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1 Introduction

Abstract

NGR: NT 26796 73937 Kirkdale Archaeology completed a programme of Standing Building Recording at Abbey Strand on behalf of the Royal Collection . This involved the compilation of a graphical record and baseline architectural and archaeological investigation of the buildings on the N side of Abbey Strand. Between the foot of the Canongate and the precincts of the Palace of Holyroodhouse are several adjoined houses (now in the parish of Canongate in the City of Edinburgh). The properties lie within the old precinct of Holyrood Abbey, but outwith the royal grounds of Holyroodhouse and the burgh of Canongate. The fieldwork was completed between 10.8.11 and 14.12.11

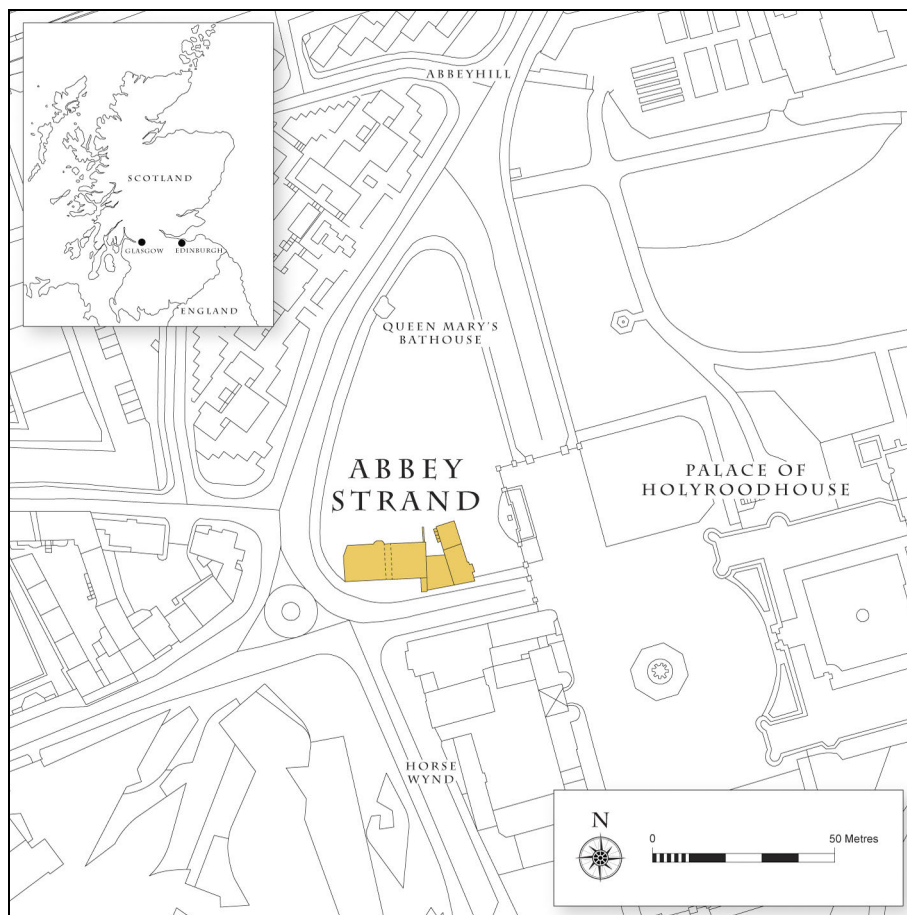


Figure 1-1: Location map of Abbey Strand.

This building recording programme was based on the division of the whole complex into *components* with due reference to all elevations, floors and ceilings via archaeological contextual referencing, with a view to recording key features, such as doors, fireplaces, windows etc., along with any indications of breaks in build and structurally diagnostic elements. Such *features* are numbered with the component number followed by a 3 digit feature number.

All the *features* were described in detail as part of the site archive. A list and summary description of these features can be found in Appendix 4 . All components are shown on illustrations 1-2 to 1-7.

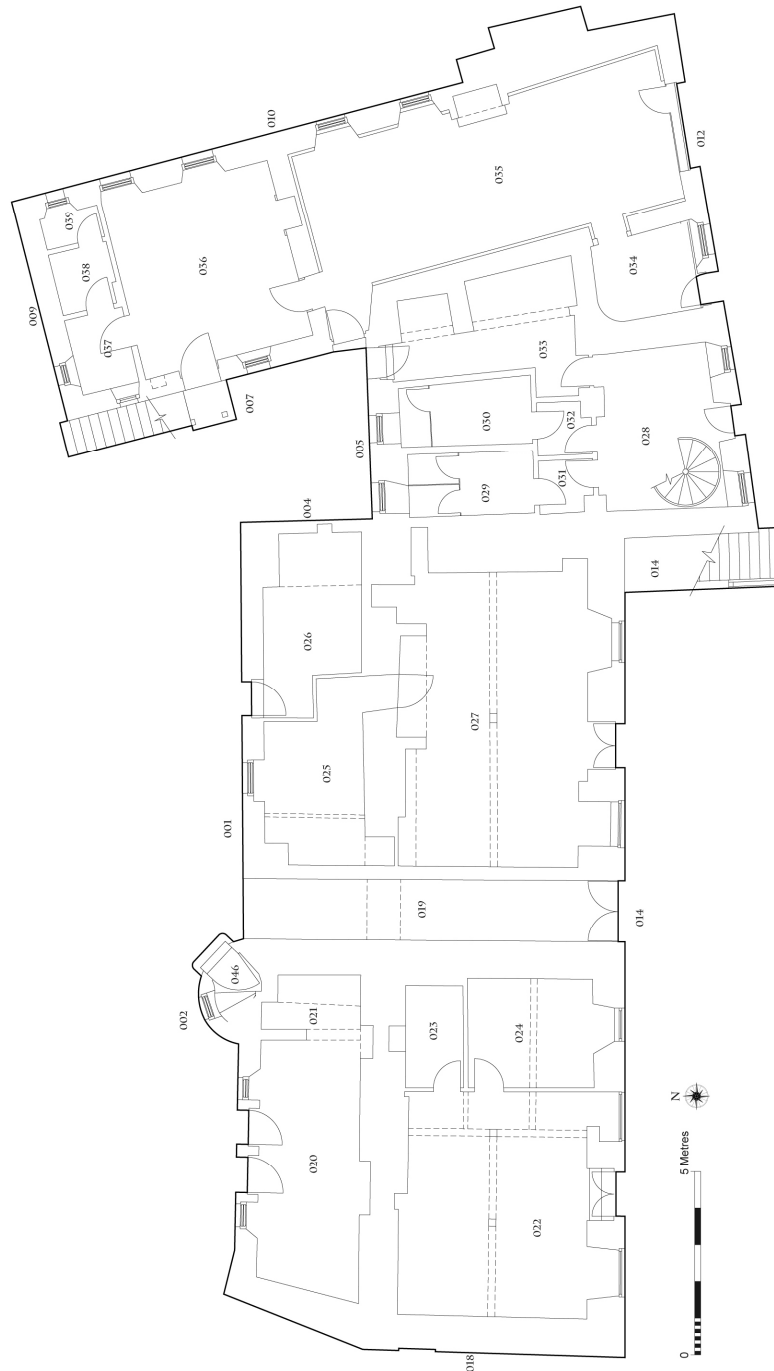


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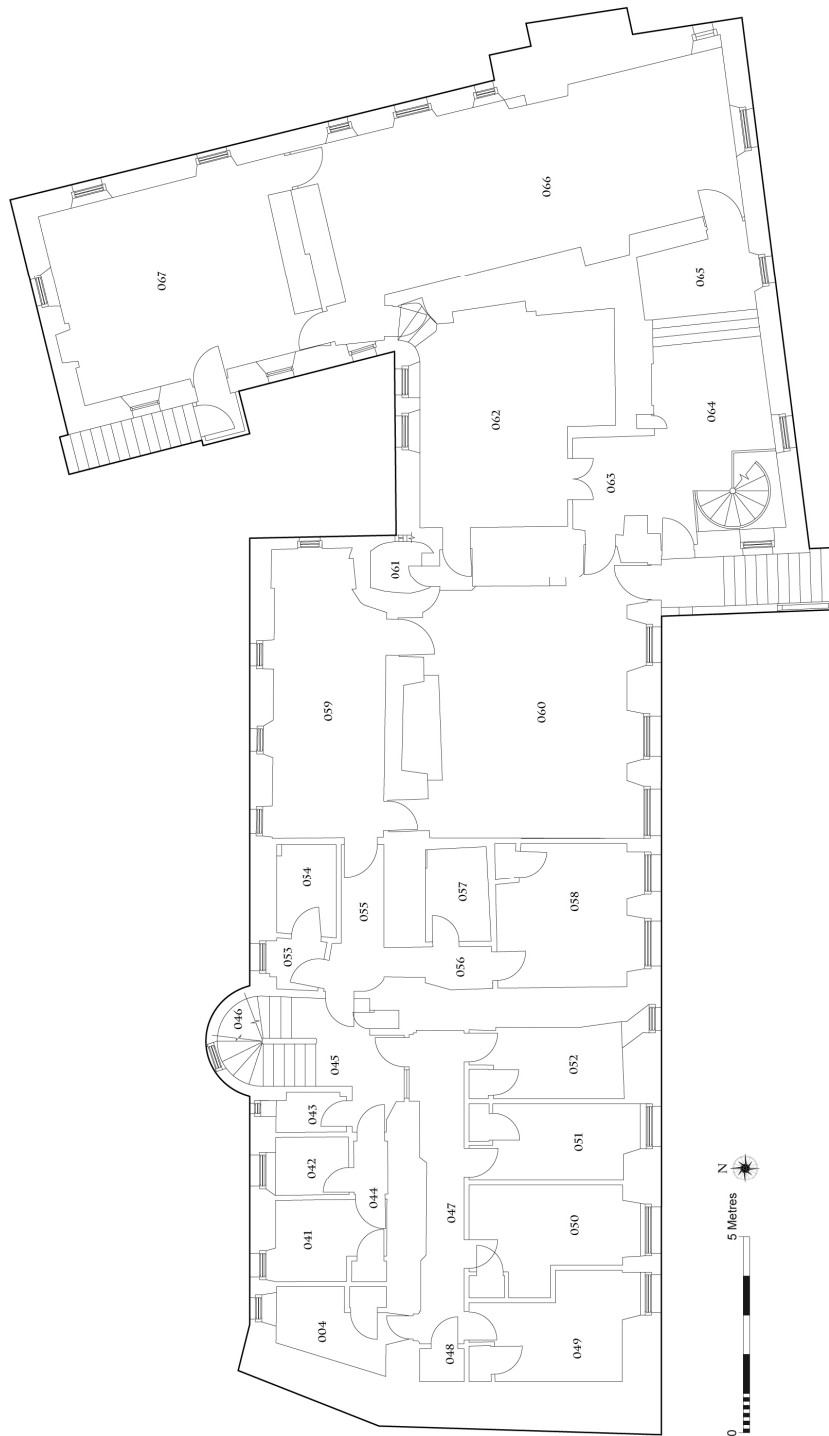


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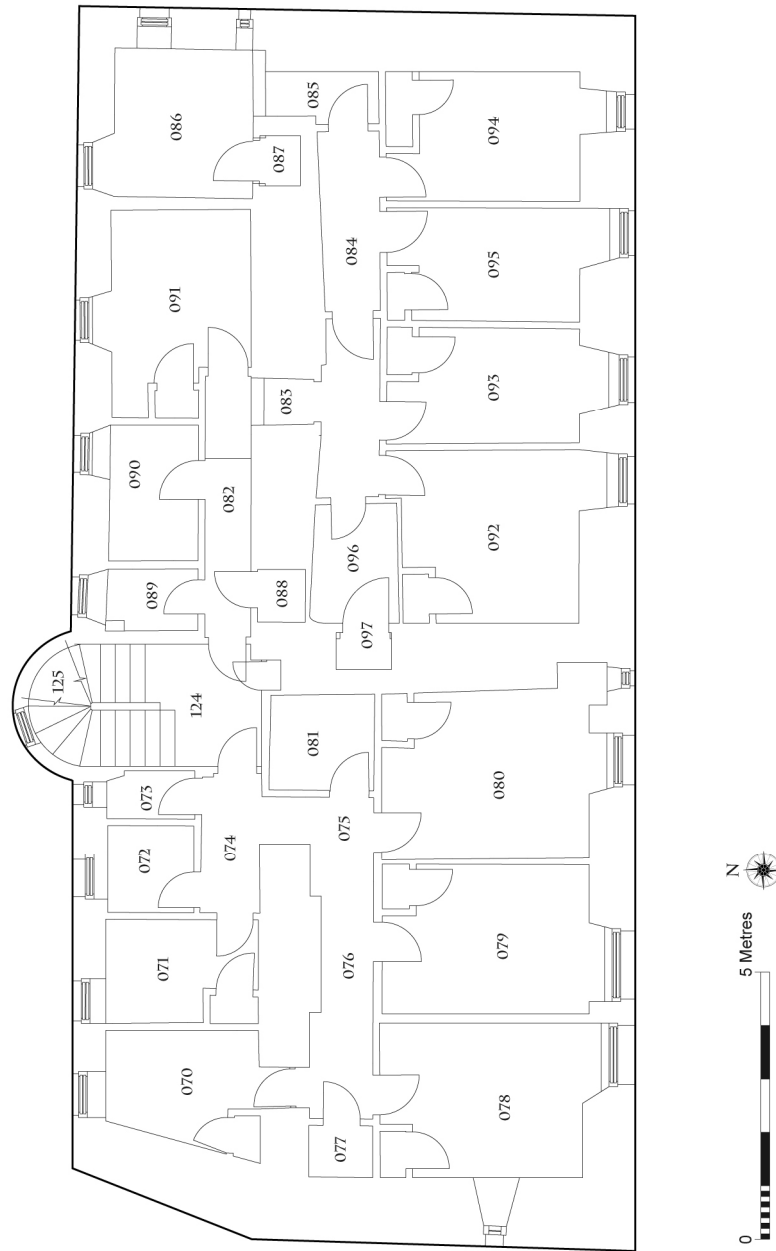


Figure 1-4: Abbey Strand Second Floor with Component Numbers

The following document is intended to show the process of investigation – both desk based and on site, towards a synthesis of the available evidence. The latter was in turn defined on site, by variations in access and visibility, in part due to the ongoing use of the site for a range of activities from retail to storage. However, it is hoped that by describing the various

aspects of the study, the assimilation of the available evidence is intended to be the conclusion of a logical process. Historical documentary research was reviewed along with historic graphics. Key diagnostic structural features – doors, windows, decorative mouldings, the timberwork, etc., were then identified and together with the desk based research a timeline for the development of the property was defined. This evidence is expressed in terms of a series of *Periods*. The walls and fabric of the complex were then recorded in detail, prioritising the same key diagnostic features and any accessible spaces where historic surfaces and masonry were still exposed. This exercise saw investigation within the attic spaces where walls and timber were relatively untouched by 20thC repairs etc. The whole complex was then deconstructed in terms of *Phases* - a sequence of consecutive events, comparable to the principles of stratigraphy used in buried archaeology. The resulting *matrix* was set against the historic *Period* sequence, to create a narrative for the site, from an early medieval date, to the present. The *Periods* define the principal frame of reference for presenting the building narrative – which describes the changes in the building fabric and layout, in response to changes in occupancy, association and prestige.

