Edgehill Cottage, 45 Culter House Road, Milltimber, Aberdeen, AB13 0EN Site code CA270 Report on Level 1 Standing Building Survey





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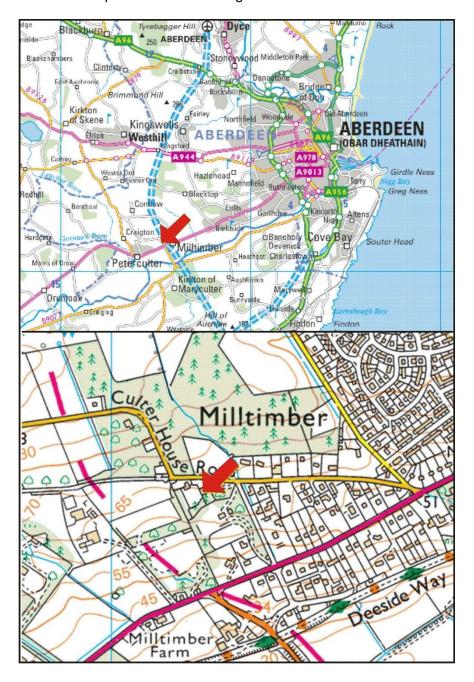
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SUMMARY

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 27 November 2015. The buildings recorded were constructed in one phase between the 1st and 2nd Edition OS maps. Buildings 1 and 2 are remains of Edgehill House walled garden, garden house and glasshouses. Architects plans and elevations were checked and annotated and Building 2 was recorded. It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during the current planning application.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The site (Illus 1) is located on the S side of Culter House Road, the W of Bellenden Walk and the N side of the A93, North Deeside Road; Kippie Lodge and the International School are to the W. It is centred on NGR NJ 85277 01490, at 60-65m OD (Illus 1) and in the parish of Peterculter.
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by Alison Wright, Fitzgerald Associates on behalf of David Suttie. A planning application P140511 for erection of three dwellinghouses was passed on 30.10.2015 and there is a requirement for a Level 1 standing building survey.
- 1.3 All the archaeological work was carried out in the context of Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) Planning Advice Note (PAN 2/2011) and Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP), which state that archaeological remains should be regarded as part of the environment to be protected and managed.

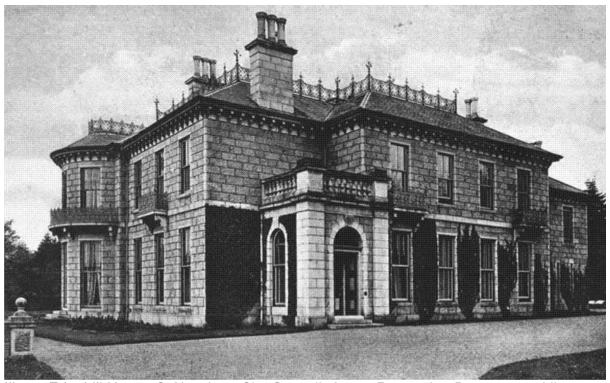


Illus 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2015)

2 BACKGROUND

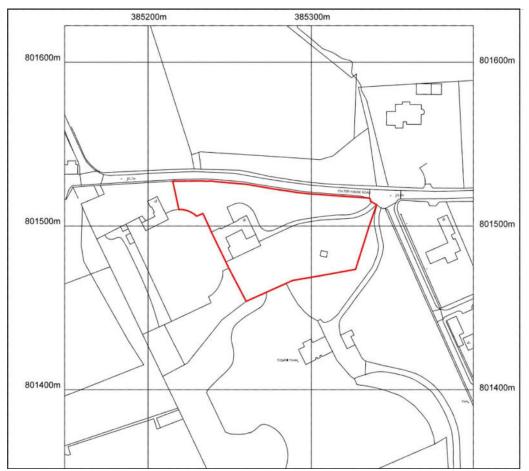
Edgehill House and steadings were built between the dates of the 1st and 2nd Edition OS maps (Illus 21, 22). Edgehill House (NJ80SE 189) has been demolished and replaced by housing in the 1960s/1970s (planning application documents online).

In 1872, John Webster, an advocate in Aberdeen, acquired more than ten acres of land at Milltimber where this mansion house was constructed. Webster became Lord Provost of Aberdeen in 1856, and was returned as a Liberal member of Parliament for the City in 1880. John Webster died in 1891 and was survived by his only son Alexander, also an advocate. Alexander remained unmarried and died in 1920. After bequests to relatives and to local hospitals, the residue of his estate, worth £13.750, was left to Aberdeen Town Council. The mansion house was sold to Sir Thomas Jaffrey, actuary of Aberdeen Savings Bank. Lady Jaffrey was a keen gardener and the gardens at Edgehill were much admired. The house was sold about 1955 to a local building firm who sought, and were granted permission to reconstruct the chauffeur's house and to demolish and rebuild the original house, and to build two more houses in the grounds (SCRAN).



