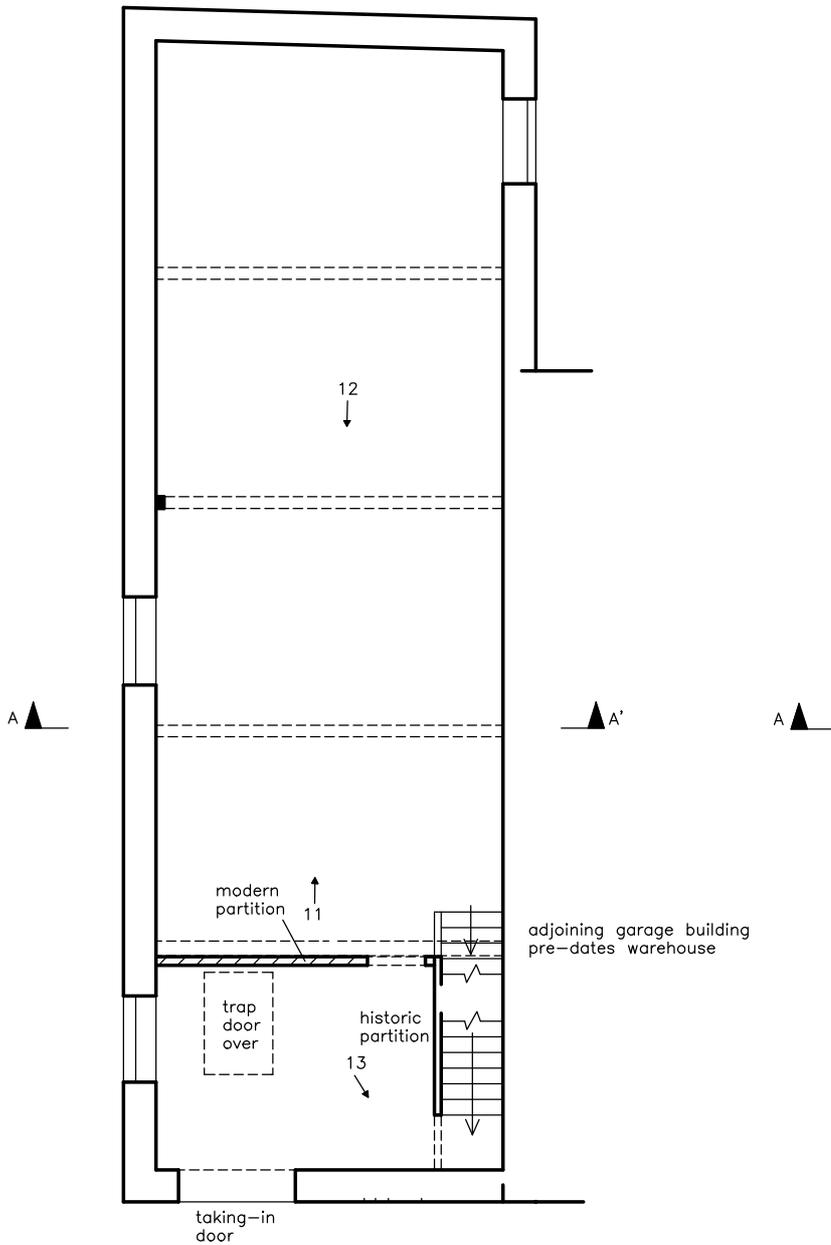
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FIGURE 11:
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Photo 2: The building from the north, with adjoining garage to the right



Photo 3: View of the site from the west, showing the warehouse in relation to surrounding buildings and Dale Mill



Photo 4: The building from the east



Photo 5: Front (east) elevation

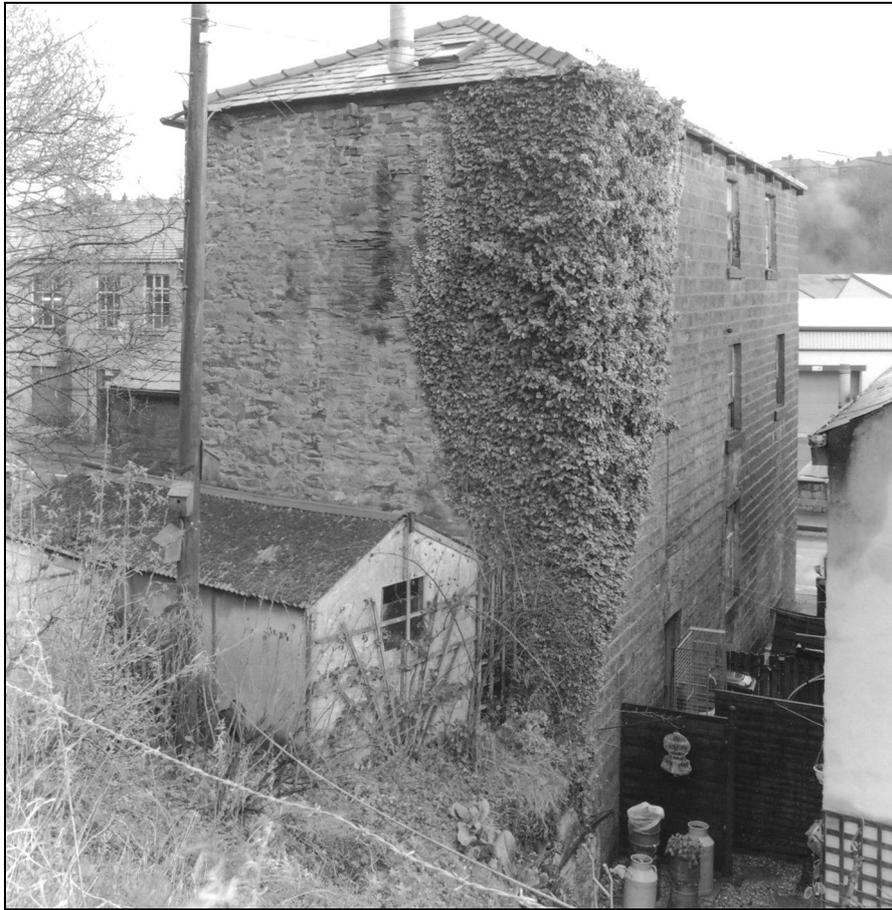


Photo 8: The building from the south-west



Photo 9: Interior: ground floor, from the east



Photo 10: Interior: ground floor, from the west



Photo 12: Interior: first floor, from the west



Photo 14: Interior: second floor, from the east



Photo 17: Interior: detail of west roof truss, from the east