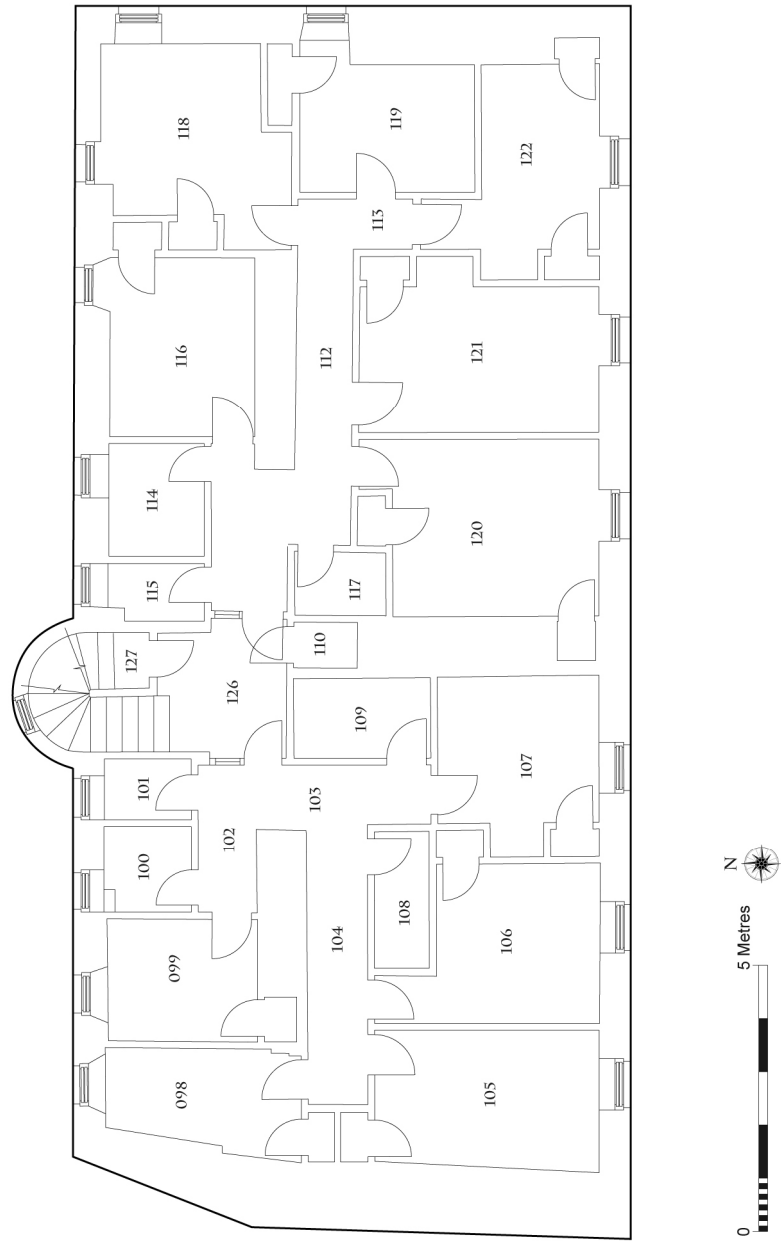


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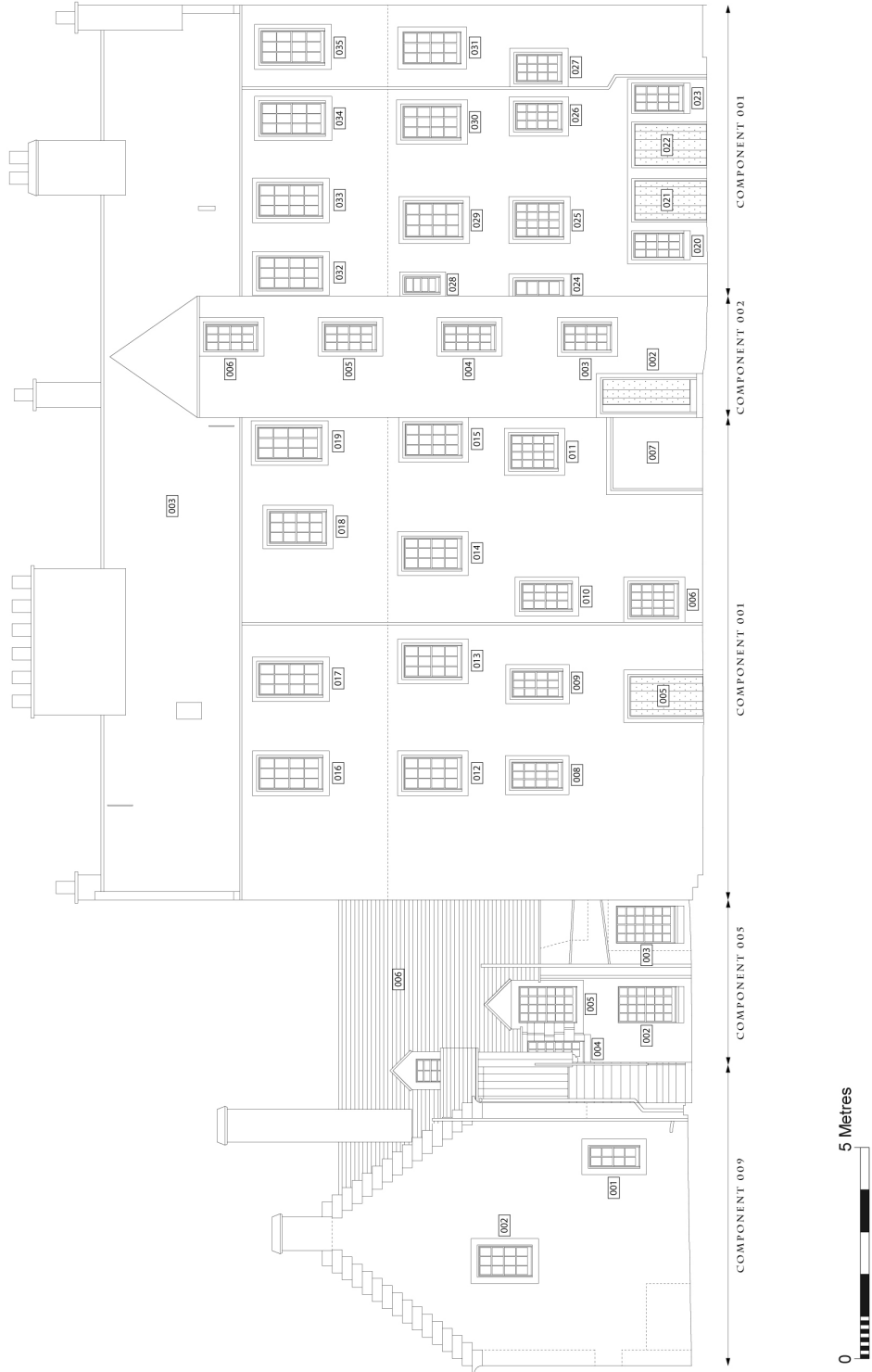


Figure 1-6: Abbey Strand N external elevation with Component / Feature Numbers

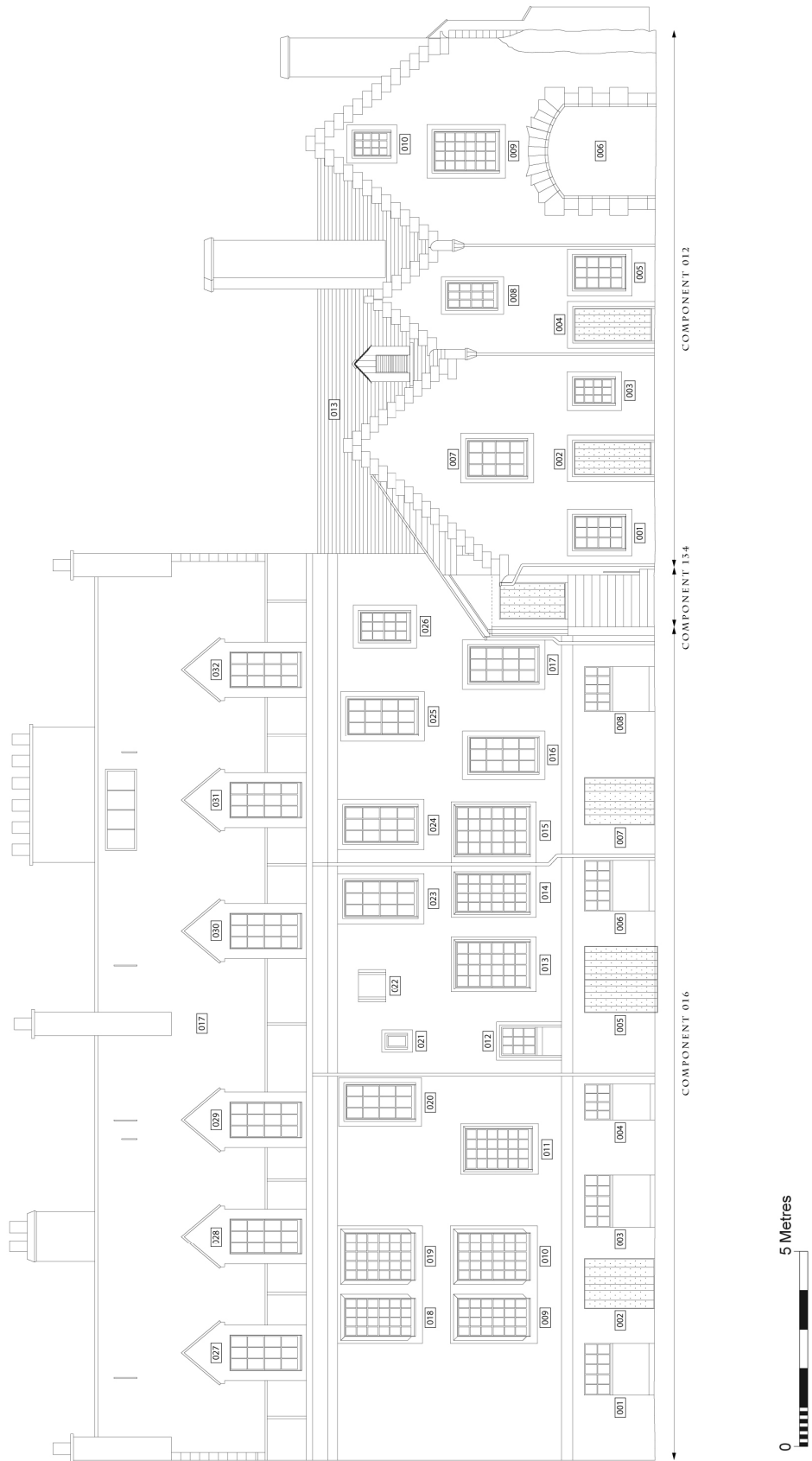


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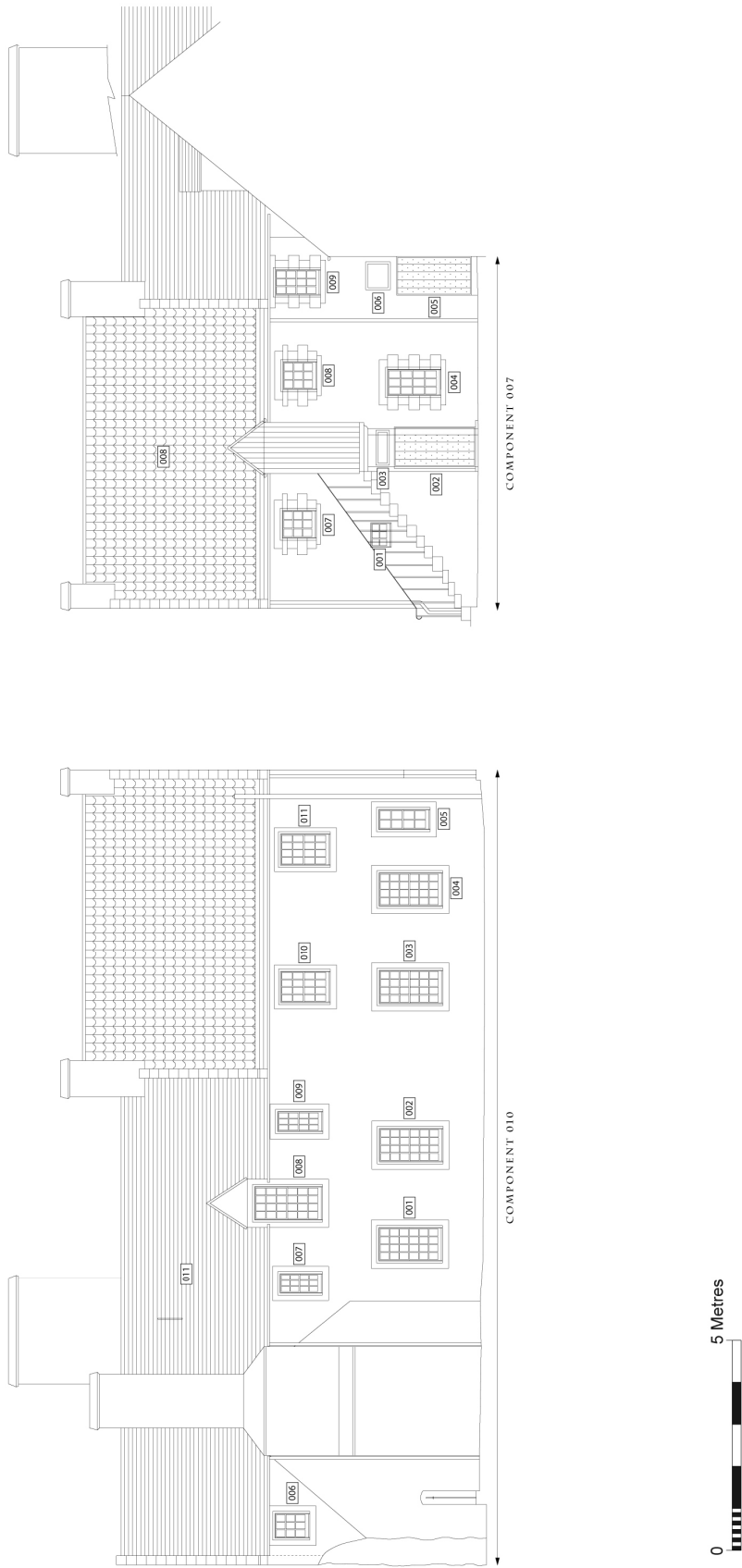


Figure 1-8: Abbey Strand E (bottom) and W external elevation with Component / Feature Numbers

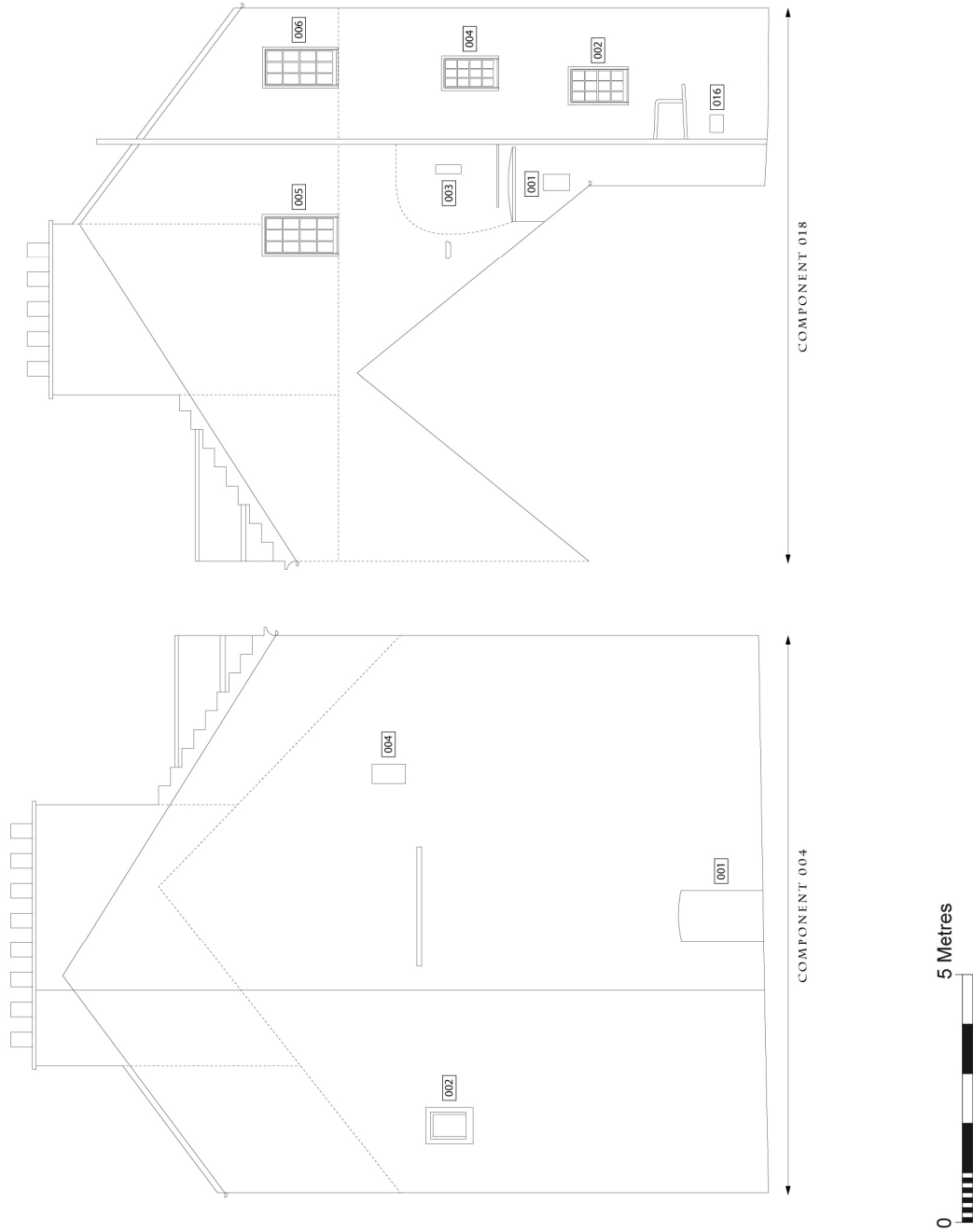


Figure 1-9: Abbey Strand W (bottom) and E external elevations with Component / Feature Numbers

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2 Abbey Strand History - Dennis Gallagher and Paul Sharman

2.1 Abstract

NGR NT 26796 73937. A programme of archaeological standing building recording was completed at Abbey Strand, Edinburgh between 10/08/2011 and 14/12/2011. The work was undertaken on behalf of the Royal Collection Enterprises Ltd. with the support of Historic Scotland.

