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### **Summary**

*An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during groundworks at the above site. A number of Victorian dumped deposits were present but no significant archaeological remains were found.*

### **Introduction**

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by Mr and Mrs Brudenall in October 2005 to undertake an archaeological watching brief at College Farm, Saleby, Lincs (Fig. 1). The work was carried out in accordance with the brief and general requirements set out in the *Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook* published by the Archaeology Section, Lincolnshire County Council (1998). Richard Pullen and Matthew Jordan recorded the site.

### **Site Location and Description**

Saleby is a small village located in the Lincolnshire Marsh 3km north of Alford. College Farm is situated near the centre of the village. It is located on the south side of Mill Lane, west of the main T-junction in the centre of the village.

### **Planning Background**

Planning permission was granted for partial demolition of the existing building and the construction of an orangery and a larger extension, subject to an archaeological watching brief being carried out during the groundworks phase of construction.

### **Archaeological Background**

Saleby is mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1086 when there was land held by two estates based in Claxby. It was clearly an established settlement in the Saxon period but probably a minor one. The present church is 19<sup>th</sup> century in date but sites on the site of an earlier building. A medieval moated site is located south of the village. Medieval occupation evidence may be disturbed during the groundworks phases of construction.

### **Aims and Objectives**

The purpose of the Watching Brief was to record any archaeological deposits disturbed during groundworks at the above site.

### **Method**

Groundworks were to be carried out on three separate occasions comprising

- Excavation of strip foundations for the orangery measuring 5 x 3m
- Excavation of strip foundations for the extension measuring 14 m x 6m
- Excavation of service trenches

There was one experienced archaeologist on site to observe earth moving operations. After consultation with the Assistant Built Environment Officer, Louise Jennings, it was decided an archaeologist need not be present during excavation of the service trenches as these would not go beyond the depth of the previously monitored groundworks.

Archaeological features were to be excavated, and drawn where appropriate, depending upon safe access. A full photographic record was made of the works on site. Finds located in archaeological features, were identified accordingly and a context numbering system for archaeological remains was in operation. LAS operates a standard context recording system, developed by its staff over the past 20 years based on MOLAS and CAS models.

## **Results (Fig. 2, Pl. 1)**

### Excavation of strip foundations for the orangery

The foundation trenches for the orangery were dug 27<sup>th</sup> October 2005 to an average depth of 1m. They were dug through a 0.40m thick mid brown sandy silt topsoil layer, **100**, which overlay a brown 0.30m thick orange clay subsoil layer **101**, which overlay the natural, a cream buff compact clay with frequent limestone fragment inclusions **102** (Fig. 3, Pls. 2, 3 and 4). This profile was seen throughout the trench, the only variation being disturbance related to construction of the house and cellar/underground log store. No archaeological features were seen.

### Excavation of strip foundations for the extension

Foundations for the extension to the northeast of the house were dug on the 4th of November. The northwest section of the foundation trench extended 14m northeast from College Farm. The first 4.8m of the trench cut through the floor surface of the former scullery which had been removed prior to this phase of the work (Pl. 5). The profile in this part of the trench showed a 0.10m compact limestone surface **200**, which overlay a 0.10m thick grey clay bedding **201**. This overlay a 0.34m thick, grey orange sandy clay subsoil **202**, which overlay a compact orange brown clay **203**, which represented the natural deposits. Just north of the remains of the scullery were the remains of an outside toilet and cess pit. Cess pit/earth closet **204** measured 1.5m wide x 1.2m deep. The pit contained **209**, a compact grey clay which overlay a dark grey brown silt **205** which contained Victorian pottery fragments, broken glass and brick. This overlay **206**, a dirty grey clay. Cutting these fills was pit **211** which contained the brick foundations **207**, comprising parallel walls 0.80m apart which contained fill **208** a brown grey silty sand between the walls (Fig. 5, Pl. 6). These are the remains of a later outside toilet structure. In the rest of the foundation trench a mid brown sandy silt topsoil **210**, overlay the subsoil **202**, no further features were seen with the exception of occasional pieces of Victorian pottery in the topsoil (Fig. 4, Pl. 7, 8).

