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**WORKSHOPS IN ROBERT STREET
SELBY**

**OUTBUILDING TO THE SOUTH OF
LEES TERRACE
SELBY**

1. Introduction

This report describes two buildings in the development area to the north-west of Finkle Street, Selby; it should be read in conjunction with the earlier Inventory of seventeen buildings, in the same development area, which was issued in September 1996. The buildings were visited and photographed by the writer on 17th April 1997 at the request of Anne Finney of MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd.

All the external elevations were examined but only a limited interior examination was possible: the building to the south-east of Lees Terrace was sealed at the time, while only the north-west bay of the workshops in Robert Street could safely be entered. In any event the chief interest of each of the buildings appears to be external.

In the description of the workshops in Robert Street the bays are numbered from the east.

2. The Buildings

2.1 Workshops in Robert Street Late C18/Early C19

These workshops form a continuous range at the west end of the north side of Robert Street. In their present form they are ten bays long but a straight joint between the seventh and eighth bays from the east indicates that they were constructed in two Phases of which the seven east bays are the earlier in date.

Phase I: Two stories, seven bays. Red-brown brick in an irregular English Garden Wall bond consisting largely of stretchers with occasional header courses. Pantiled roof. The original openings are under sandstone wedge lintels all of which seem to be false-bedded giving rise to considerable erosion. Ground floor: a boarded door to Bay 1 in a pegged and moulded architrave; modern inserted doors to Bays 2 and 3. Bay 4 has a curious opening in which sections from two different late C18 doors have been used to form a six-panelled door of four sunk moulded panels over two flush beaded panels; further beading separates the sections. There is a narrow overlight while the door-opening itself is placed asymmetrically beneath a wedge lintel. This seems to be an original feature as there are no obvious signs of insertion. Double boarded doors occupy Bay 5 and casements under wedge lintels take up Bays 6 and 7. First floor: similar fenestration throughout with modern inserted openings to Bays 1 and 2 and a double boarded door to Bay 5.

Interior: The ground floor interior of Bay 7 was visible as was part of the roof structure over this bay. No details of great interest were noted: there is a plain stair-ladder to the loft and a roof structure of simple tie-beam trusses with tusked and tenoned side purlins.

Phase II: Reddish brick of later character than that in Phase I; English Garden Wall bond. The detail is similar to that of Phase I and indicates both a conscious desire to continue in the style of the earlier work and also a date separated by only a few years.

These three bays have a balanced elevation; at ground floor level there is a central opening with paired boarded doors flanked to right and to left by casements under wedge lintels. The treatment to the first floor is similar: here the taking-in doors retain a wrought-iron crane mounted in the opening. The west gable is rendered with a modern inserted window to the first floor.

The rear elevation is blank in both Phases. It incorporates a good deal of 2" brickwork interspersed with occasional C19 bricks; the earlier material is probably re-used although there is a possibility that the building incorporates an earlier property boundary wall on this elevation.

Interior: The interior details closely resemble those of the earlier Phase: in particular the roof is of the same pattern. The ground floor was formerly flagged.

2.2 Outbuilding to the south of Lees Terrace Early/mid C19

This small building, which may have been a stable, was also constructed in two Phases. The earlier of the two is the east end: a single, two-storey, bay of brick in English Garden Wall Bond with openings - including a south door - under segmental brick arches. There is an end stack to the west.

A little later an additional bay was added to the west; for some reason this bay did not extend through the full depth of the earlier bay leaving a re-entrant angle on the north side. The brickwork is an irregular English Garden Wall Bond and the openings - all now blocked as in the earlier build - repeat the segmental heads as before.

The interior could not be inspected.