2.2 Introduction

Abbey Strand lies immediately to the west of the former gate of Holyrood Abbey. It lies on the north side of the Canongate and was bounded on the east by the great North Garden of the palace and by the Watergate on the west. The property was within the precinct of Holyrood Abbey, adjacent to the public access to the abbey church, an eastward extension of the High Street of the Canongate. As well as parochial functions, the abbey was concerned with general hospitality and welfare. By the later medieval period this tended to become institutionalised in the form of hospitals or almshouses, which housed a small number of poor/ elderly persons. The latter were usually obliged to pray for their benefactor, hence the term 'bedesmen' for the inmates. By the late 15th century the land of Abbey Strand had been granted for the use of the hospital of S Leonard.

2.3 House of the Hospital of St Leonard 1490-1570

2.3.1 Building Summary

The building at this stage part of the complex of service structures within the monastic precinct that were gradually absorbed into the sphere of the expanding royal palace. It sat next to the abbey gatehouse, soon replaced by the new palace gatehouse erected for James IV. The building is shown on the so-called 'English spy's view of Edinburgh of 1544, depicting the invasion of that year when the building was damaged, along with many others in the Canongate.



Figure 2-1: English spy's view of Edinburgh of 1544

The earliest record is as part of the medieval hospital of St Leonard. A hospital of St Leonard had been in existence since the early 13th century, although details are not known. The earliest actual building evidence is photographs of a heraldic panel with the arms of Abbot Crawford (1460-83), taken in 1965 (HS Photo Library BD/EDI/IDD/388/1-3). The exact location of the panel was not noted, and the masonry of the present façade is hidden by harling, but the photograph shows it cut on the right by a windowsill and jamb and a lower windowsill is visible on the left. This configuration points to the location being at the E window of the second floor of the W building. If the location is correct, then this panel is evidence that part of the building is of mid 15th date. Abbot Crawford carried out extensive building work at Holyrood including the erection of the great buttresses supporting the church. The hospital was reconstituted in 1493 by Crawford's successor, Abbot Robert Bellenden, who may have completed an ongoing building project (Cowan and Easson 1976, 176). An almshouse for six poor men was established within the chapel of St Leonard to the south of Edinburgh, giving its name to the present district. Its chaplain was given an existing 'great mansion' near the gate of the monastery, on the north side of the Canongate', ie the present Abbey Strand (Innes 1840, 238; Forrest, 1864). It is not clear if the property served as a residence for the priest or whether it was meant to generate income to support the new hospital foundation. The property is mentioned in an entry for 6 July 1507 in the *Protocol Book of James Young* (Donaldson 1952, 387 no 1755) when David Rouch was given Sasine of the property 'of a waste land lying near the monastery of Holyrood, on the north side of the High Street, between the common north port of the burgh and the highway, on

the west, the land or garden of the abbot and convent, pertaining to the chaplain of the chapel of St Leonard, on the east, the garden of the sacrist of the said monastery on the north, and the common way on the south'. In 1513 this land ownership of the land was transferred to both David Rouch and his wife, Egidia (Donaldson 1952, 42, no 1974).

The building was been rented to the king. Alexander Boyd, chaplain of St Leonard's received rent in 1542 from John Drummond, master wright and gunner, 'in the king's name for 'ane tymmerhous' (TA8, 107). Further rent was paid in 1542 by George Balglavy, keeper of Holyroodhouse, for the tymmerhous occupied by John Drummond (Paton and Smith 1940, 122; TA8, 107).

In the latter months of 1541 James V was preparing for the ill-fated military campaign that would result in his defeat and death at Solway Moss in the following year. Weapons were collected in the environs of Holyrood; on 2 November, 3000 pikes of white ash, 500 pikes of Spanish ash and 500 halberts were stored in the 'hous att the abbay yett' which belonged to the priest of St Leonard's' hospital. The house required a certain amount of alterations before the weapons could be stored, including the 'breckin doun of twa wallis of mud and clay', presumably to create a large enough space. They were transferred to the castle in the March of the following year (TA8 xxi and 120).

A charter of 1561 by Robert, commendator of Holyrood granted the chaplaincy of St Leonard to Alexander Chalmer, his chamberlain, (when vacated by Sir Andrew Bartrahame (Paton and Smith 1940, 63-4 and 66).

On 20 June 1556 Sir Andrew Bartrahame, chaplain of St Leonard, with the consent of Robert commendator of Holyrood, granted to William Bell, burgess of Stirling, and Sibilla Drummond, his wife 'all and whole the great mansion and bigging under and above with the yards thereof and their pertinents pertaining to the foresaid chapel lying beside the yett of the abbey of Holyroodhouse on the north part of the street (Smith and Paton 1940, 123). This wording, echoing that of the 1493 grant, was repeated in all later documentation up to the 20th century, despite changes to the building's structure and status.

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The commendator and sacristan and six of the poor of the hospital stated the mansion had been destroyed by the English and was never rebuilt or restored therefore they grant it and the two crofts of St Leonard's called Terraris croft and Hermitis croft in feufarm to Andrew Chalmers for payment to Alexander Chalmers, sacristans, £5 Scots annually for the mansion (Paton and Smith 1940, 123-5).

2.4 The Renaissance Mansion 1570 - 1630

2.4.1 Building Summary

Abbey Strand was rebuilt in the late 1560s, a splendid structure convenient for the royal court of Mary Queen of Scots (1561-68) and later James VI. It is at this time that the western building takes its present form, possibly as a lodging for courtiers.

2.4.2 Andrew Chalmers

One effect of the Reformation was to accelerate the release of former monastic lands. One such person who benefited from this was Andrew Chalmers, chamberlain to the commendator of Holyrood. Chalmers acquired the lands of the hospital, both the Abbey Strand property and the actual monastery of St Leonards. A similar exploitation of land in, or adjacent to, the outer courts of monasteries has been noted in recent studies of 16th-century housing in London and Norwich (Sloane 2003; Gilchrist 2005, 59). Chalmers seems to have evicted the remaining occupants of the hospital, despite their resistance:

'Action by Andrew Chalmer, feuar, of lands called Herrett and Terraris croftis against George Purves and John Shortt for the violent occupation of the said lands comparit the said Johne productit ane nynetene yeir tack of the lands libellit made and grantit be the beidsmen of St Leonard with the consent of Robert, commendator of Halyrudhous for the tyme and convent thairof to the said George.. in the name of the said beidmen and under the common sill of Robert Carmichael procurit for the beidmen of the dait at

Halyrudhous the ix day of Julii ad 1559 together with ane five yeir tak of the samin maid be the said George to the said Johne'

Wood, Court Book of the Regality of Broughton and the Burgh of Canongate, 245. 3 May 1570

Chalmers erected a new building, at Abbey Strand, described as 'newbiggit' in c1570. Later sasines, repeating earlier wording, describe this as having a 'skaillie [slate] roof', a notable feature in the 16th century, but commonplace when repeated in the 19th century.

The quilk day the baillies abonewritten decenis and ordains thair officiaris to pas to that greit mansioun land or bigging pertenand to Andro Chalmer and new biggit be him with the pertinentis liand beside the Abbay yett of Halerudhous beside Edinburgh on the north side of the calsay of the burgh of Cannogait at the eist end of the said burgh

Wood 1937, 199. 26 July 1570

The house belonging to Andrew Chalmers was one of a number within the bounds of Holyrood that was searched in 1569 by William Barrie and Henry Sinclair with men of war, in violation of the sanctuary (Hannah 1927, 66).



Figure 2-2: The Midhope Room during work in 1966-7, showing timber dated to the late 1560s

2.5 Seventeenth Century Prosperity 1630 - 1700

2.5.1 Building Summary

The main structure is still high status accommodation. It is remodeled and expanded; the interior included wooden painted ceilings. Buildings are erected to the rear of Abbey Strand, in Thomson's Close. The building is depicted on the 1647 view of Edinburgh by Gordon of Rothiemay.

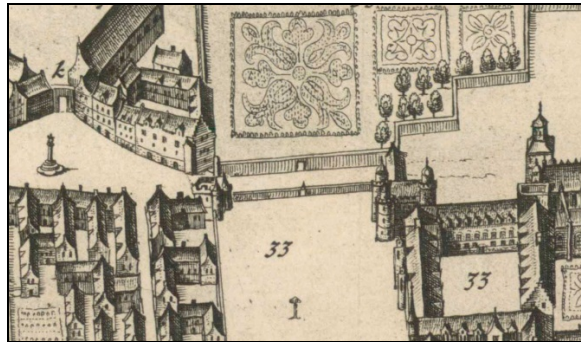


Figure 2-3: Detail from Gordon of Rothiemay 1647

2.5.2 William Chalmers

The Abbey Strand property passed in 1613, on the death of Andrew Chalmers, to William Chalmers, who held the position of clerk to the Treasury. He died in c 1639; his testament is dated 10 January 1639 (NAS CC8/8/59). The property passed on 14 May 1640 to his daughter-in-law, Joanna Chalmers, as nearest heir, and a week later to her son, Edward (Canongate Charter transcriptions):

Precept of sasine in favour of Mr Thomas Chalmers, son of James Chalmers, advocate, of a tenement of land or great mansion, garden and its pertinents, pertaining to the late Mr William Chalmers, Clerk of the Treasury, then to Edward Chalmers, the said Mr Chalmers being the nearest heir to James Chalmers. Reddendo 8 merks in name of annual feu farm with duplication of same at the entry of each heir.

At Canongate 18 May 1676

William married Egidie Auchinmowtie/ Auchmowtie on 27 January 1606. Together, they also acquired land in the south garden of Holyrood in 1617 (RMS 7, 580-1, no 1609). In 1685 Sir John Cowper executed an entail of the lands of Gogar, in favour of his daughter Mary

and her husband Thomas Chalmers, but it was reduced at the instance of his creditors by the Court of Session in 1696. The Gogar estate was sold by public auction in 1699.



Figure 2-4: Detail of early 17th century painted ceiling discovered in the Midhope Room

2.5.3 *James Hopkirk*

The property appears to have been divided into two parts about this time. One part passed to Helen Chalmers, a daughter of William Chalmers and in 1665 it was acquired then by James Hopkirk, surgeon and Janet Newlands, his wife (Canongate Charters). James Hopkirk had been apprenticed as a surgeon to David Pringle in 1639. James Hopkirk, surgeon married Janet Newlands 17 June 1647. In his capacity as a surgeon he was involved during 1661-3 in a legal dispute partly arising from his failure to cure a woman from the 'French pox' (NAS GD172/2207). In 1677 he took as an apprentice John Tait, son of the gardener of the same name. He was dead by 1690, his widow, Helen, marrying Robert Aikman on 30 December of that year.

2.5.4 *William Hopkirk*

James' son, William Hopkirk, a mariner, acquired half of the property on 31 August 1695 (Canongate charters). A number of bundles of customs receipts for goods shipped from London to Scotland were discovered during the 1916 restoration work at Abbey Strand. These related to various ships including one of 1689 for the "Sophia", of which William Hopkirk was the master (NLS GB233/Ch.1590-2). William Hopkirk died in 1706 and was buried on 1 July. His testament and inventory is dated 1 July 1706 (NAS CC8/8/82).

2.5.5 *Gavin Thomson*

Gavin Thomson, in his position as a Writer to the Signet (solicitor) had acted on behalf of the creditors of Thomas Chalmers of Gogar (NAS CS230/T/1/5/1). In 1729, the magistrates of the Canongate confirmed his acquisition from those creditors of a large mansion of land and buildings located between land owned by Alexander Hunter to the west and north, the King's gardens to the east and the common road of Canongate (Abbey Strand) to the south (HS deed AM244). Gavin Thomson's son, also Gavin Thomson, a surgeon in the Royal Navy, briefly transferred part of the property to Thomas Beath although this was later returned and this and other parts of the property were sold to David Lumsden or Lindsay, Henry Home and James Garrety, Porter at the Abbey.

Gavin Thomson gave his name to the close to the north of Abbey Strand, although the development preceded him.

2.6 Tenement and Ale Houses 1700 - 1916

The open environs of Holyrood palace were used as a place of leisure, a place where one could walk, eat, drink and enjoy life away from the crowded High Street. Abbey Strand had strong associations with the production and sale of alcohol. Part of the building is described as laigh still house sometime owned by Widow Symmington. Joseph Symmington is listed in Williamson's Directory for 1773-4 as a brewer in the Abbey Close. The ground floor of Abbey Strand was occupied by a row of taverns. The OS plan of 1852 marks (from west to east) the Crown Inn, the Abbey Tavern and the Queen's Arms at numbers 7, 11 and 21 Abbey Strand. These remained until 1915, although it was claimed that business had declined. The fittings of the public-house at 9 Abbey Strand, sold on the premises on 1 June 1915, included the mahogany counter, pumps, copper measures, forms, shelving, presses, cranes, hydrometer and bottles (*The Scotsman* 4 June 1915).

Abbey Strand also catered for another form of leisure activity. The eastern building of Abbey Strand was identified as 'Luckie Spence's House'. Lucky Spence was a well-known brothel-keeper, immortalised by the Edinburgh poet, Allan Ramsay, in his poems 'Luckie Spence's Last Advice' and its companion piece, 'The Whores of Edinburgh'd Lament for Want of Luckie Spence', both written in c1718. A footnote in an edition of his collected poems

published in 1800 states that Lucky Spence 'had her lodgings near Holyroodhouse' (Ramsay 1800, 297). The house is identified with more precision by Daniel Wilson as the eastern house of Abbey Strand (Wilson 1872, 2, 307).

The gradual social decline of the area accelerated in the late 18th century when fashionable society moved to the New Town and much of the Canongate became an industrial slum. The structure is subdivided. A new stair is erected at the rear. An extra floor is added to the main tenement in *c.*1800.



Figure 2-5: A view of the buildings at Abbey Strand in August 1903, before restoration (RCAHMS DP093672)

2.6.1 *Thomas Sommers*

Thomas Sommers, vintner, married Isobel Wauchope 28 April 1771 (Edinburgh Marriages). On 17 April 1786, Thomas Sommers, vintner, obtained from David Lindsay and Margaret Balneavis, his wife:

All and whole that great stone tenement back and fore under and above then possessed by them and others their tenants therein covered with a skailie slate roof...

...also that small laigh dwelling house and shop and garret above the same formerly possessed by Patrick Rattray and David Main and then by James Walker brewer in Canongate lying on the fore side and at the Southwest corner of the said great tenement

(NAS RS27/299.251)

...also that laigh still house formerly possessed by widow Symmington and then by Mally Seaton measuring thirteen feet six inches south to north and fourteen feet six inches east to west lying on the back side and at the north east corner of the said great tenement with the coal cellar below the forestair all the south east corner of the said great tenement

NAS RS27/299.250

The 1841 Census records a house occupied by Agnes Somers, aged 60, Janet Somers, 55, William Somers, 25, Thomas Somers, 20, William Somers, 8 and Elizabeth Dalgleish, 50m servant. The elder William and Thomas were of independent means.

2.6.2 James Garrety

On 4 Nov 1788 James Garrety, Keeper of the Abbey of Holyroodhouse, obtained from Gavin Thomson 1 Nov 1788 a ground floor property, consisting of three rooms, kitchen and cellar. This lay between a property already owned by Garrety on the east and that belonging to Thomas Sommers, vintner, on the west (NAS RS27/328. 43). James Garrety's daughter, Elizabeth (c 1777-1867) is recorded as occupying part of the building in 1847.

2.6.3 Division of the property

The documents relating to the sale of the whole of Abbey Strand in 1909 gives details of the recent divisions and changes of ownership. The terminology of the descriptions is somewhat archaic, repeating the wording of earlier sasines, sometimes of centuries before. It lists:

1. The great stone tenement of land back and fore under and above. Formerly possessed by David and Margaret Lindsay and others covered with skailie slates.
2. The small laigh dwelling house and shop and garret lying on the foreside and at the south west corner of the said great tenement: This was sometime possessed by Patrick Rattray Merchant and David Main and afterwards by James Walker Brewer in Canongate.
3. The laigh still house measuring 13 feet 6 inches from south to north and 14 feet 6 inches from east to west lying on the back side and at the NE corner of said great tenement with the coal cellar below the forestair at the SE corner of said great tenement
This was sometime possessed by widow Symmington and afterwards by Mally Seaton.

4. The dwelling house within the precincts of the Abbey of Holyrood House consisting of six fire rooms garrets and other conveniences bounded by the King's gardens on the east by that large tenement formerly belonging to Thomas Sommers and by Thomson's Close on the west by the said Thomson's Close on the north and by the King's Highway or Abbey Street on the south parts.
5. The three cellars north of the said dwelling house formerly possessed by Mrs Harrison with whole privileges and under the exception specified on the Instrument of Sasine in favour of the deceased John Miller sometime gardener at the Abbey of Holyrood House Edinburgh recorded in Register of Sasines 18 October 1810. John Miller, gardener, died 5 Jan 1826, aged 56 years. Formerly possessed by James Garrety and afterwards by Mrs Maria Stewart

In 1857 it was stated that Miss Miller possessed a house of six rooms. There was a dispute over the ownership of the three cellars to the north of this property, within Thomson's Court. The papers relating to this case include a plan of 1847 showing Mrs Garrety's lower house which occupied the western part of the area, to the E of the great tenement, occupying the space of the present entrance lobby and kitchen (AM244 K4; illus). A plan of around the same date shows that Miss Miller occupied the easternmost property, along with now-demolished buildings to the rear.