### **Conclusion**

The watching brief observed the remains of a scullery and outside toilet associated with College Farm, however no medieval or earlier archaeological remains were seen.

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### **Contents of the Site Archive**

Context sheets: 14

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Sections: 3

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**APPENDIX 1**



College Farm, Salesby  
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Context Summary

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Context no	Context Type	Description
100	Layer	Topsoil
101	Layer	Subsoil
102	Layer	Natural
200	Layer	Surface
201	Layer	Bedding deposit
202	Layer	Subsoil
203	Layer	Natural
204	Cut	Pit
205	Fill	Fill of 204
206	Fill	Fill of 204
207	Masonry	Walls
208	Fill	Fill in 207
209	Fill	Fill of 204
210	Layer	Topsoil

## THE FIGURES

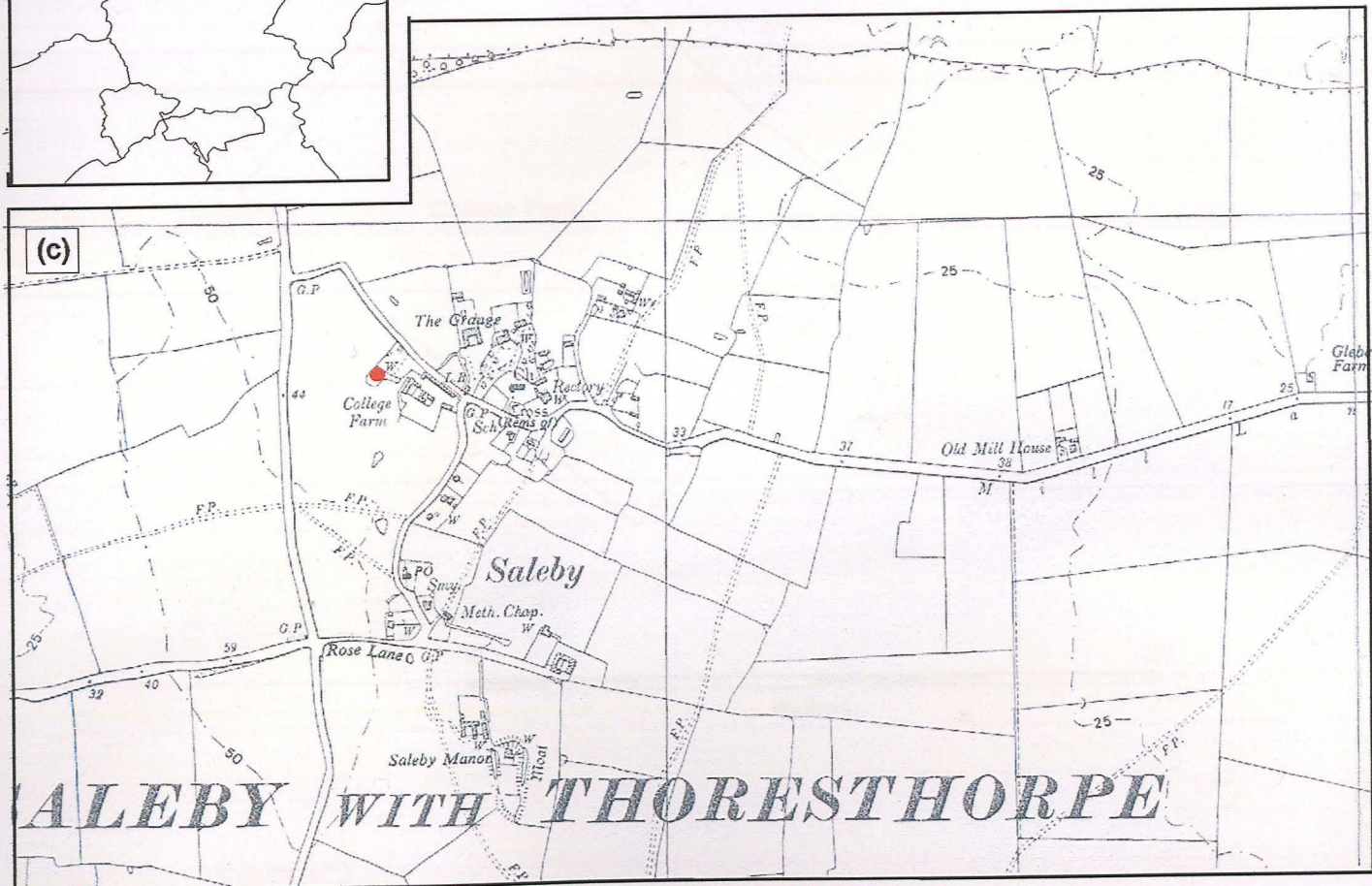


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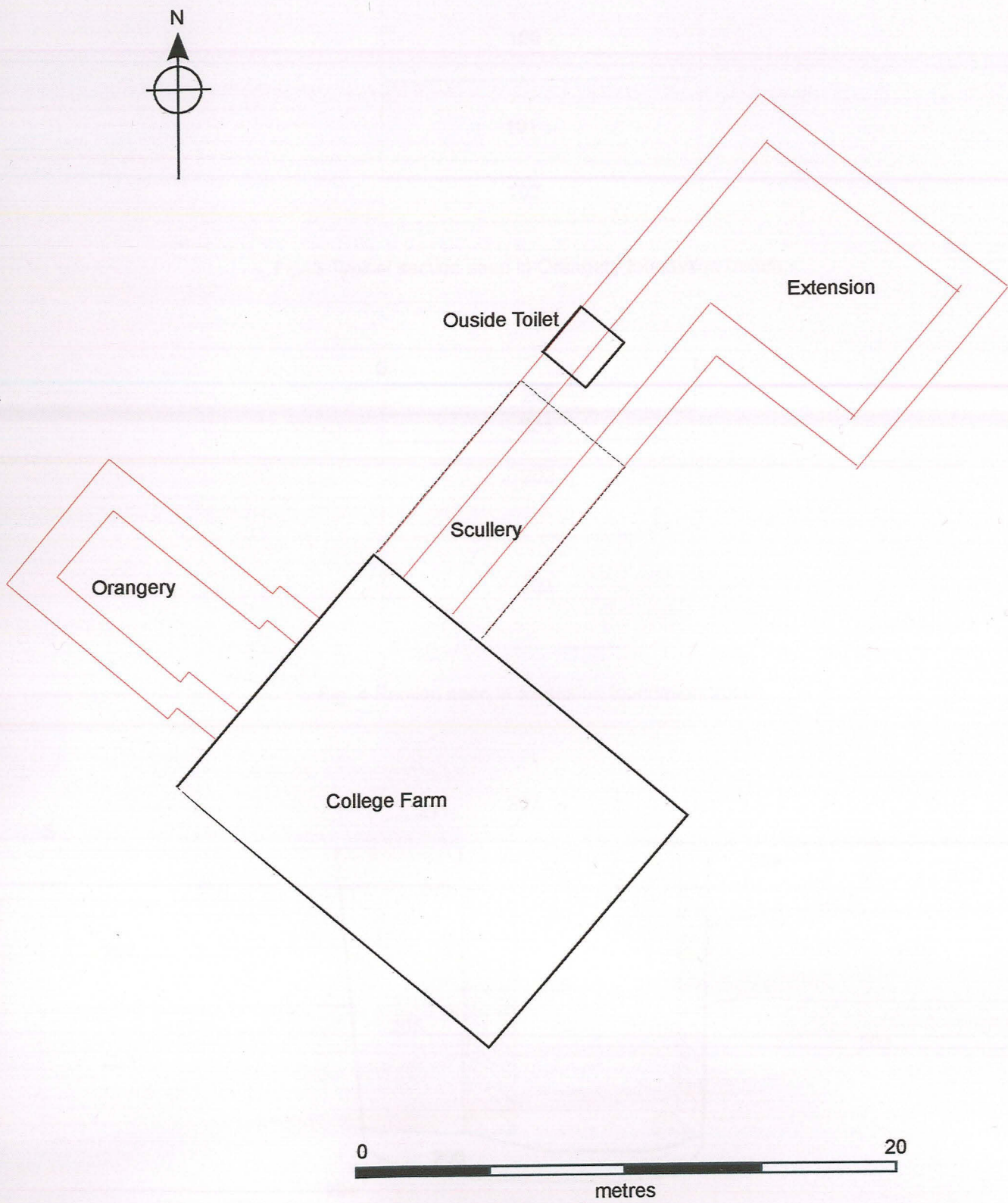