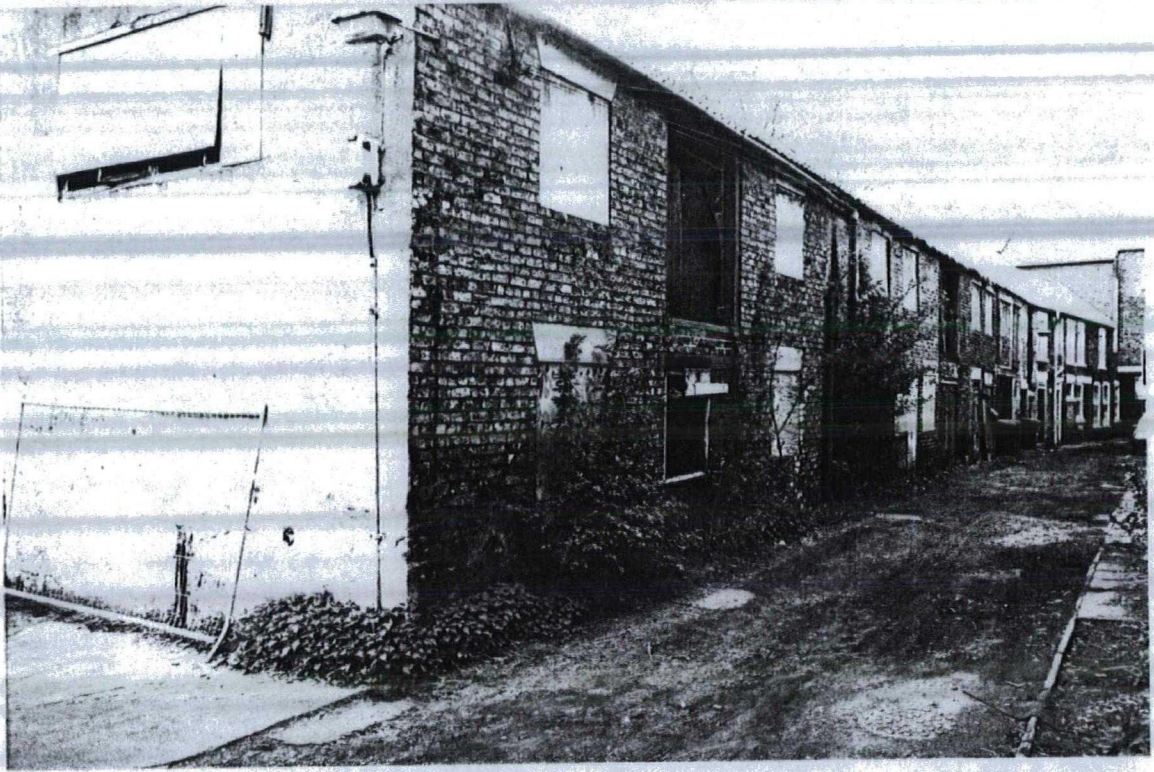
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Workshops in Robert Street

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3. The workshops: east end
4. The west gable
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6. Phase I doorway
7. Phase II taking-in doors with iron crane

Outbuilding to the south of Lees Terrace

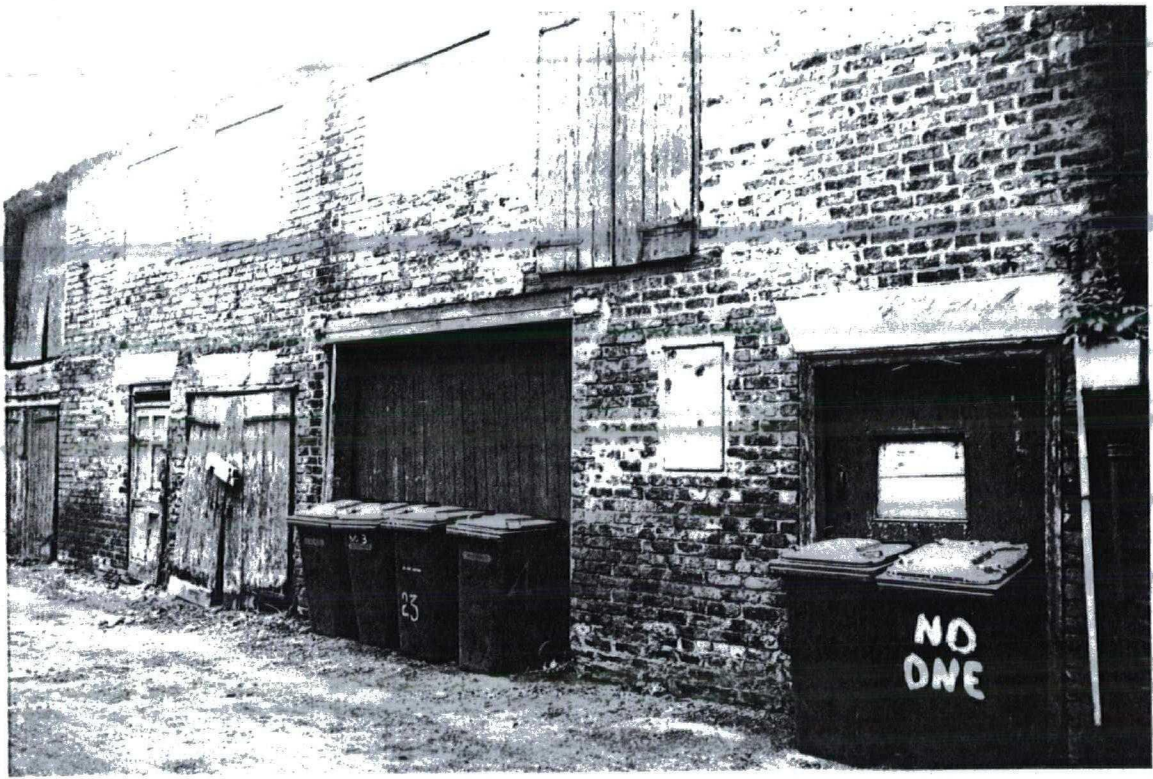
8. The outbuilding from the south
9. South door and window