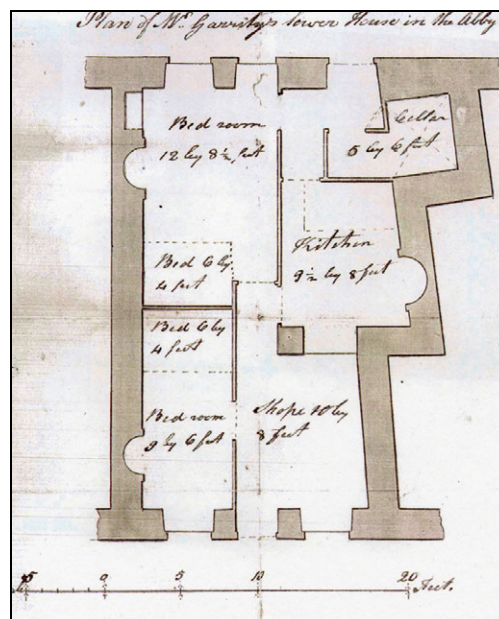


Figure 2-6: 'Plan of Mrs Garrity's lower house

House in the Abby [sic] (HS AM244 K2)

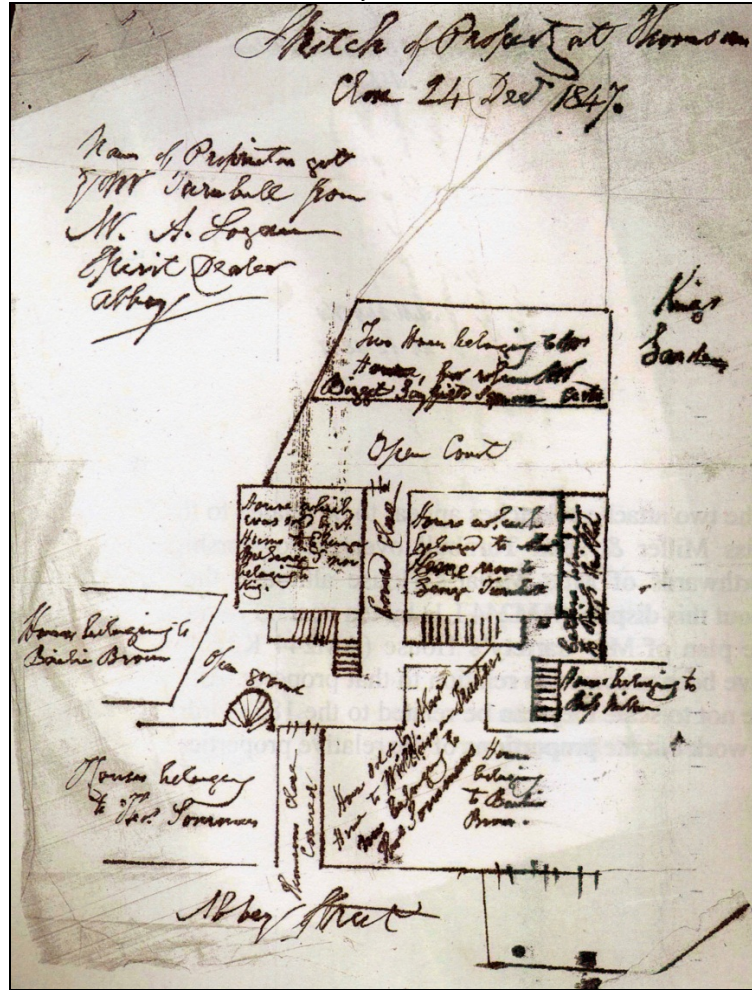


Figure 2-7: Sketch of Property at Thomson's Court
24 Dec 1847 (HS AM244 K1 24-12-1847)

The front property is noted as (reading from the right), 'House belonging to Thomas Sommers', 'House sold by Ken Hume to Wiliamsons Trustees now belonging to Thomas Sommers', 'House belonging to Baillie Broune [?]', and 'House belonging to Miss Miller for whom Mr Hutchison Keeper of Abbey Jail is Factor'.

The ground floor flat of the house consisting of three rooms kitchen and cellar bounded by the High Street on the south by the house sometime belonging to James Garrety and afterwards to Joseph Brown on the east by the house belonging now or formerly to Thomas Sommers Vintner in Edinburgh on the west and by the Close leading into the other subjects which belonged to the said Gavin Thomson upon the north parts.

Formerly belonging to Gavin Thomson Surgeon in the Navy, sometime possessed by Thomas Fraser Change Keeper (inn keeper).

2.6.4 *The Occupants*

Street directories of the time list the occupations and addresses of some of the people who lived on Abbey Strand. No 1 seems to have been the building demolished on the E side of the E building and the address was transferred to the E building. No 3 was the E building, No 5 was based on the forestair and No 7 was the ground floor on the E side of the W building. No 9 encompassed the upper floors and Thomson's Court, all accessed through the central pend, and No 11 was the ground floor on the W side of the W building. No 13 onwards referred to the buildings later demolished on the corner with Watergate. Occupants included spirit dealers, a shoemaker and the Keeper of the Chapel Royal as well as ordinary lodgers (Directory 1827-8 & 1837-8).

Details of the use of the buildings and the lives of their occupants can be found in 19th century newspapers. The ground floor was mainly occupied by shops and public houses. These include the Abbey Tavern, which was advertised for sale in *The Scotsman*, 27 August 1869:

Tavern (Old-Established Abbey) to be Disposed of, carried on for many years by the late Frederick Johnstone, Spirit-Dealer. A Lease can be got for three of Five Years. The Stock is light. Offers will be received for the Goodwill, Stock and Fixtures till 1st of September, to be addressed to Mr Cuthbert, No.7 Abbey Strand.

Many, though not all, the premises were public houses. An exception was the Holyrood Restaurant and Ice-Cream Shop at No 1 Abbey Strand, advertised for sale in *The Scotsman* on 23 July 1873. A shop and four back rooms at No 7 Abbey Strand was advertised from May 1885 to May 1887 as suitable for refreshment or dining-rooms (*The Scotsman* 8 May 1885).

As well as normal occupants, the abbey precinct was well known as a sanctuary for debtors, where they were immune from arrest. One notable debtor was the author, Thomas de Quincey. An account of a visitor to De Quincey during that time later related how he was easily found as Miss Miller's house was better known than the others. De Quincey is quoted as referring to 'a place of entertainment – it is called a public house – almost at the door (*Glasgow Herald* 21 September 1889). In 1827, Walter Scott had also seriously thought of taking refuge when in dire financial straits (Hannah 1927, 96-7). It is recorded that the author

Thomas de Quincey took refuge in the debtors' sanctuary between 1835 and 1840. De Quincey stayed as a guest of Miss Miller, who owned the easternmost property in Abbey Strand, the present shop. Imprisonment for debt was abolished in 1880, making the sanctuary and the necessity for people fleeing there to take lodgings defunct (Hannah 1927, 98). There is a record of a rather gruesome find from the E building, attributed to the 'desperate deeds occasionally practiced under the auspices' of Lucky Spence. A shoemaker, who lived in the building, attested that in the late 1850s that 'In breaking out a new window on the ground floor, a cavity was found in the solid wall, containing the skeleton of a child, with some remains of fine linen cloth' (Wilson 1873, 307). The exact location in the building is not recorded.

The newspaper accounts also highlight the violence and despair of some of the inhabitants in this densely occupied building. A number of suicides and attempted suicides are recorded. For instance, in 1848:

Desperate Attempt at Murder and Suicide

Yesterday afternoon a painter, named Archibald Lewis, residing in Abbey Strand, stabbed himself, it is supposed in a fit of insanity, with a sharp-edged instrument in several parts of the body, inflicting on himself in all twenty-four wounds. The wretched man then threw a quantity of gunpowder into the fire, by which his wife and two sons, the elder 16, and the youngest five years of age, were severely scorched. Aid was soon procured, and the whole of the sufferers were removed to the Royal Infirmary, where the man lies in a very precarious state, while his wife and children are suffering acutely, but are likely to recover.

In 1902 a woman attempted to commit suicide by throwing herself from the window of her house on the third floor of 9 Abbey Strand (*The Scotsman* 5 March 1902). In 1876 a ten-year old child survived with only minor injuries when she fell from the fourth floor (*The Scotsman* 30 August 1876). In 1900 a woman who lived at 5 Abbey Strand was granted separation from her husband, a retired soldier:

He often ill-used her, and was usually drunk for a month after lifting his quarterly pension. The witness gave details of assaults on her by the defender. He had been in India, and when he took drink he went fair mad (The Scotsman 20 February 1900).

On a lighter side, Abbey Strand was chosen, in 1873, as a place to demonstrate the capabilities of Edinburgh's latest fire engine:

Inspection of the Fire Brigade and Trial of the New Steam Fire Engine

... The engine is manufactured by Shand, Mason & Co, London, and is similar to the one which was purchased by Leith Corporation about a year ago... At Abbey Strand, on the way back to the fire brigade station, a trial was made with the 1 ½ and 1 inch nozzles, and water was thrown over the highest tenements in the neighbourhood (The Scotsman 24 February 1873).

2.7 Restoration 1916

2.7.1 Building summary

Under the architect, Thomas Ross, the main building was lowered and early windows restored. Internally, the accommodation was upgraded. Details of the restoration survive in the Edinburgh Dean of Guild records and in HS plans. The building remained in multiple occupancy, although with fewer inhabitants.



Figure 2-8: Thomas Ross 1916 restoration: Front elevation.
The former top floor in red outline, new work in yellow.

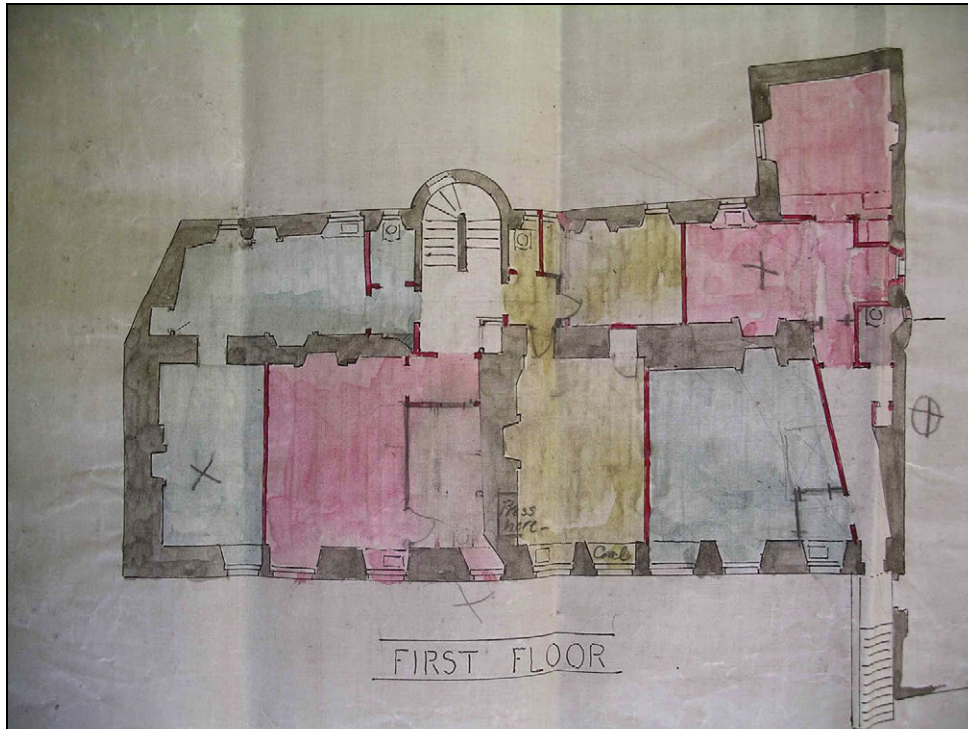


Figure 2-9: Thomas Ross 1916 restoration: the five different apartments of the 1st floor (Edinburgh Dean of Guild plans)

In 1911, the entrance to the palace was the focus of much discussion concerning the form of a memorial for King Edward VII. In a town planning exhibition early in that year, the restoration of the Abbey Strand buildings was proposed as part of a wider scheme for the erection of a medieval-style gateway to the palace. It was noted that ‘the cottages at Abbey Strand are of considerable historic interest and mark the eastern termination of the old town’ (*The Scotsman* 25 March 1911). An old shop sign from the building had already been donated to the National Museum in 1909 (*The Scotsman* 16 July 1909). The proposed scheme included the removal of the upper storey and the erection of three crow-stepped gablets on the street frontage. The house, it was suggested ‘could then be used as accommodation for gardeners and others connected with the palace’ (*The Scotsman* 25 March 1911). The restoration proposals for Abbey Strand followed in the spirit of the restoration and regeneration of the Canongate inspired by the work of Patrick Geddes. Previous work had included the restoration of Whitehorse Close (1889 by James Jeerdan), Huntly House, Moray House and Chessel’s Court.

The licensed premises that occupied the ground floor closed in 1915. Lucy Woodcock, who had the public-house at No 11 'received intimation to leave the premises' and applied for a licence for a new public-house license for 7 Kirkwood Place, London Road. It was stated that the public-house in Abbey Strand 'was one of the oldest businesses in Scotland, dating back to James I, in 1602, or thereabouts' (*The Scotsman* 14 April 1915). Shortly after this the fittings of the public house at 11 Abbey Strand were put up for sale:

Within Shop, 9 Abbey Strand. At Monday 1 June at Eleven o'clock

Public-House Fittings, Mahogany counter, Pumps, Copper Measures, Forms, Shelving, Presses, Cranes, Hydrometer, Bottles &c. (*The Scotsman* 4 June 1915)

The restoration did not happen until 1916 when Thomas Ross, architect, proposed on behalf of George Dalziel and Thomas Skene Essen to demolish the attic storey and rearrange the rooms of Abbey Strand 3,5,7,9 and 11 (ECA Dean of Guild Plan 19 January 1916, extracted 3 February 1916):

To remove the roof of that front tenement forming numbers three, five, seven, nine and eleven Abbey Strand, Canongate, Edinburgh, and demolish the present attic floor thereof, and lower the front and back walls, gables and chimneys, to put on a new roof, using the old material as far as practical, to put stone dormer windows on the front elevation, to rearrange the rooms on the various floors with breeze partitions, and to improve the passages in width and lighting and make the whole of each floor on one level, to provide a sink in each kitchen, and as regards the fifteen dwelling houses comprised in the tenement, to provide one water closet for each house, except in the case of two houses on the first floor, which will have only one water closet between them; and further to take down and remove the ruinous tenement situated on the back ground behind the said front tenement and the two storied house at the west end of the said back ground, with their outside stairs, the space at present occupied by such back buildings being left open.

Inside, the accommodation would be improved, the occupancy being reduced from about 25 families to 15. Also it was proposed to demolish the buildings of Thomson's Court, which

was carried out in 1922-3. The property was acquired in 1929 by Lord Dalmeny (later 6th earl of Rosebery) with a view to improving the amenities of the palace (*Hansard*, Lords 2 Dec 1936).³

2.8 Ministry and Palace: Tourism and Tearoom 1935 - 1963

2.8.1 Building summary

Further restoration work on the exterior was accompanied by structural strengthening of the interior. The ground floor of the eastern building was adapted for use as a tourist office and the 1st floor as a tearoom. Painted beams from Caroline Park were used to strengthen the ceiling of the latter. The western half of the 1st floor was used as a joiners' workshop. Additional steelwork was inserted in 1968-9 to strengthen the floors, after which painted beams salvaged from Midhope Castle were installed. Painted beams was discovered in situ during this operation.