Illus 2 Edgehill House © Aberdeen City Council, Arts & Recreation Department, Library & Information Services. Licensor www.scran.ac.uk.

The 2nd Edition OS map (Illus 22) shows four buildings around a central courtyard on the ENE side of a walled garden. A building attached to the NNW façade and a building within the courtyard have been demolished since that date.



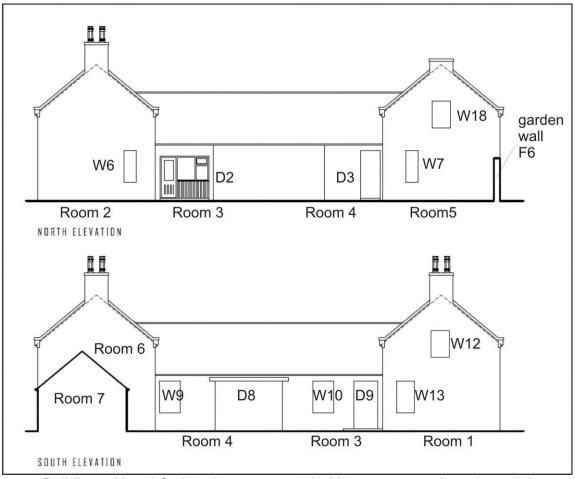
Illus 3 Plan of proposed development area (©Crown Copyright. All rights reserved. Licence no. 100017780).

3 THE LEVEL 1 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

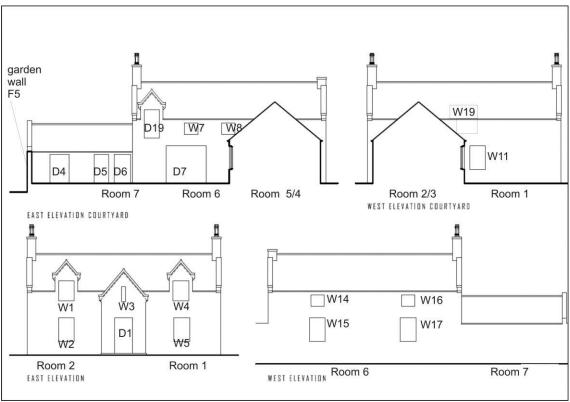
A level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 27 November 2015. The weather was mild and bright. Architects plans and illustrations were checked and annotated.

BUILDING 1

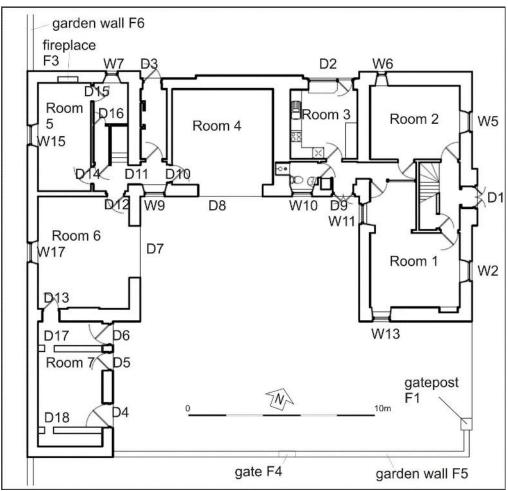
Building 1 is a group of four buildings around a central courtyard. On the NNE is a two storey cottage (Rooms 1/2; cover illus, Illus 8). It is constructed of quarried granite blocks with cherry cocking and is 13.25m long and 6m wide. The main three bay NNE façade has a central door (D1) with tall narrow first floor window which has been blocked the granite masonry. It originally lit the upper level of the stairwell. The upper windows have granite gablets above with circular granite finials (cover). There is one tall thin window in the ground floor of each gable. All the lintels and sills are quarried granite blocks. Attached to the WSW side of Room 2 is Room 3, now a corridor and modern kitchen. Adjacent is Room 4, c 8 x 6m in size with a large carriage door (D8) on the S side onto the courtyard. There was a room attached to the N side of this room on the 2nd Edition OS map which has subsequently been demolished (Illus 9). The courtyard was also covered at this date. The N wall of this room has controls for heating and boiler and two ventilation controls 'Musgrave's Patent, Belfast', primarily used for ventilating rooms used for horses (Illus 10). This room has been for carriages and the attached room for accommodating horses.