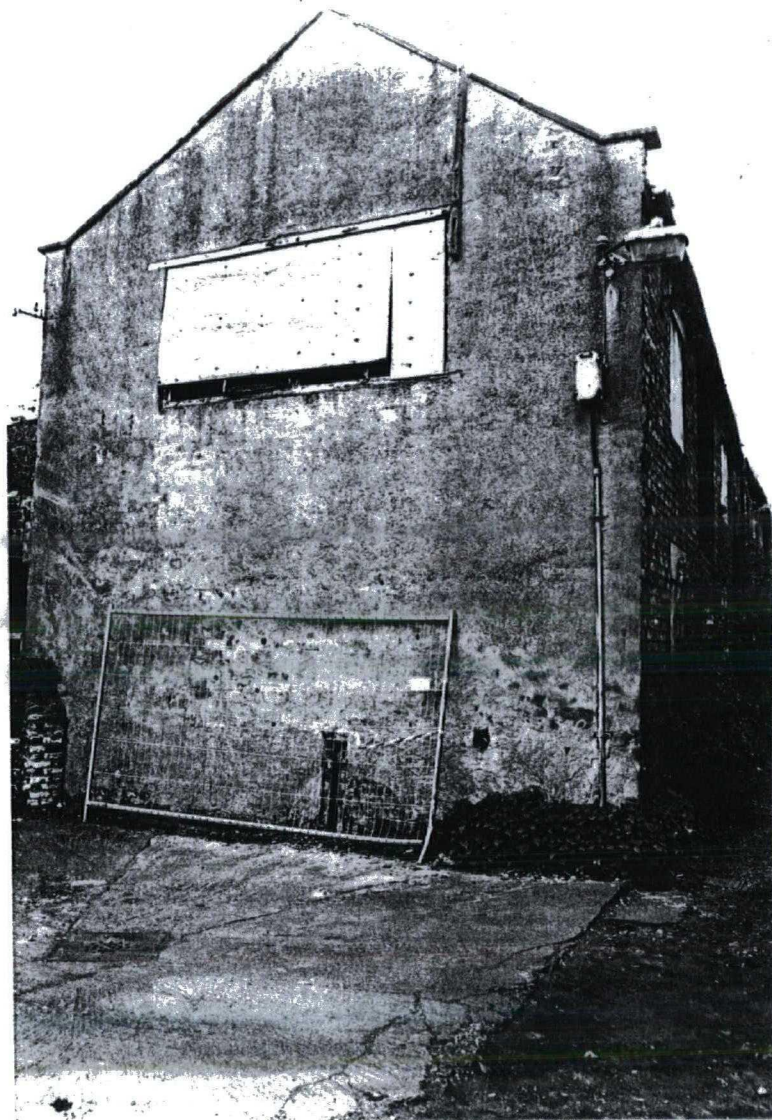
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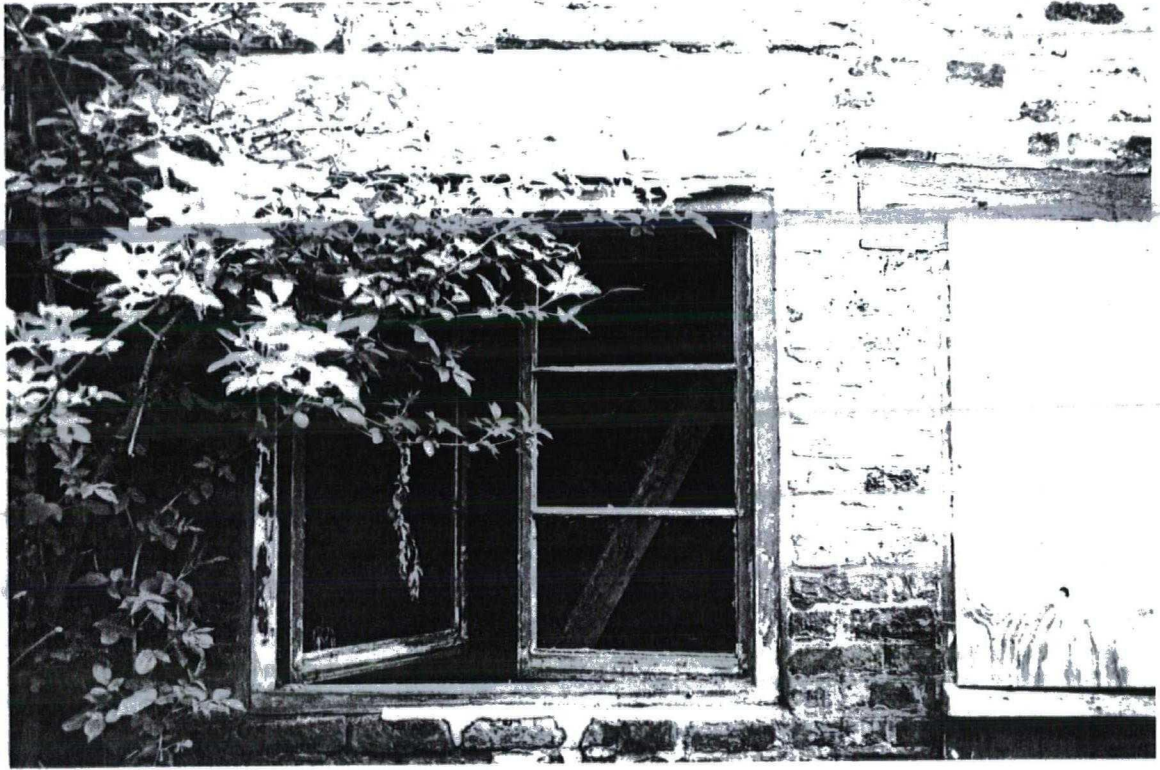