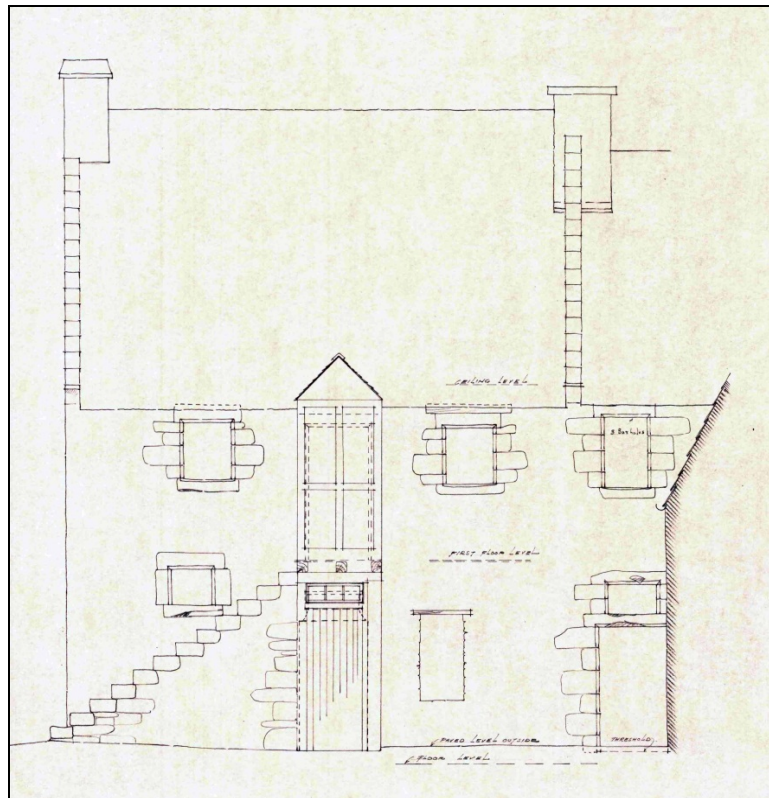


Figure 2-10: Elevation before the 1936 restoration
(HS plans 039-127-014 and 039-127-026)

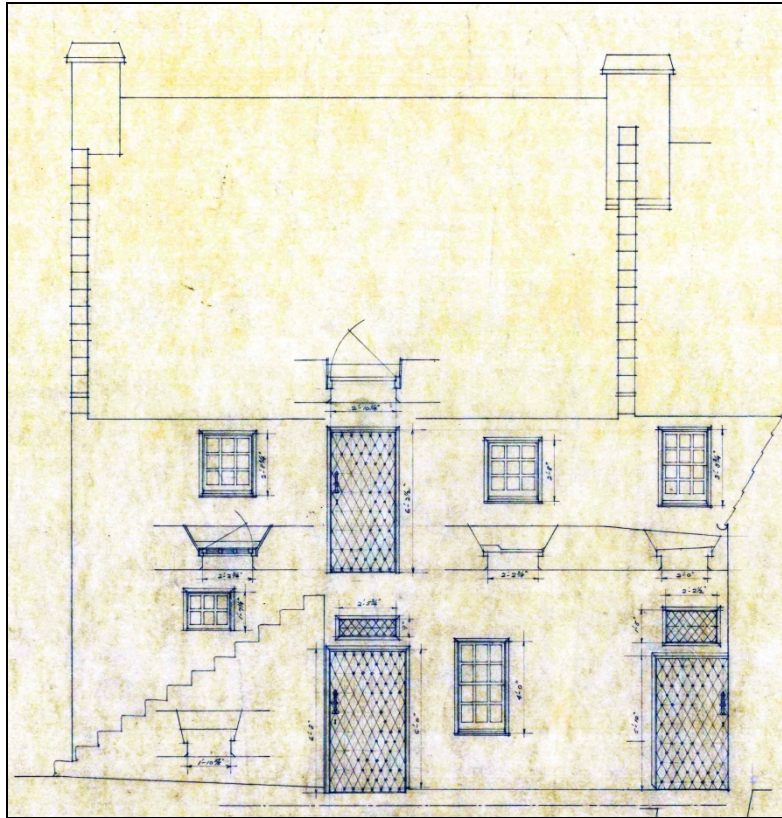


Figure 2-11: Elevation before the 1936 restoration
(HS plans 039-127-014 and 039-127-026)

In 1933 a report by the Sanitary Department declared the building unfit for human habitation. The then owner, the 6th earl of Rosebery gifted it to the office of Works (NAS MW1/886). Extensive restoration and adaptation of the building followed in the period 1934-7. This included the fitting of the east building as a tourist office and the strengthening of its floor with painted beams from Caroline Park (039/127/23). Alterations were made to the exterior to give it a more ancient vernacular appearance. In the main building, the west side of the first floor was reinforced with steel beams and columns.

A series of plans, sections and drawn specifications held in HS Drawing Office, dated between 1933 and 1937, show the wide-ranging nature of the work (031/127/N/1, 2, 4, 5, 10-15, 17-55, 57-60). These include very useful floor plans, sections and external elevations of the buildings as existing before the work started. Others show proposed alterations including internal divisions, floor strengthening, windows to be opened up, new doors, windows and stonework. There were also stair, roof and chimney renovations, areas to be patched, and new sills, lintels and rybats to be inserted. It appears that the coach-style arch

in the E building existed by this time. Contracts and specifications for plumbers, builders, joiners, slaters and plasterers etc also detail some of the work to be carried out (NAS MW/1/941). The plasterwork specifications include the statement that all on the old plasterwork on the ground floor of the E building had been removed and that one apartment was to have a barrel ceiling. An 'ancient' panelled and corniced plaster ceiling was to be repaired and extended the full length of one of the first floor rooms. Some of the HS Drawing Office plans referred to above outline the intended functions of the new rooms. The ground floor of the E building was to be offices and a tourist shop, whilst the first floor was to have tea rooms, kitchens and WCs. This included the first floor room in the W side of the W building, which functioned as part of the E block. The ground and first floors of the W building were to have stores, workshops a kitchen lounge and cloak rooms. Although the upper floors were to be turned into flats, they were to 'be left as existing in the meantime'.

There are pencil and ink drawings of the buildings from this period and of one of the wooden quaichs found during the work (031/127/N/7-9, 16 & 56). Almost all finds from the work were from the eaves & attic spaces, including shoemakers' lasts, clay pipes, wooden & earthenware bowls, glass bottles, parchments and documents (NAS MW/2/73). There was also a coin of Charles II from the back court. All were donated to the National Museum (Donations 1969, 295).

There are various letters and agreements between the Ministry of Works and catering companies on letting parts of the E and W buildings as tea rooms (NAS MW/1/941). This included fitting out the premises for catering purposes. The tea rooms did not make a profit and in 1940, the contractors tried to suspend their lease. However, it was not until 1942 that the company was allowed to close the tea-rooms because of the War. They sublet it to Mr J S Richardson, Inspector of Ancient Monuments as his dwelling and minor alterations were carried out to facilitate this (Edinburgh Room Watson Notes vol 14, 352). There was a little difficulty in getting Mr Richardson to vacate the property; there were even thoughts of getting an application of clearance. The premises were vacated in 1950, and permission had to be sought from the Secretary of State to convert them back into tea rooms (SRO DD/27/605). These alterations, which included the creation internal partitions and the

insertion of water and drainage services are recorded on plans in HS Drawing Office (031/127/N/61-65).

The clearance scheme around Abbey Strand was revived after the War. A report for the Corporation condemned the buildings left in N Thomson's Court and the Watergate as third class housing 'of no architectural value', fit only for demolition (Macrae 1945, 7 & plans 2-5). The whole block, except for 1-11 Abbey Strand and Queen Mary's Bath House, had been cleared and the roads widened by 1950; it was passed over to HMOW in 1952 (DD/27/603). The OS 1951 edition confirms this state of affairs and there are several photographs from the 1950s and early 1960s recording the Abbey Strand Frontage (see appendix sections A1.2.1 and A1.3 below). Little work appears to have been done on the buildings during this period, after the tea room facilities were recreated.

2.9 Further Conversion 1963- 1999

The next period of intensive work at Abbey Strand took place between 1963 and 1970. In 1970-1 the upper floors converted into a residential Civil Service college and overflow staff accommodation during royal visits (NAS DD/27/177). The E building was in use as tea-rooms and an exhibition space. 24 single bedrooms were created on the upper floors. The eastern part of the building, including the Midhope Room, was used as a tearoom. The alterations are recorded on HS Drawing Office plans 031/127/N/75-87, 90-94. A small section of painted ceiling was discovered in 1957, during repair work, above a window in the joiners' shop (inf John Crae). The ceiling was resealed with plasterboard. Further reinforcing of the main building was carried out in 1968-9 with the insertion of further steel beams (039/127/78). A painted ceiling removed from the then derelict Midhope Castle, West Lothian (NT 07283 78685) was erected in c1966-7 and fragments of an in situ painted ceiling, discovered during the work, removed.

Its use as accommodation came to an end in 1999 as the lack of alternative stair access did not meet health and safety requirements.

3 Periodisation (David Murray and Dennis Gallagher)

3.1 Introduction

The following document describes the evolution of the site in terms of seven historic Periods of use. These derive from the synthesis of documentary research and archaeological phasing and form the principle frame of reference for any assessment of significance – cultural, archaeological, architectural etc.

3.2 Periodised plans and elevations



Figure 3-1: Periodised Ground Floor plan with Component Numbers

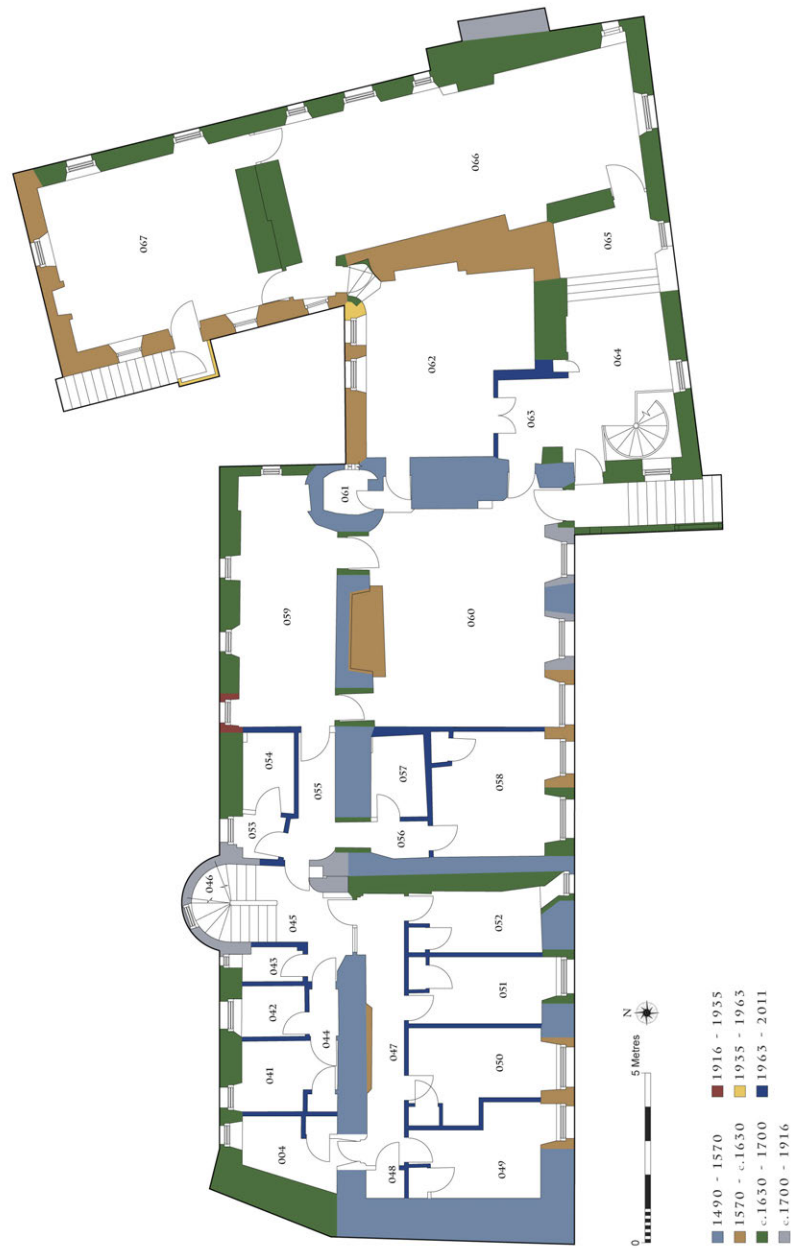


Figure 3-2: Periodised First Floor plan with Component Numbers



Figure 3-3: Periodised Second Floor plan with Component Numbers



Figure 3-4: Periodised Third Floor plan with Component Numbers



Figure 3-5: Periodised N external elevation with Component / Feature Numbers



Figure 3-6: Periodised S external elevation with Component / Feature Numbers

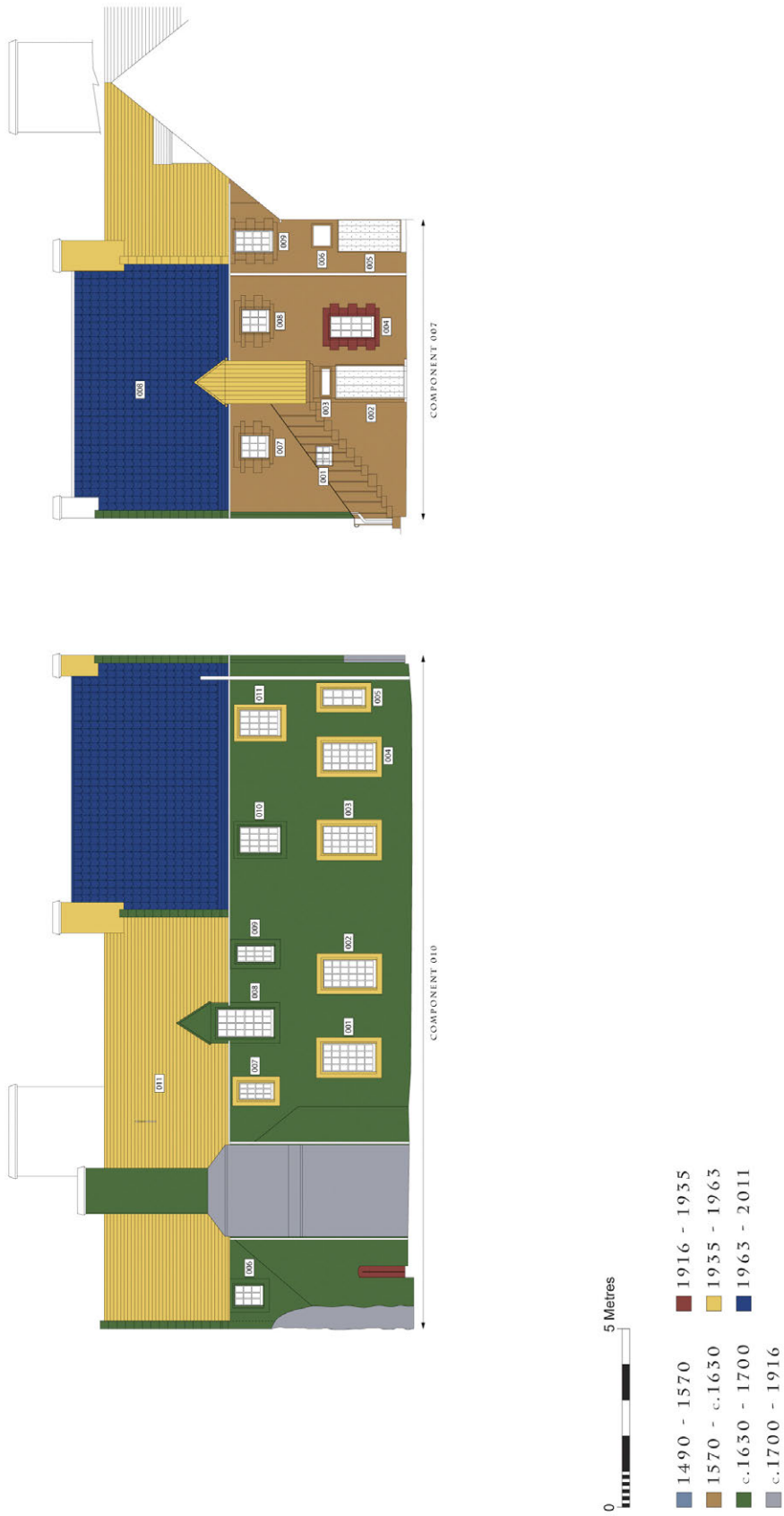


Figure 3-7: Periodised E (bottom) and W external elevations with Component / Feature Numbers