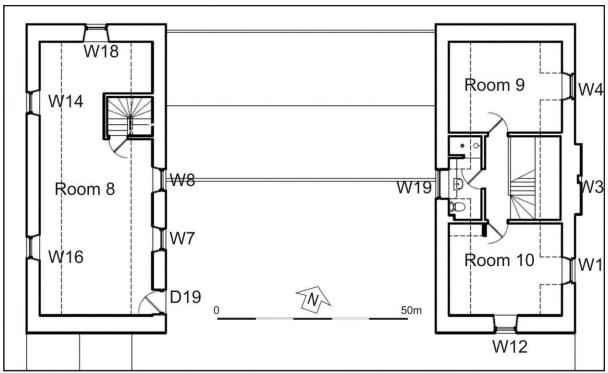
Illus 4 Building 1 N and S elevations annotated with aperture numbers (copyright Fitzgerald Associates).



Illus 5 Building 1 E and W elevations annotated with aperture numbers (copyright Fitzgerald Associates).



Illus 6 Building 1 ground floor plan annotated with aperture numbers (copyright Fitzgerald Associates).



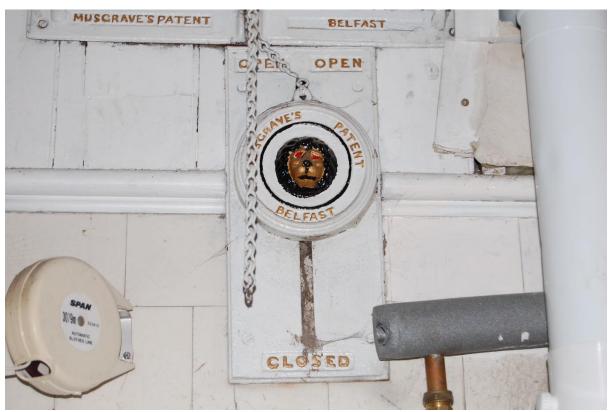
Illus 7 Building 1 first floor plan annotated with aperture numbers (copyright Fitzgerald Associates).



Illus 8 Room 1 (right) with Room 3 (left); facing NNE



Illus 9 Room 4 N wall showing scar where building had been attached; facing SSE



Illus 10 Room 4 N wall ventilation control 'Musgrave's patent, Belfast', facing NNW



Illus 11 Room 7 (left) Room 6 (right); facing WSW

In the NNW corner of the courtyard is Rooms 5/6 (Illus 11) with a ground floor carriage door (D7) and upper door and windows (D19, W7, W8). The building is 13m long and 6m wide. Upper door D19 has a granite gablet above in the same style as the ENE façade of the cottage. The lintels and sills are granite throughout.



Illus 12 Room 7 E wall with D4, D5, D6; facing WSW



Illus 13 Room 7 SSE gable (left) and butted on garden wall F5 (right); facing NNW

Room 7 on the S side of Room 6 is an outhouse with three rooms and associated doors (D4, D5, D6) (Illus 6, 7). It is 7m long and 4.9m wide and is single storey and built of granite blocks and cherry cocking. It was probably built at the same time as the main complex. Garden wall F5 is butted on to the SE corner of this room (Illus 13).



Illus 14 Gatepost F1; facing SSW

Garden walls F5 (south) and F6 (north) is 2.5m high and 0.3m wide and there is triangular section granite coping. There is a gatepost (F1) on the front ENE façade (Illus 14) and a brick gate in the centre of the SSE wall (F4; Illus 15). It is constructed of reused hand-made bricks and is 1m wide. Here is a gatepost (F2) built into the N section of garden wall (F6; Illus 16) where there has been a gate which has been infilled. There is no other evidence of a gate on the standing remains or on the mapping.



Illus 15 Brick gate F4; facing SSE



Illus 16 Gatepost F2 built into garden wall F6; facing SSE

BUILDING 2

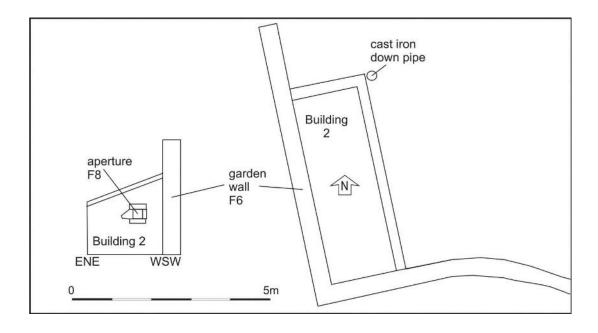
Building 2 is in the NW corner of the proposed development (Illus 17). It is 4.65m long and 1.8m wide and 1.1-1.8m high. It is constructed of reclaimed hand-made bricks and butted on to garden wall F6 (Illus 18). It has concrete coping along the top of the walls and the roof is missing but it appears as a glass house on the 2nd Edition OS map. It formed part of a large glasshouse complex on the NNW of the walled garden which have subsequently been demolished and a modern house built.