Fig. 2 Plan of development showing location of foundation trenches excavated

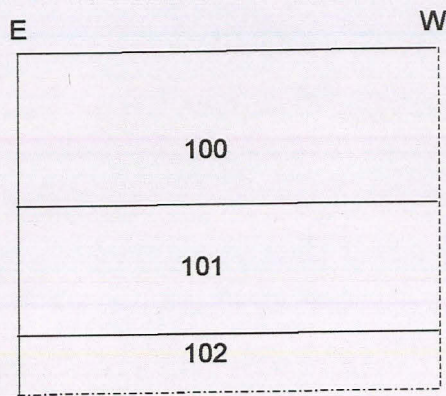


Fig. 3 Typical section seen in Orangery foundation trench

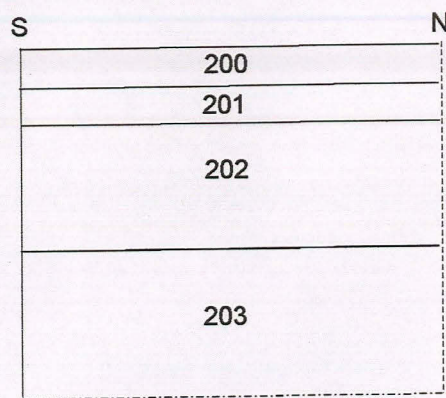


Fig. 4 Section seen in extension foundation trench

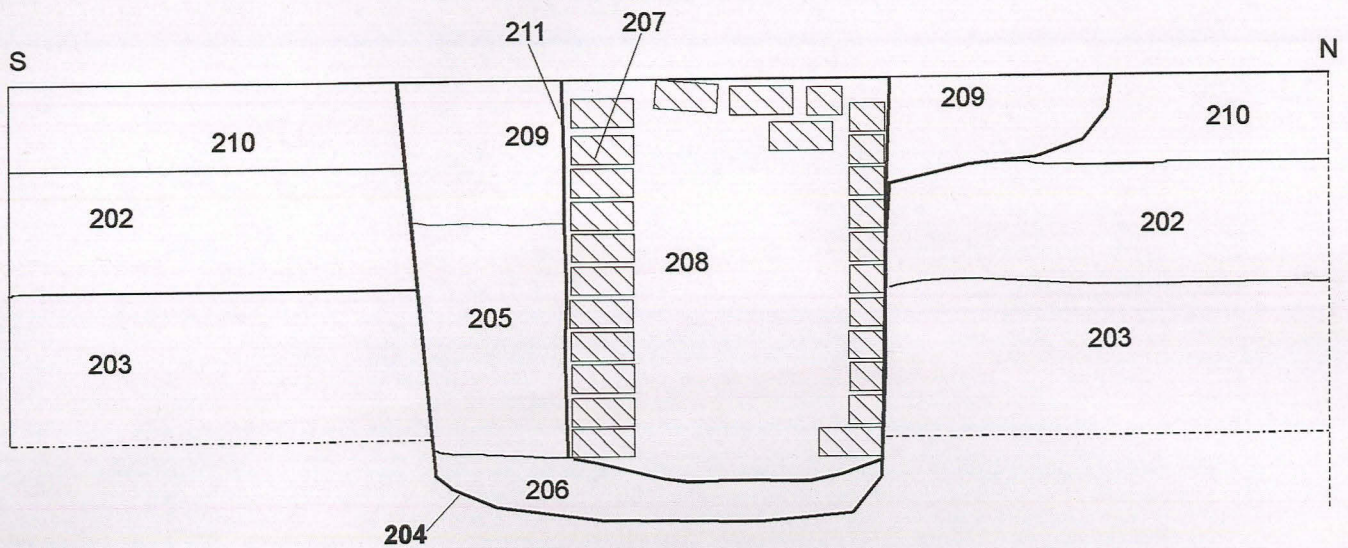
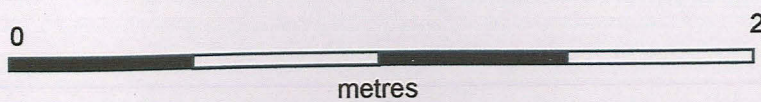