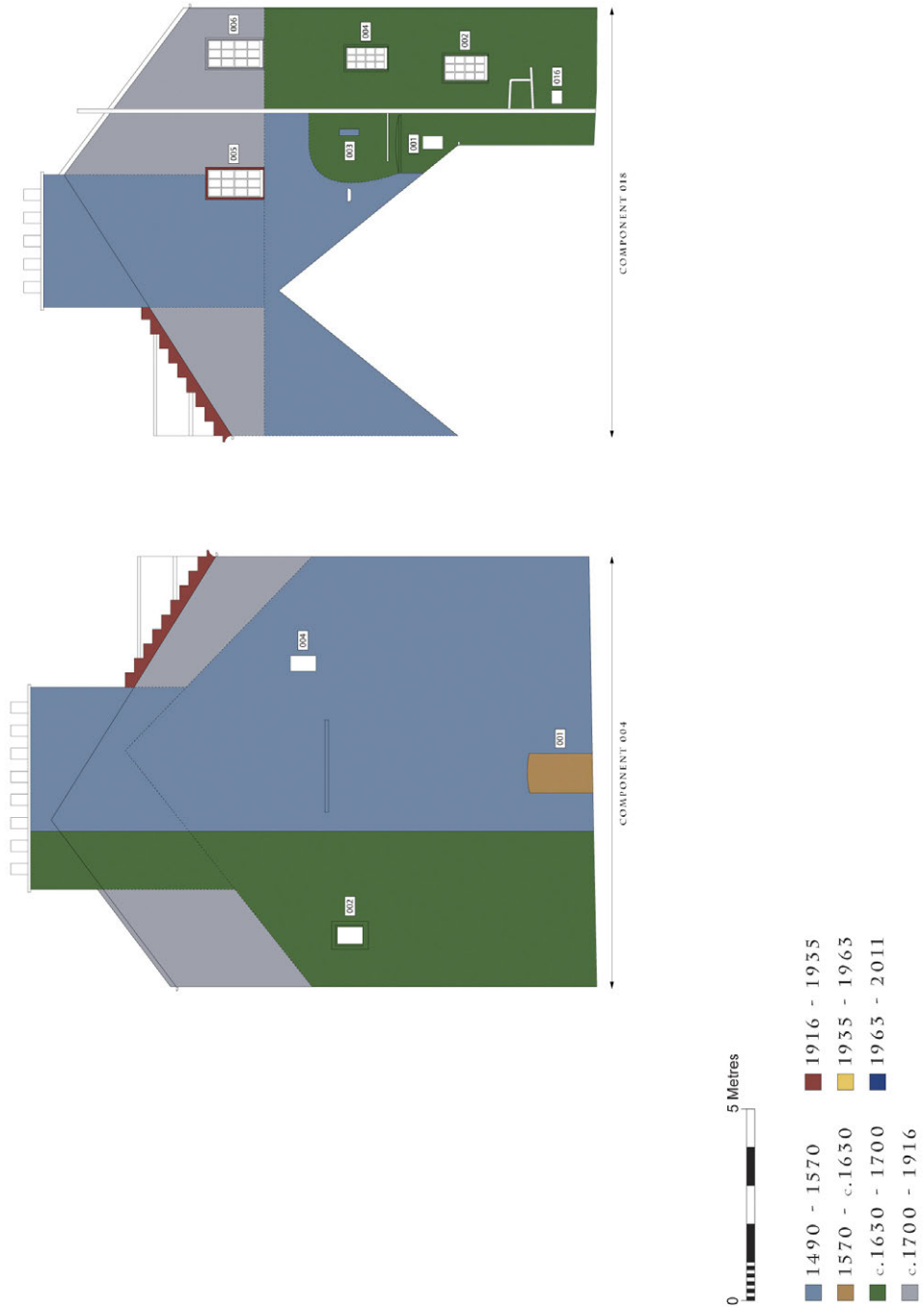


Figure 3-8: Periodised W (bottom) and E external elevations with Component / Feature Numbers