Illus 17 Building 2; facing WSW



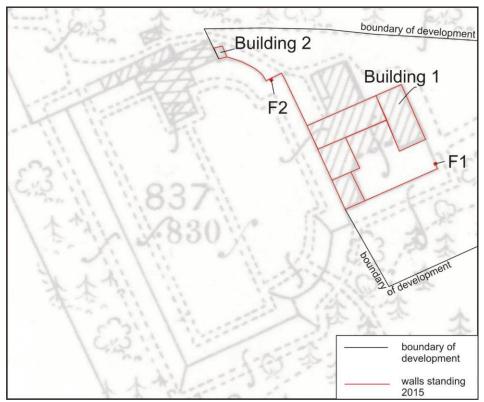
Illus 18 Building 2 NNW wall with aperture F8 and garden wall F6 (top and right); facing SSE



Illus 19 Building 2 plan and elevation of NNW wall

4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Illus 20 Second Edition Ordnance Survey map with surviving walls marked in red (copyright National Library of Scotland).

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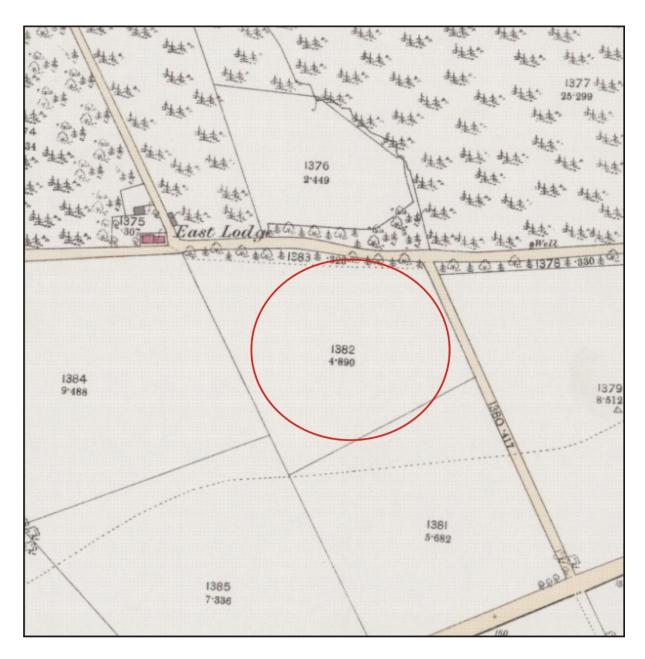
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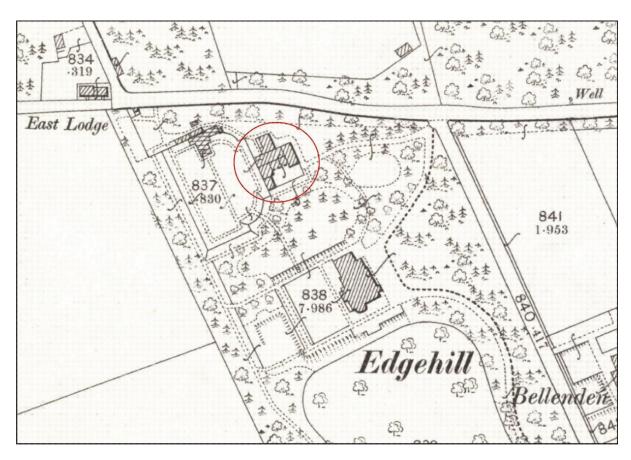
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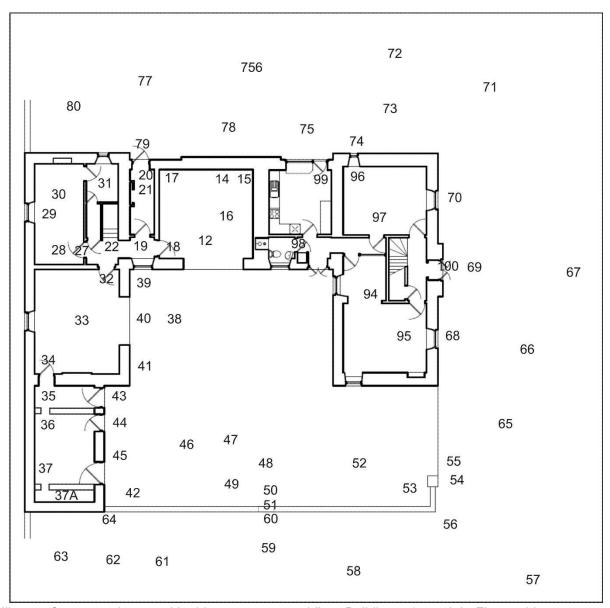