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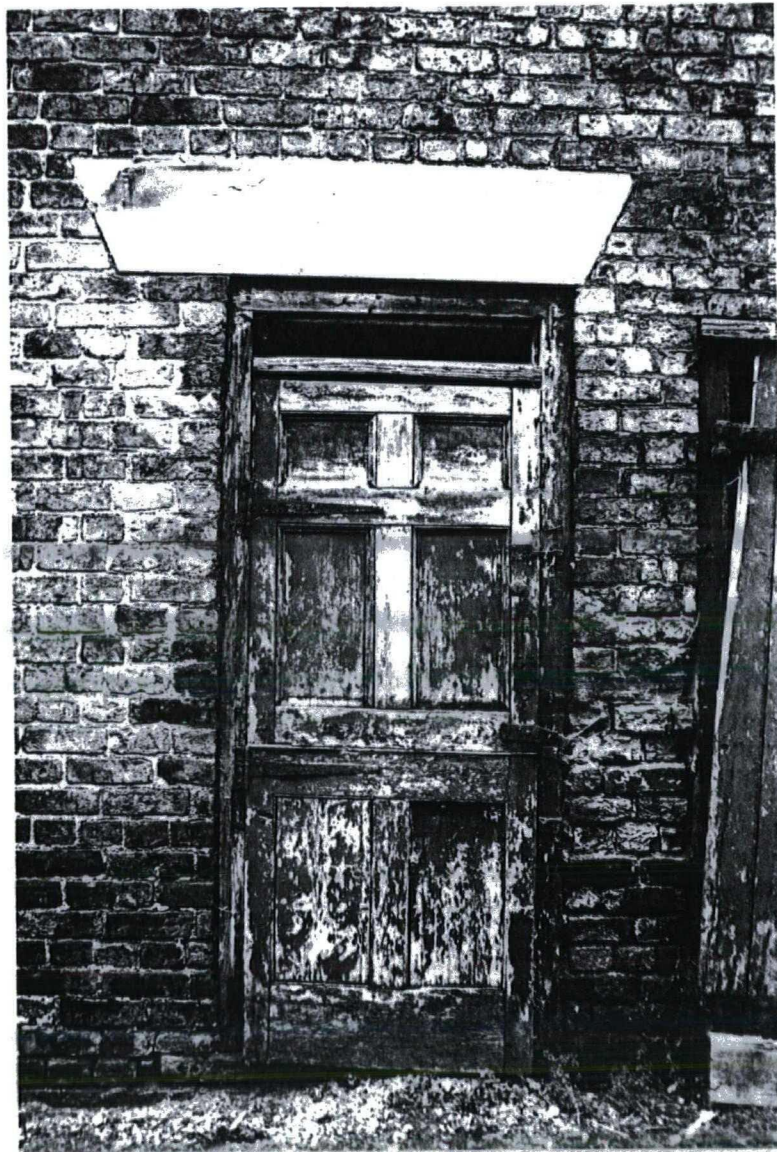