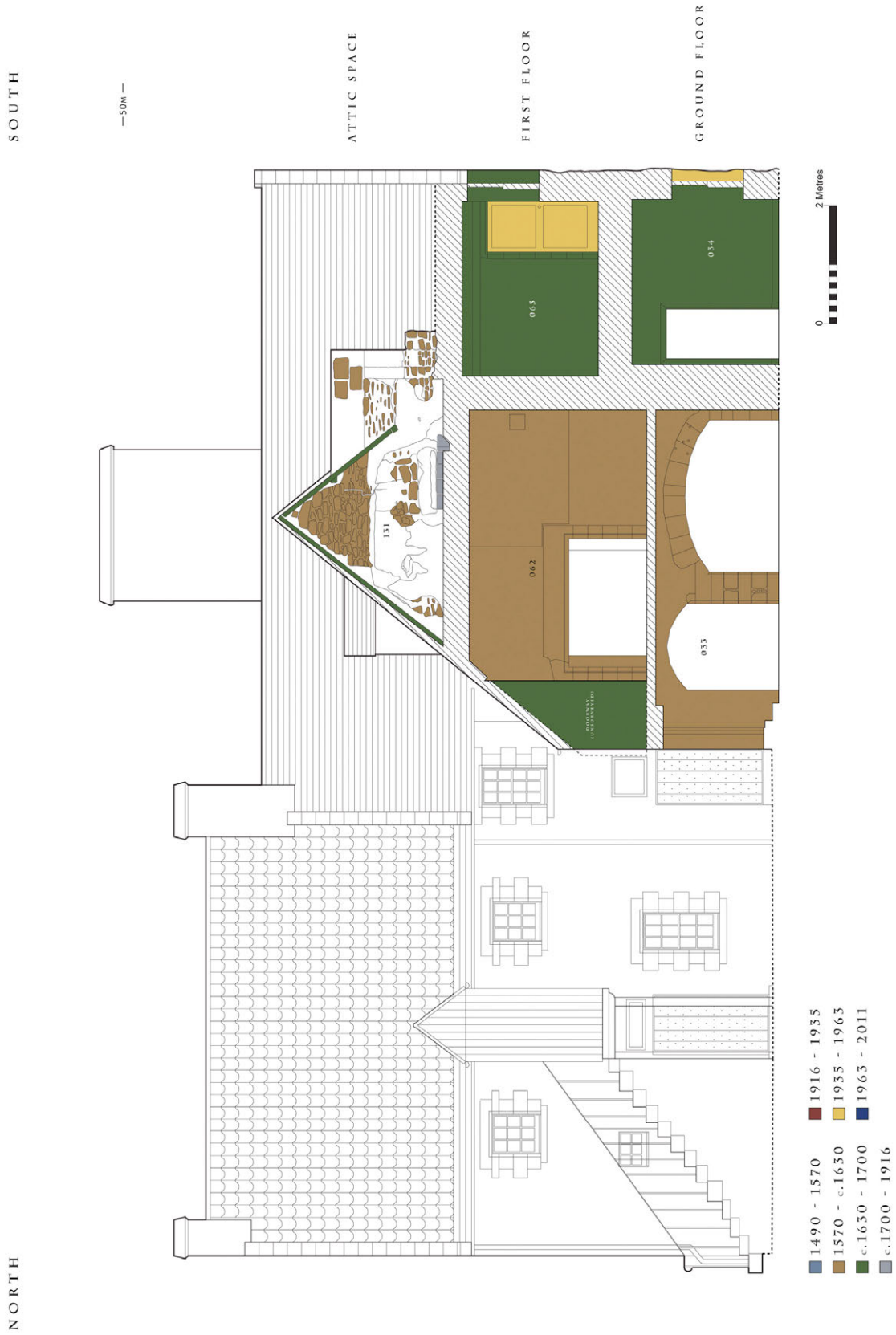


Figure 3-9: Periodised internal N/S section with Component Numbers

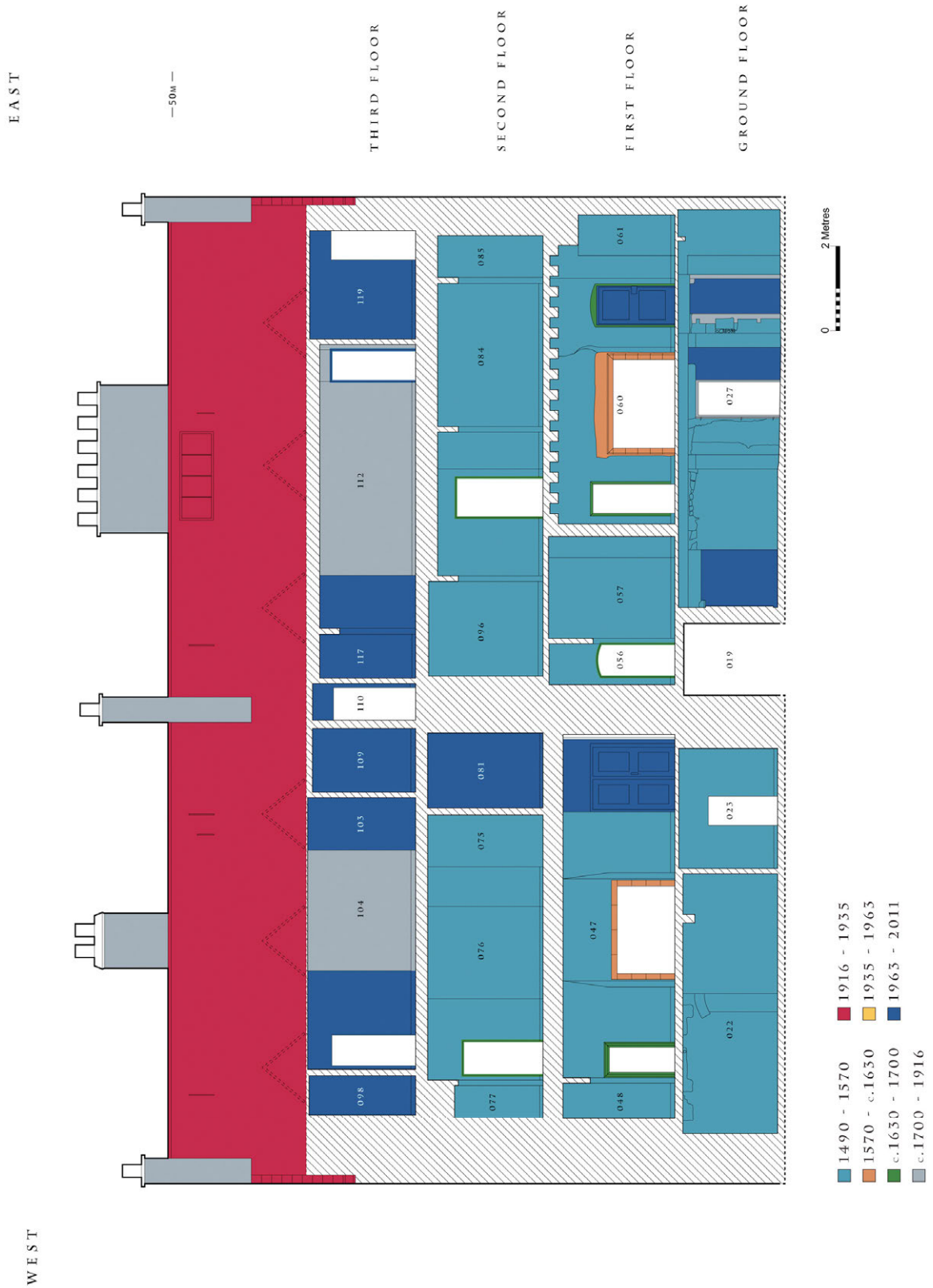


Figure 3-10: Periodised internal W/E section with Component Numbers

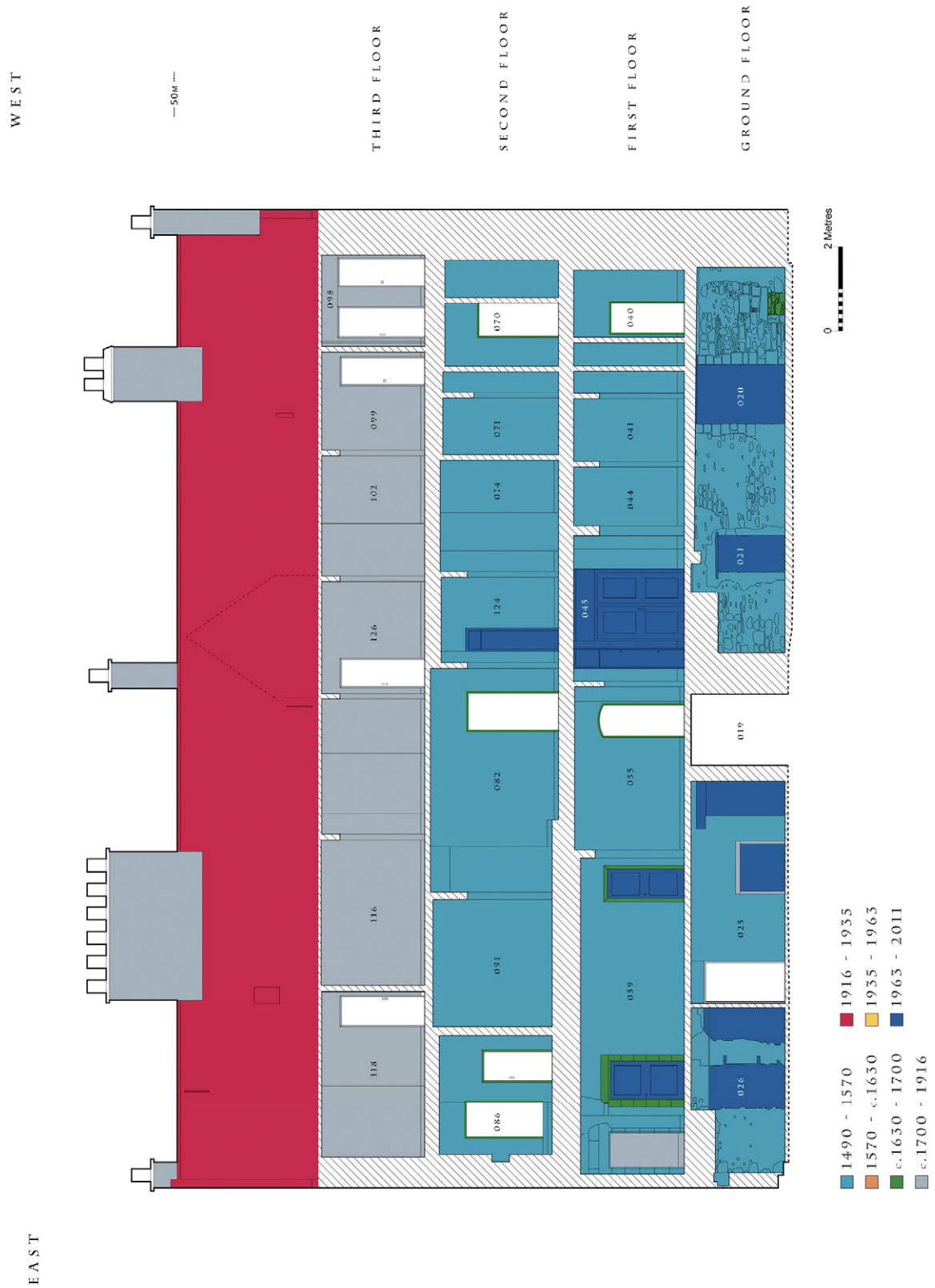


Figure 3-11: Periodised internal E/W section with Component Numbers

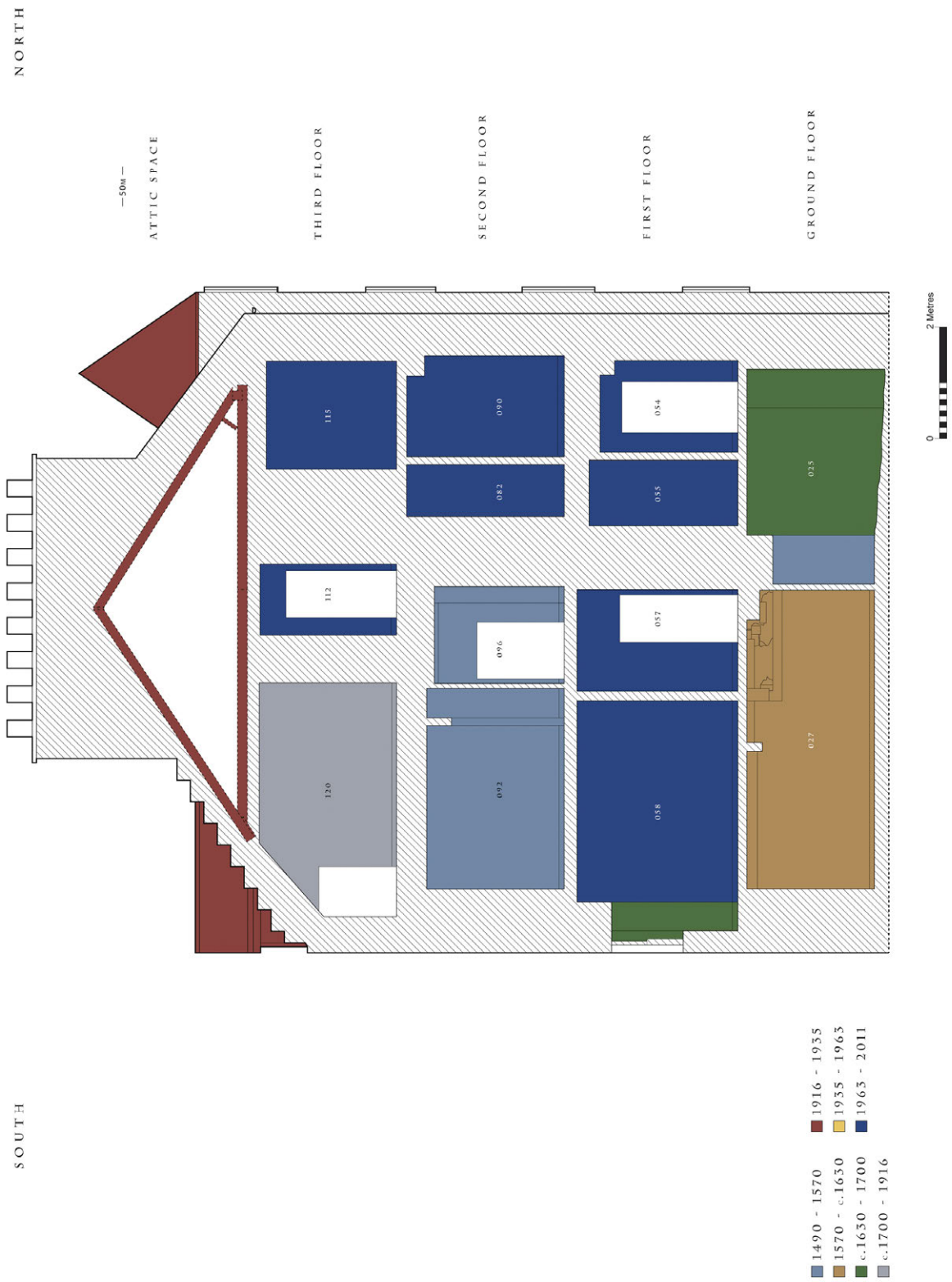


Figure 3-13: Periodised internal S/N section with Component Numbers

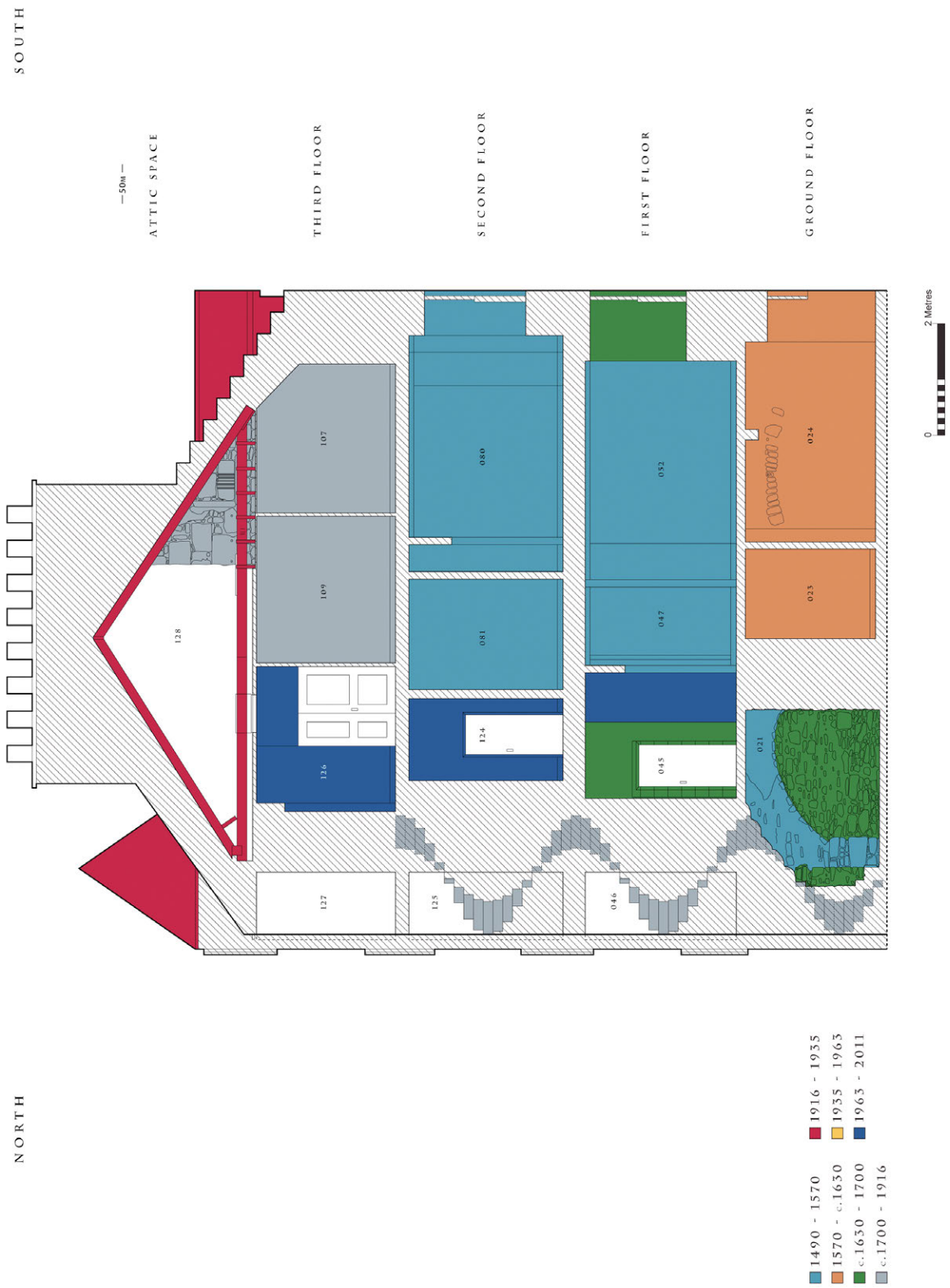


Figure 3-14: Periodised internal N/S section with Component Numbers

3.3 Period 1: 1490 - 1570

Abbey Strand lies in the triangular space at the foot of the Canongate. In the centre of this space was the Girth Cross, which marked the boundary of the Holyrood precinct. Here the High Street led both to the palace and to the Watergate (the present Abbeyhill), the principal entry to the city from the E. The building lay within the precinct of Holyrood and its sanctuary but outside the main ceremonial gate of the abbey, medieval in origin but rebuilt by James IV, which was situated a little to the E. This area formed an intermediate area between the sacred space of the monastery and the secular space of the burgh. One of the functions of this area was that it housed the charitable aspects of the monastery, in which the sacred reached out to the needs of the secular. In the later medieval period this function became more institutionalised with the creation of hospitals or almshouses as homes for a number of poor persons. The inmates were often called *bedesmen*, from their obligation to pray for the souls of their benefactors. This intermediate space between the monastery and the burgh included the hospital of St Leonard at Abbey Strand and the hospital of St Thomas Martyr, situated in the Watergate. There was a similar situation at Westminster, which had rights of sanctuary until 1697, and an almonry to the west of, and on the main approach to, the main monastic complex. Scottish examples include the almonry of Arbroath Abbey and St Mary's almshouses at Old Aberdeen, both of which was situated on the main approach to the abbey church but outside the walls of the precinct.

This period saw the main block is created, a rectangular structure of three storeys plus a probable attic space, 23.3 m long by 7.5 m wide. There is a principal N- S partition, running up through the building, represented today at ground level by the W wall of the Pend (although this wall is thickened in Period 2), making two units, with the E slightly larger than the W. Both units had a turnpike stair in their NE corner, totally destroyed to the W and only partially surviving to the E today. The surviving elaborate first floor door faces N. An arch in the room below may have supported a stair. There appears to be a blocked door from the E stair internal to the building at ground floor level leading W.

Both E and W gables have evidence for a string course partially surviving, and in the E gable two corbels are preserved below this, suggesting a pitched timber roof built against the main block. This could belong to a timber gallery, which may have continued around the S side of

the building (with the evidence hidden by the phase 3 N extension) to connect to the N facing doors to the turnpike stairs. At the S end of the E wall at 1st floor level there is a door leading to this gallery and/ or a stair down to Abbey Strand. This door has a setting for an armorial panel above it.

A set of small windows displaying a distinctive hollow chamfer is thought to belong to this phase, with one example in all four external walls. Those in the gables are high and may have been attic windows, while that in the N wall is trapped behind the Phase 3 N extension, demonstrating that they pre date this phase. A series of fireplaces may have existed in the N wall of the first and second floors, one each side of the cross wall. These sites were in turn enlarged in Period 2, augmented with roll moulding decoration. The masonry adjacent to the latter is presently covered, so their precise relationship is not known, but it is suggested that although they date from Period 2 in their present form, they may originate in Period 1. Further damaged large fireplaces exist in the E and W gable walls at ground floor level.

3.3.1 Ground Floor

Two rooms or more. Function unknown but possibly storage/ kitchen.

Component 022	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in S wall (016002), one in W wall (018001) and two in N (020041 and 020050). Stair access in NE corner?
Windows	three in S wall (016001, 016003 and 024079)
Fireplaces	One in W wall (022145)
Function	Service- possibly a kitchen

Component 027	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in S wall (016007), one in N wall (025011) and two in the E (027032 and 027033). Stair access in NE corner (represented today by blocking 027018)
Windows	Two in S wall (016006 and 016008), one in N (025009)
Fireplaces	One in E wall (027022), historic plans show one in the N wall, not seen so period not known.
Function	Service- possibly a kitchen.

3.3.2 First Floor

Two rooms or more. Function residential.

Component 047	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in N wall? (to turnpike and stair timber gallery)
Windows	Four in S wall. All are later (two are Period 2, two are Period 3), but may reuse existing apertures
Fireplaces	One in N wall (047011), historic plans show one in the W wall, unseen (and now demolished) so period unknown
Function	Formal space

Component 060	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in E wall (060045- to timber gallery/ stair, with heraldic device (?) 063631 above it externally), door in N wall? (also to possible timber gallery)
Windows	Five in S wall. All are later (two Period 2, one Period 3 and two Period 4), but may reuse existing apertures
Fireplaces	One in N wall (060014), historic drawings show one in the W wall (obscured today), no sign of one in the substantial E wall, which has a flue within it.
Function	Formal space

Component 061	
Plan	Circular
Access	One door in N wall (059040, now blocked), steps up and down (now removed)
Windows	One in E wall (004001)
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access. Stair which once ran the height of building, and was matched by another to the W.

3.3.3 Second Floor

Two rooms or more. Function residential.

Component 076	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in NE corner to turnpike stair (destroyed)
Windows	Four in S wall, one original (016021), two are Period two inserts one is Period 4, may reuse existing apertures. 016021 is in an alcove inset into the S end of E wall 080002, thought to be created in Period 2 when the E wall is thickened.
Fireplaces	One in N wall (hidden today), early plans show examples in the W and E walls, currently unseen.
Function	Private space?

Component 084	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in NE corner to turnpike stair (destroyed)
Windows	Four in S wall, all later (Period 4) masonry, may reuse older apertures
Fireplaces	One in N wall (hidden today) further smaller example shown in N wall and possibly E wall in historic plans.
Function	Private space

3.3.4 Attic Component

Two rooms or more. Function residential.

Component Not numbered, space destroyed. W side of building	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Unknown. Could have been turnpike stair in NE corner
Windows	One in W wall (018004)
Fireplaces	Unknown
Function	Unknown

Component Not numbered, space destroyed. E side of building	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Unknown. Could have been turnpike stair in NE corner.
Windows	One possible example (single stone) in E wall (131043)
Fireplaces	Unknown
Function	Unknown

3.4 Period 2: 1570 - c.1630

This period saw Abbey Strand benefit from its close proximity to the royal court and the reconstruction of the medieval building and its complete transformation to secular use as a high status courtier dwelling. It would have stood alongside the gatehouse of the abbey and together they would have formed the dominant group of buildings at the foot of the Canongate, before the entry to the palace. There was a garden to the rear, adjacent to the royal privy garden. The entry to the upper floors was from the N, within this garden area. It was a building worthy to sit next to the royal palace.

This development of high status tenements in the outer courts of former monasteries, often by their gates has been noted recently in London and in Norwich. The Reformation of 1560 facilitated the acquisitions of former monastic property and its conversion to secular use, as happened at Abbey Strand. The internal layout of Abbey Strand, with four similar-sized fireplaces on the two principal floors, suggests that it is a prestigious tenement development, possibly the earliest surviving example in Edinburgh of a type that would come to typify the housing of the city. It was faced with fine ashlar and the quality of construction and accommodation of this stacked lodging may have been inspired by the stacked royal lodging of the nearby James V Tower of the palace. In general, the reconstruction of the building fits a pattern seen elsewhere in the Canongate, for example, at Huntly House, c 1560 and John Knox's House.

In Period 2 the kitchen is built against the E gable of the Period 1 block. This a two storey structure some 6.5 m deep. Its N wall is parallel to and continues the line of the N wall of the main block, while its E wall is angled towards NW- SE (close to the alignment of the shop), meaning it varies from 7.9 to 6.8 m E- W. The S wall has been removed and is bridged by Period 3 timbers.

The E wall of the kitchen has a large fireplace on both floors, with the 1st floor example similar to those of the main block. The windows and single door of the N wall display simple chamfers, similar to those of the Period 3 N extension, but with their stones seemingly derived from more varied geological sources.

This style of windows is matched in the W and N walls of the shop, while all windows in its E and S walls display raised margins. This implies some older masonry survives in the W and N walls, re used in Period 3. An apparent change in the quoins at the N end also seems to indicate two phases of build for this structure, although the stonework of the walls construction is too obscured to make out a clear boundary. The E wall of the kitchen is angled NW- SE, corresponding to the alignment of the former W wall of the North Garden of the palace. The quoins suggest a structure of similar width to the present shop (6.4 m), and the windows indicate it was two storeys high, but its length is unknown.

Within the main block a series of three (with a probable 4th example rebuilt in Period 4) elaborately moulded paired windows are inserted into the S façade of the building. These large S facing windows provide symmetry to the facade, and project a message of wealth and prestige. A further small example of the same moulding, centrally located above the entrance to the Pend, represents either a single window in the same style, now blocked, or the setting for an armorial panel. Large fireplaces at first and second floor level indicate a series of four similar units occupying the 1st and 2nd floors. Dendrochronological analysis of the former floor joists over the Midhope room (E side of the main block at first floor level) show that they date from this period. Photographs showing these beams prior to their removal seem to indicate that they are inserted into a pre-existing wall.

It is suggested that the Pend is inserted in this period, a corridor 1.7 m wide and 2.2 m high running N- S through the building at ground floor level. This is created by inserting its E wall (which only appears at ground level), reducing the width of the E side of the building at ground floor level. The implication of the Pend is that access is now required to the N, to a precursor to Thompson's Court. The W wall of the Pend is also thickened on its W side, blocking a Period 1 window at ground floor level. This seems to be to provide an extra fireplace at ground floor level (and possibly higher up, these examples have not been seen).

3.4.1 Ground Floor

Function unknown, possibly service and kitchen use. Some possibly use for brewing/distilling.

Component 022	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in S wall, one in W wall and two in N. Stair access in NE corner? All Period 1.
Windows	Three in S wall, with 016004 replacing 024079 to its E, when the E wall is thickened, one in E wall (024024) through this thickening.
Fireplaces	E wall thickened by adding 024002, with fireplace 024008 integral to it. Period 1 W wall fireplace still in use.
Function	Service- possibly a kitchen. Addition of a second fireplace indicates the room may have been internally subdivided, but it is unknown how.

Component 027	
Plan	Rectangular. W wall 019001 inserted to create component 19 (Pend), reducing the size of component 027.
Access	One door in S wall, one in N wall and two in the E. Stair access in NE corner? All Period 1.
Windows	Two in S wall, one in N all Period 1.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 1, one unseen fireplace shown in N wall
Function	Service- possibly a kitchen.

Component 019	
Plan	Linear
Access	N and S ends (019030 and 019010)
Windows	One in W wall (024024)
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access

Component 029	
Plan	Roughly square, angled E wall
Access	One door in N wall (005001), two in W wall (027032 and 027033), unknown in S wall.
Windows	One window in N wall (005002), unknown in S wall
Fireplaces	One in E wall (033013), early plan shows another in the W wall, currently obscured so of unknown period.
Function	Service

Component 035/ 036	
Plan	Rectangular, probably similar to current shop range.
Access	Two doors in W wall (007002 and 007005). E and S walls unknown.
Windows	One in W wall (005001) original, one inserted in W wall (Period 5) and one in the N wall (Period 6) which may recycle existing sites. E and S walls unknown.
Fireplaces	Unknown
Function	Unknown

3.4.2 First Floor

The principal building has two apartments, each with one major room, possibly with a smaller subdivision at one end, and a timber gallery to the north. Access from the N by means of a stair.

Component 047	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in N wall? (to hypothetical timber gallery and turnpike stair) of Period 1.
Windows	Two new windows inserted into the S wall (016009 and 016010), which may reuse older apertures.
Fireplaces	One in N wall (047011) and demolished fireplace of unknown period in the W wall.
Function	Formal space. Possibly subdivided internally along the line of the inserted windows partition.

Component 060	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in E wall (to timber gallery/ stair), door in N wall? (also to timber gallery) Both Period 1.
Windows	Two new windows inserted into the S wall (016014 and 016015), which may reuse older apertures.
Fireplaces	One in N wall (060014) and unseen fireplace in W wall.
Function	Formal space. Possibly subdivided internally along the line of the inserted windows partition.

Component 061	
Plan	Circular
Access	One door in N wall of Period 1, steps up and down (now removed)
Windows	One in E wall of Period 1.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access. Stair which once ran the height of building, and was matched by another to the W.

Component 062	
Plan	Roughly Square, angled E wall
Access	Door in W wall (062076- could be a later insert)? Unknown in S wall.
Windows	One in N wall (005005), unknown in S wall.
Fireplaces	One in E wall (062042)
Function	Private?

Component 066/ 067	
Plan	Rectangular, probably similar to current shop range.
Access	One door in W wall (007087, approached by external steps 007010). E and S walls unknown
Windows	3 in W wall (007007; 007008 and 007009), one in N wall (009002), E and S walls unknown..
Fireplaces	Unknown
Function	Unknown

3.4.3 Second Floor

The arrangement on this floor echoes that of the first floor. It also has two apartments, each with one major room, possibly with a smaller subdivision at one end, and a timber gallery to the north. Separate access to each apartment from the N by means of their own turnpike stair.