Illus 21 First Edition Ordnance Survey map showing field where Edgehill House will be constructed. Aberdeen Sheet LXXXV.7 (Combined) Survey date: 1865 Publication date: 1869 (copyright National Library of Scotland)

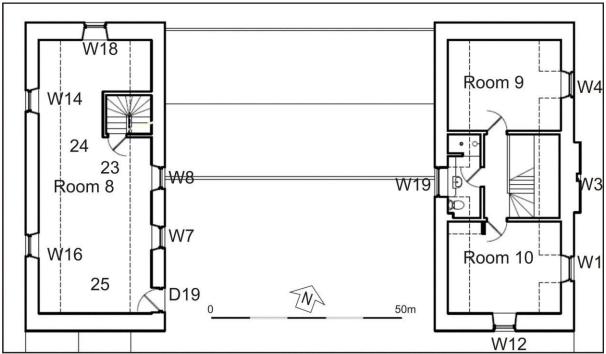


Illus 22 Second Edition Ordnance Survey map with surveyed building circled. Aberdeenshire 085.07 (includes: Peterculter) Publication date: 1900 Revised: 1899 (copyright National Library of Scotland).

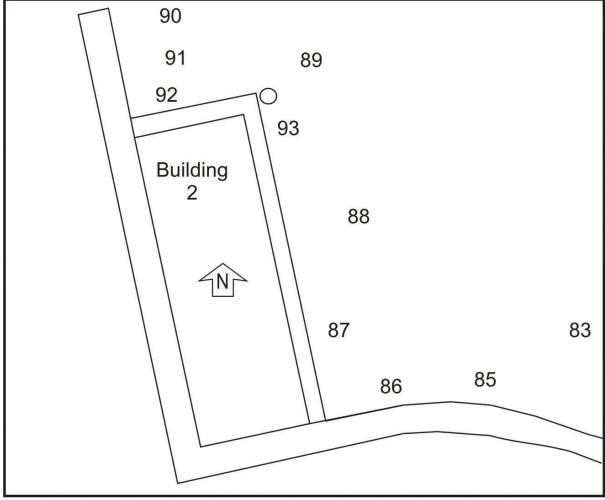
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Illus 23 Camera points used in this survey, ground floor Building 1 (copyright Fitzgerald Associates)



Illus 24 Camera points used in this survey, first floor Building 1 (copyright Fitzgerald Associates)