Fig. 5 Section through cess pit and outside toilet in extension foundation trench



**THE PLATES**



Pl. 1 View of College Farm looking southwest



PL. 2 View of location of orangery, west side of College Farm



PI. 3 Orangery foundation trench, looking southwest, note entrance to underground log store. Scale 1m.

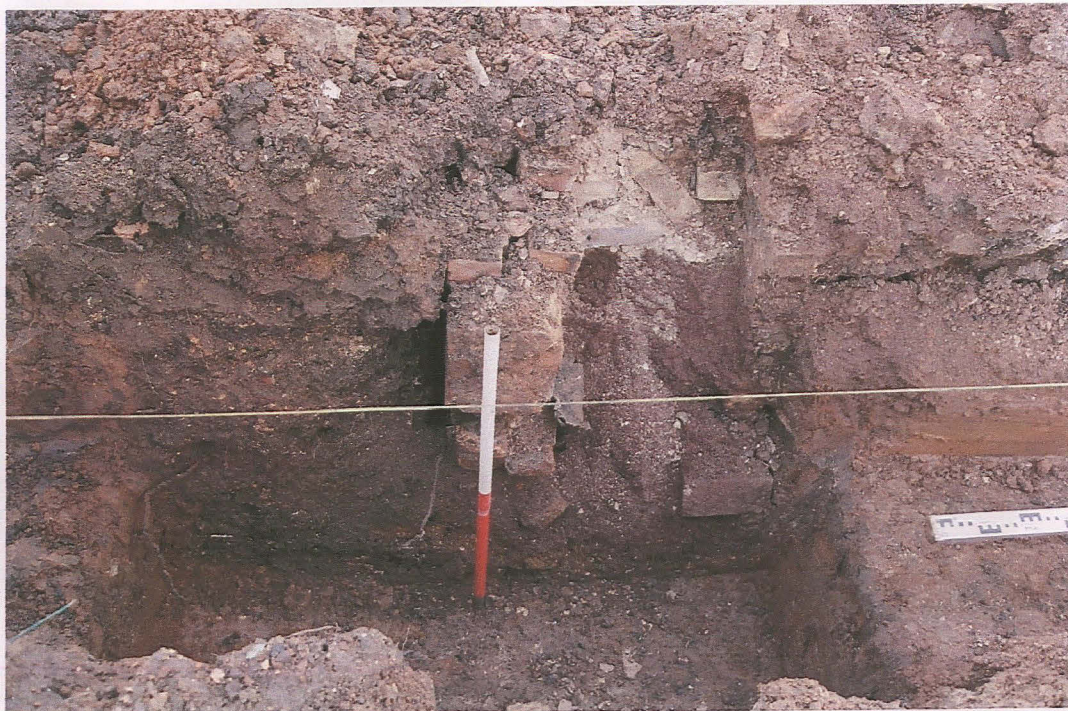


PI. 4 View of trench section, orangery foundation, looking southwest. Scale 1m.





Pl. 5 View of northwest foundation trench of extension, looking southwest. Note location of former scullery as shown by whitewash on house wall



Pl. 6 View of pit 204 and remains of toilet structure looking northwest, scale 1m.



Pl. 7 View of northeast trench of extension, looking southeast.



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