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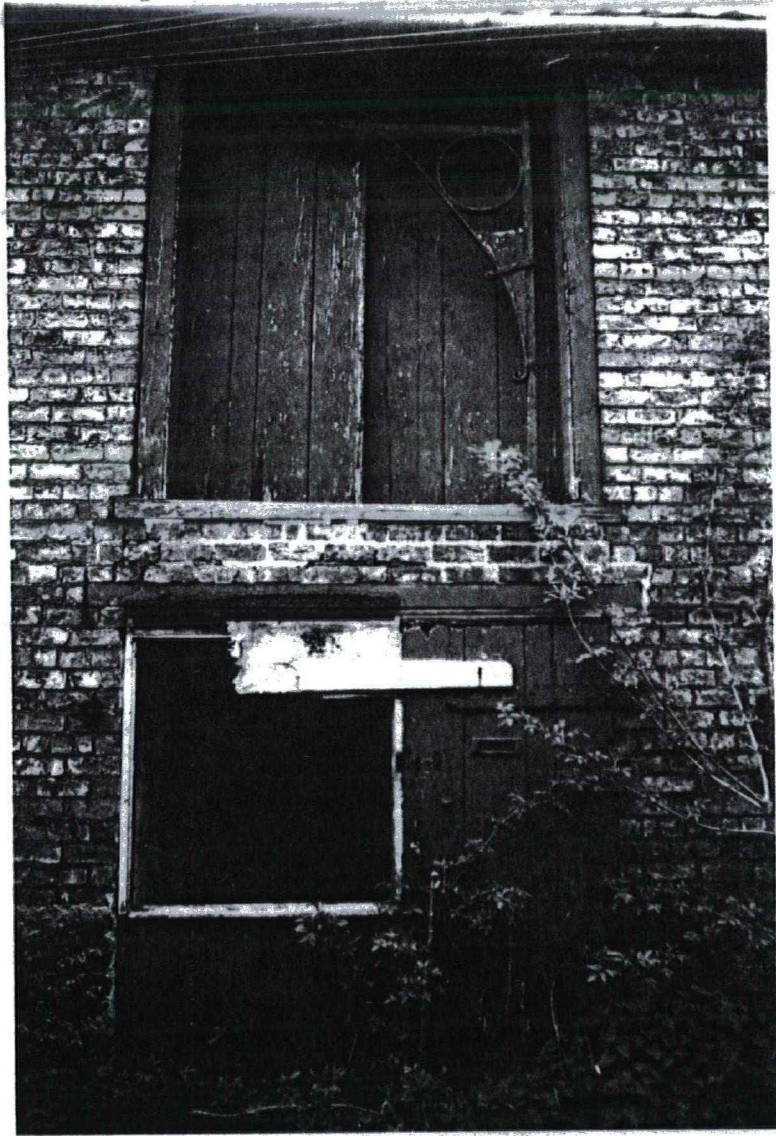
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