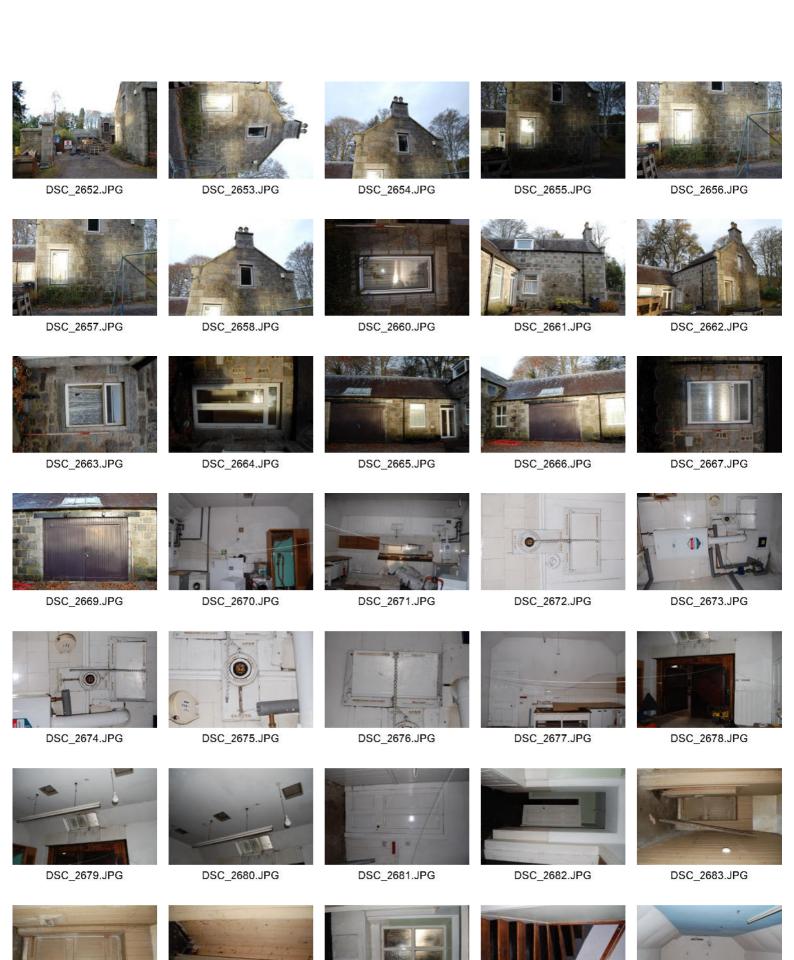


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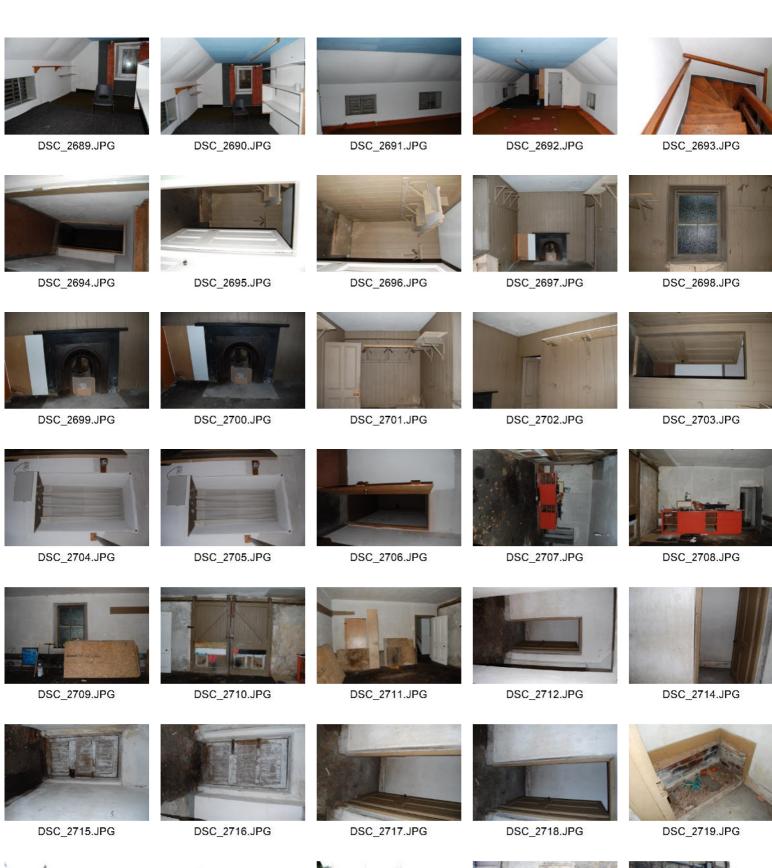
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DSC_2660	W13	NNW	4
DSC_2661	W wall Room 1 with W19 above W11 below	ENE	5
DSC_2662	Room 1	NNE	6
DSC 2663	W11	ENE	7
DSC 2664	D9	NNW	8
DSC 2665	Room 3/4 with D8 (left) W10, D9	NNW	9
DSC 2666	Room 4 W9 (left) D8	NNW	9
DSC 2667	W10	NNW	10
DSC 2669	D8	NNW	11
DSC 2670	Room 4 E wall	ENE	12
DSC 2671	Room 4 N wall	NNW	12
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DSC_2694	Internal corridor	NNW	27
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DSC_2699-2700	fireplace F3	NNW	30
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DSC_2704-5	W7 interior	NNW	31
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DSC_2708	Room 6 S wall	SSE	33
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DSC 2735	Room 7 (left) Room 6 (right)	WNW	47
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_	S gable Room 7		
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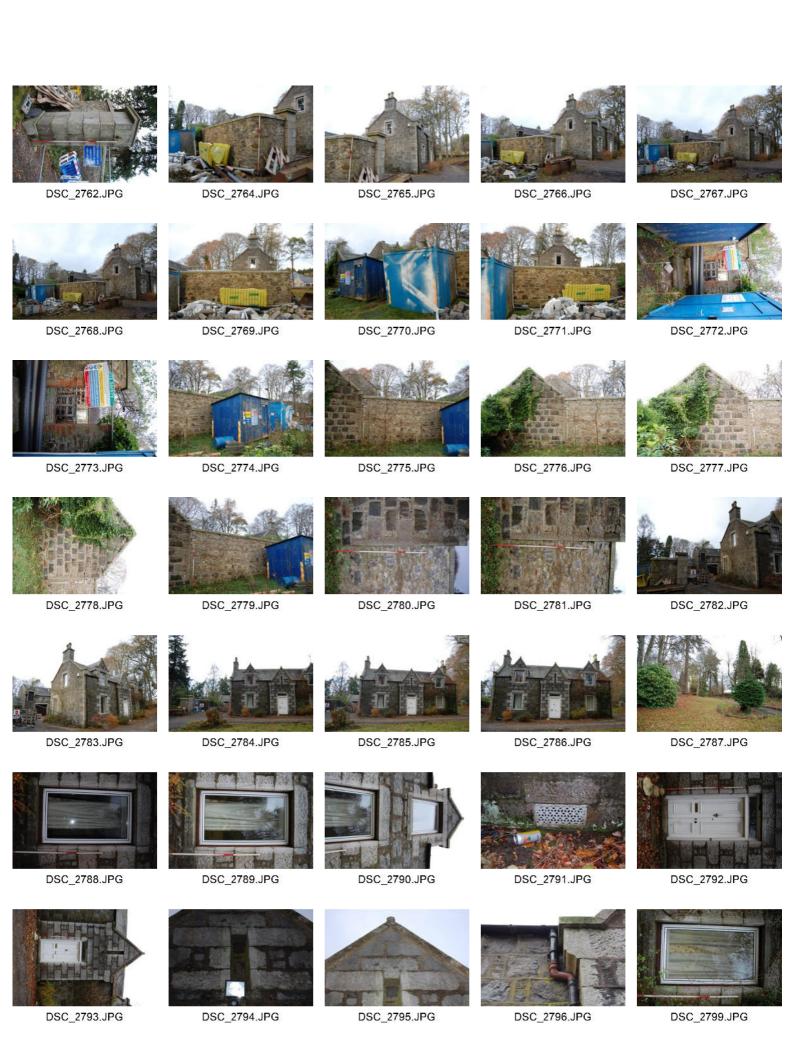
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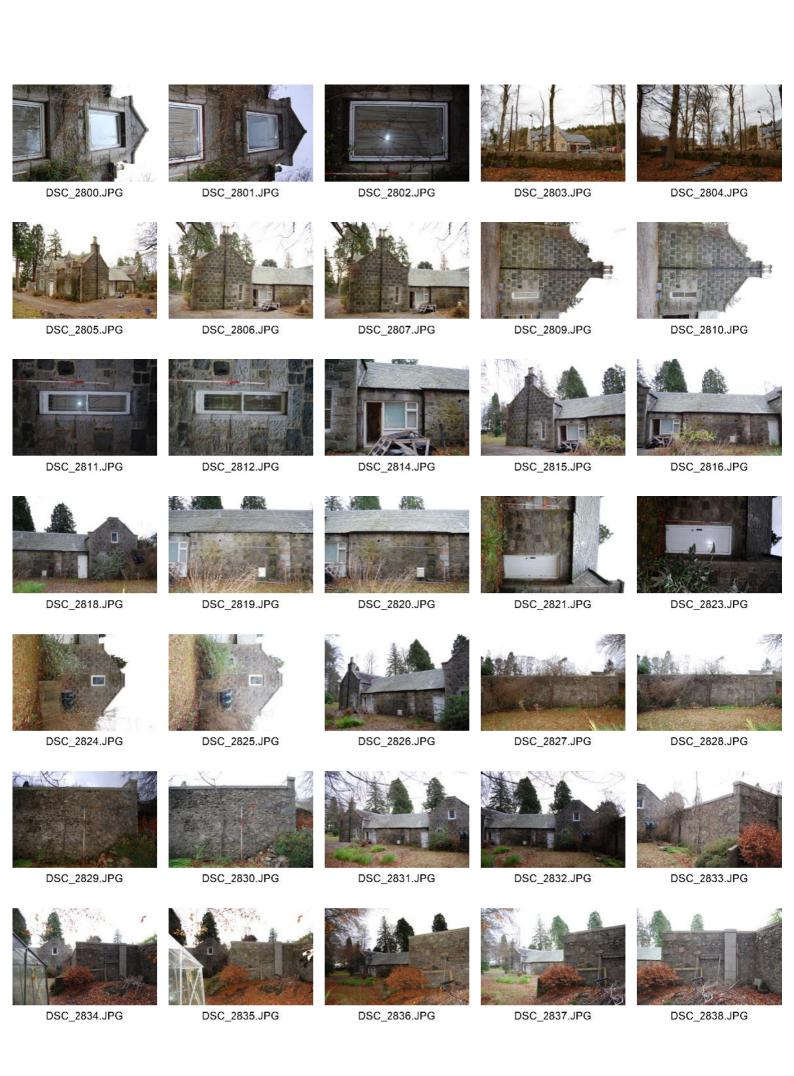
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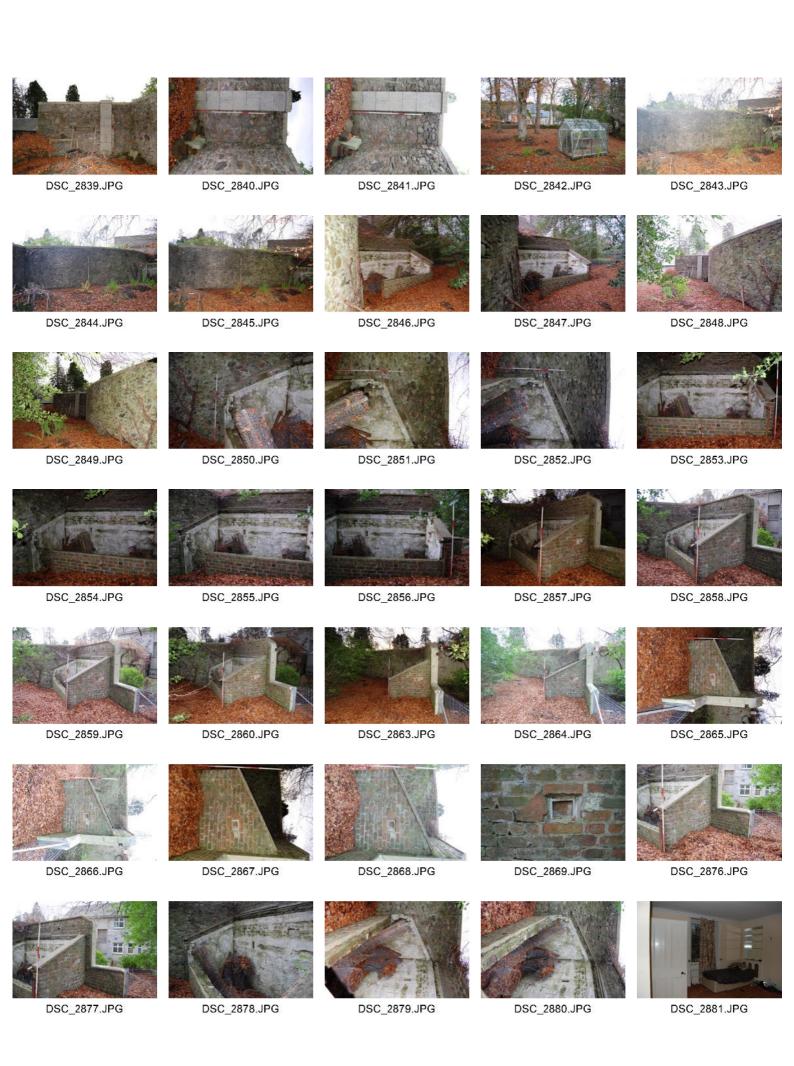
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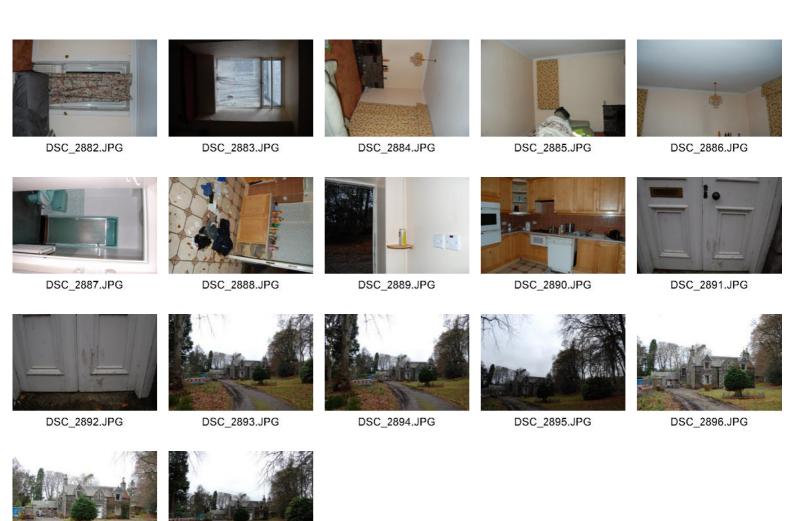
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