Component 076	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in NE corner to turnpike stair (destroyed) of Period 1.
Windows	Two new windows inserted into the S wall (016018 and 016019), which may reuse older apertures.
Fireplaces	One in N wall (hidden today). Unseen fireplace shown in W and E walls.
Function	Private space?

Component 084	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in NE corner to turnpike stair (destroyed) of Period 1.
Windows	Two windows in the S wall (016023 and 016024) inserted in Period 4- but close spacing suggests that these were paired windows of Period 2, matching 016014 and 016015 below, themselves replaced in Period 4.
Fireplaces	One in N wall (hidden today), unseen fireplaces shown on plan in N and possibly E walls.
Function	Private space

3.4.4 Attic Component

Function unknown.

Component not numbered, space destroyed. W side of main block.	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Unknown. Could have been turnpike stair in NE corner
Windows	One in W wall (from Period 1)
Fireplaces	Unknown
Function	Unknown

Component not numbered, space destroyed. E side of main block.	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Unknown. Could have been turnpike stair in NE corner.
Windows	One in E wall (from Period 1)
Fireplaces	Unknown
Function	Unknown

Component 129/130	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Unknown
Windows	Unknown
Fireplaces	None
Function	Unknown

Component 131	
Plan	Roughly square, angled E wall
Access	Unknown
Windows	Unknown
Fireplaces	None
Function	Unknown

3.5 Period 3: c.1630 - 1700

This was a period of prosperity and expansion of the building which still functioned as a high status dwelling. The first floor rooms had a decorative painted ceiling. It reflects the growing prosperity of the burgh and its proximity to Holyrood which, although it no longer had a royal court, was still the centre of national government.

This period covers much activity across the range of buildings, and it is in this period that the complex reaches the main elements of its present ground plan. The main block is extended some 3.4 m N, with the Pend extended to run through it. The W wall of this extension is angled roughly SW- NE, indicating that it related to an adjacent structure or boundary. It is thought that the Period 1 turnpike stairs continue in use, with their N facing doors at first floor level now serving the N extension.

Apertures, both doors and windows, associated with this N extension all bear simple chamfers, but with much use made of fine grained pale grey sandstone, as well as some coarser pinkish sandstone. Two doors running through the former external N wall of the Period 1 block have these chamfers, indicating access through at this period. Other doors are obscured by plaster, so could belong to this phase, or be later alterations. Two windows in the S facade of the main block at 1st floor level seem to be alterations/ insertions of this period. Between these two is a further chamfered aperture, today a window, but with its lower portion blocked it was apparently built as a door. This indicates access from Abbey Strand in Period 3, presumably achieved via a forestair, just to the W of the Pend.

The eastern building reaches its present form in Period 3. This is a rectangular structure of two storeys and attic, c. 19 m in length. It is built around the earlier wall of the kitchen, as it projects eastwards slightly into the footprint of the shop; its N end (beyond the kitchen) is some 6.4 m wide, while to the S it is only 4.7 m wide. Its E wall closely matches the alignment of the former W wall of the palace gardens, today reduced to a single course of stones. The eastern building has a single stone internal division. To the S an extension (components 034 and 065) wraps around the S side of the kitchen, giving a small extra room at both floors in this SW corner.

Also within Period 3 an extension is added between the S side of the kitchen and the W side of the SW room of the eastern building, demonstrating the structural complexity of this period. It is in this phase that the gap in the S wall of the kitchen is bridged by timber and the current roof structure over kitchen, shop and S extension is created. A forestair is erected against the W side of the S extension. As noted for Period 2 the windows of the E and S (but not N and W) walls of the shop are in a uniform style, with raised margins and chamfers. This style continues around the S and W walls of the S extension.

3.5.1 Ground Floor

Function unknown. The present kitchen may have had that function and/or a use related to brewing/ distilling.

The basic layout was similar to that of today, with further buildings to the rear.

Component 020	
Plan	Rectangular, angled W wall
Access	Two doors in N wall (001021 and 001022), two in S wall of Period 1.
Windows	Two in N wall (001020 and 001023), possible destroyed window 021002) in N wall.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage/ service

Component 022	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in S wall, one in W wall and two in N. Stair access in NE corner? All Period 1.
Windows	3 in S wall of Period 1/2
Fireplaces	Period 1 W wall and Period 2 E wall fireplaces still in use.
Function	Service- possibly a kitchen. Addition of a second fireplace indicates the room may have been internally subdivided, but it is unknown how.

Component 027	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in S wall, one in N wall and two in the E. Stair access in NE corner? All Period 1.
Windows	Two in S wall, of Period 1. N wall window 025009 blocked by 025060
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 1 and one shown in N wall of unknown period.
Function	Service- possibly a kitchen.

Component 019	
Plan	Linear
Access	N and S ends of Period 2
Windows	One in W wall of Period 2.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access

Component 025	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in N wall (001005), one door in S wall of Period 1.
Windows	Two in N wall (001006 and 026004 (now blocked by 026005), one in E wall (004016).
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage/ service

Component 029	
Plan	Roughly square, angled E wall
Access	One door in N wall, two in W wall, unknown in S wall. All Period 2.
Windows	One window in N wall, unknown in S wall, Period 2.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 2, one in W wall of unknown period.
Function	Service

Component 034	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in E wall (034010).
Windows	Two in S wall (012004 and 012005, with 012004 now a door).
Fireplaces	None known.
Function	Storage?
Component 035	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in N wall, one in S wall (012006- now expanded (in Period 6) to an arch), two doors in W wall (034010, with 007005 reused from Period 2)
Windows	Two in E wall of Period 6, may reuse older apertures, S wall may have had one before door 012006 was expanded.
Fireplaces	One in E wall, early plans show another in the E wall and one in the N wall, not currently visible.
Function	Private dwelling space.

Component 036	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in S wall, one door in the W wall of Period 2
Windows	One in N wall, three in E wall of Period 6, may reuse existing apertures. One in W wall of Period 2, one of Period 5 which may reuse an existing site.
Fireplaces	One in S wall, plans show one in the N wall, not currently visible.
Function	Private dwelling space.

Component 028	
Plan	Roughly square, S wall angled to others.
Access	Door in N wall (028014), large gap in N wall (blocked today by 028002) of Period 3, door in S wall of Period 6 (door shown in this position from at least Period 5), door in W wall (not now visible, to component 135, other side is 027033).
Windows	Two in S wall of Period 6, reusing earlier window sites (shown in Period 5 plan in the same position).
Fireplaces	One in W wall (not visible).
Function	Private dwelling?

Component 134	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Open to S, door at N end (060060), door to E (064040)
Windows	One in W wall
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access

3.5.2 First Floor

High status residential. The rooms of the principal building had one principal room with another smaller room on the street frontage and further rooms to the N. The front rooms had a decorative painted ceiling.

Component 047	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in N wall 047005, possibly another at the E end, damaged by the Period 4 N stair. Door inserted in S wall (016012), now a window, possibly originally a Period 1 window. Implies (timber?) fore stair from Abbey Strand.
Windows	One new window inserted into the S wall (016011), which may reuse an older aperture.
Fireplaces	One in N wall of Period 1 and demolished fireplace in W wall of unknown period..
Function	Dining room?

Component 060	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in E wall (to timber gallery/ stair) of Period 1. Three doors in the N wall (056004; 060010 and 060028) seen, one other (between components 055 and 057) shown on plans, all of which could be inserted in this Period. One or more could be Period 1 (leading to a hypothetical timber gallery), and all could be later though. Door inserted in S wall (060060), leading to component 134 and providing access from Abbey Strand.
Windows	One new window inserted into the S wall (0160013), which may reuse older apertures.
Fireplaces	One in N wall of Period 1 and one shown in W wall, obscured today.
Function	Dining room?

Component 040	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in S wall (040027) forced through Period 1 external wall. Door in E wall (045013) may have been access to component 059 (relationship destroyed by Period 4 N stair). Door in S wall to NW turnpike stair? (Destroyed, but would have been Period 1 door, originally providing access to timber gallery.) Probable door in N wall (001027, now a window) to demolished structure built against the NW corner of the N extension.
Windows	Three in N wall (016024; 016025 and 016026).
Fireplaces	Fireplaces shown in N and S walls, not seen so date unknown.
Function	May have been part of a private dwelling- bedchamber at back of public space 047?

Component 059	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in S wall to NE turnpike stair (Period 1, originally leading into a possible timber gallery), two doors inserted/ altered in S wall (055042; 059063 and 059077, historic plans show an aperture between components 55 and 57, which is obscured today and so was not numbered.) Door in W wall (055033).
Windows	Three historic windows in N wall (001008; 001009 and 001011), Period 5 window in N wall may reuse existing aperture. Window in E wall (004002).
Fireplaces	One shown in historic plans in S wall, not seen.
Function	Possibly a bedchamber, serving public space 060 to the S.
Component 062	
Plan	Roughly Square, angled E wall
Access	Door in W wall (062076- could be a later insert)? Unknown in S wall.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 2, unknown in S wall.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 2.
Function	Dining room?

Component 061	
Plan	Circular
Access	One door in N wall of Period 1, steps up and down (now removed)
Windows	One in E wall of Period 1.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access. Stair which once ran the height of building, and was matched by another to the W.

Component 064	
Plan	Rectangular- thought to be separate from component 065 (which form a single space (on two levels) today. S wall angled.
Access	Open space to N (may have been partitioned along this line), unknown to E, door in W wall (064040).
Windows	One in S wall (012007), one in W wall (064045).
Fireplaces	One in N wall, One shown in early plans in the S wall.
Function	Possibly a private bedroom off the S side of public space 060?

Component 065	
Plan	Rectangular- W wall (now missing) angled to others?
Access	Door in E wall (065011), unknown in W wall.
Windows	One in S wall (012008).
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage?

Component 066	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two doors in N wall (066011 and 066089), door in W wall (066066)
Windows	Three in E wall (010006; 010008 and 010009), further window in E wall is Period 6, but may reuse a historic opening. Window in S wall (012009) and in W wall of Period 2. Note 010008 and 012009 seem too high for the current plaster ceiling.
Fireplaces	One in W wall (066071), chimney breast in E wall (066003) has no fireplace today, but may be covered over.
Function	Private dwelling- dining area?

Component 067	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Two doors in S wall (066011 and 066089), door in W wall of Period 2 approached by an external stair.
Windows	One in N wall and two in W wall all of Period 2. two in E wall, one original (010010) and one a Period 6 feature that may recycle an older window.
Fireplaces	One in N wall, one in S wall, both covered over.
Function	Private dwelling- bedroom?

3.5.3 Second Floor

High status residential in the principal building echoing that of the floor below in that the rooms of the principal building had one principal room with another smaller room on the street frontage and further rooms to the N.

Component 076	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in NE corner to turnpike stair (destroyed) of Period 1. Two doors (076005 and 076008) cut through the N wall.
Windows	Three older windows (Period 1/ 2) and one later (Period 4) in the S wall
Fireplaces	One in N wall (hidden today) of Period 1. Unseen fireplace shown in W and E walls.
Function	Private space- dining?

Component 084	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in NE corner to turnpike stair (destroyed) of Period 1. 3 doors in the N wall (082020; 087003 and 088003), all cut through the Period 1 N wall.
Windows	4 windows in the S wall of Period 4 may reuse existing openings.
Fireplaces	One in N wall (hidden today), plans show a further smaller fireplace in the N wall, and a possible one in the E wall, none of which have been seen.
Function	Private space- dining?

Component 070	
Plan	Rectangular, with an angled W wall.
Access	Two doors in the S wall (070028 definitely Period 3, 074006 could be later. E end damaged by construction of Period 4 N tower, so access to 082 to the E and the destroyed NW turnpike stair unclear.
Windows	Two historic openings (001028 and 001029) and two later windows (one of Period 4, one of Period 7) in the N wall, one in the W wall (018002) which is not visible internally.
Fireplaces	Historic plans show one in the W wall, not visible today.
Function	Bedchamber to go with dining space 076 to the S? spacing of windows in N wall suggests that this space could have been internally sub divided N- S.

Component 082	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Three doors in the S wall (082020; 087003 and 088003), all cut through the Period one N wall. W end unknown as rebuilt in Period 4.
Windows	One small example in the E wall from Period 1 turnpike stair (004003) retained, new window (004004) to its N. Four windows in the N wall, only one of which (001013) seems original, the rest are Period 4, although possibly reusing older window sites.
Fireplaces	None known.
Function	Bedchamber to go with dining area 084 to the S? Sheer number of doors and windows suggest internal subdivisions- although some of these apertures may belong to later periods.

3.5.4 Attic Component

Function unknown.

Component not numbered, space destroyed. W side of main block, extended in this period over the N extension.	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Unknown. Could have been turnpike stair in NE corner
Windows	One in W wall (from Period 1)
Fireplaces	Unknown
Function	Unknown

Component not numbered, space destroyed. E side of main block, extended in this period over the N extension.	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Unknown. Could have been turnpike stair in NE corner.
Windows	One in E wall (from Period 1)
Fireplaces	Unknown
Function	Unknown

Component 129	
Plan	Rectangular space above component 067.
Access	Unknown- probably involved a hatch in the floor.
Windows	One probable blocked window in the N wall (129002).
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage?

Component 130	
Plan	Rectangular space above component 066.
Access	Unknown, currently a hole forced through the N wall in Period 6/7. In Period 5 a hatch in the floor existed at the N end of the room, and this may well be true of Period 3.
Windows	One in the S wall (012010)
Fireplaces	None
Function	Storage?

Component 131	
Plan	Square with an angled E wall.
Access	Unknown. Today there is a hatch in the floor at the E end of the room, in Period 5 there seems to have been a hatch and a steep stair/ ladder in the SW corner of the space. Open to the S to component 132.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Storage.

Component 132	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Open to the N to component 131.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Storage?

Component 133	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Today accessed through a cut in its N wall of Period 7. May have been inaccessible in Period 3 (very small space.)
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Unused.

3.6 Period 4: c.1700 - 1916

The main use of the building in this period is accommodation and service. In the earlier part of this period the building could provide lodging for some of the respectable, though comparatively impoverished, gentry that sought refuge from imprisonment for debt in the Holyrood sanctuary. The area declines in the early 19th century following the building of the New Town in the late 18th century and the subsequent urban decay of the Old Town as the latter was abandoned by respectable society. The surroundings become increasingly industrialised and Abbey Strand is subdivided to as cheap accommodation for the workers. The ground floor had a number of taverns catering both for the town and for visitors to the abbey and its grounds.

In this Period major work is carried out on the main block and its N extension, with the addition of an extra storey to both structures. The N stair is also built in this period, destroying the W example of the Period 1 circular turnpike stairs, with the door of the earlier stair seemingly recycled as the front door of the new one. The NE jamb, demolished in Period 6 is also added, with windows altered to doors at the E end of the N face of the N extension allowing access.

All these works feature windows with a simple right-angled *arris*, built using now badly degrading yellow sandstone. These features indicate the insertion/ alteration of a number of windows in the pre-existing N and S facades in this period. The ground floor of the S façade is re-clad, with its apertures re modelled.

During this period the structures were in multiple occupancy, doubtless involving internal sub division of which little trace can be seen today. Many of the inserted fireplaces (most of which cannot currently be seen) probably belong to this period, as well as the insertion of new doors. Evidence is preserved in the attics above the main block and the kitchen for occupation in this period, indicating the large number of inhabitants.

3.6.1 Ground Floor

Mainly service, some accommodation in eastern building

Component 020	
Plan	Rectangular, angled W wall, reduced in size from Period 3 by the insertion of cross wall 020024 at its E end to support the N stair.
Access	Two doors in N wall of Period 3, two in S wall of Period 1, open aperture to the E to component 21 (020028).
Windows	Two in the N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage/ service- related to public house in component 022 to the S?

Component 021	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Open aperture to the W to component 20 (021017).
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage.

Component 022	
Plan	Rectangular. External face of S wall given a new façade at ground floor level (016034).
Access	One door in S wall, one in W wall and two in N. All Period 1.
Windows	3 in S wall of Period 1/2
Fireplaces	Period 1 W wall and Period 2 E wall fireplaces still in use (although probably utilising smaller inserted fireplaces 022182 and 024013).
Function	Public house, probably internally subdivided, but unknown how.
Component 027	
Plan	Rectangular. External face of S wall given a new façade at ground floor level (016034).
Access	One door in S wall, one in N wall and two in the E. Stair tower access in NE corner? All Period 1. New door 025008 and 026060 and 026062 may be forced through the N wall in this period.
Windows	Two in S wall, of Period 1.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 1 and one shown in N wall of unknown period. Smaller fireplace 027026 inserted into the original one in the E wall.
Function	Public house, probably internally subdivided, but unknown how.

Component 019	
Plan	Linear
Access	N and S ends of Period 2, both remodelled at this time.
Windows	One in W wall of Period 2.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access

Component 025	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in N wall of Period 2 may be converted to a window and new door 026006 inserted to its E, to provide access into the newly built NE jamb. One door in S wall of Period 1, doors 025008, 026060 and 026062 may be forced through the S wall at his time.
Windows	One in N wall and one in E wall of Period 3, 026004 in the N wall blocked in this period.
Fireplaces	One inserted in the S wall (025010) in Period 4.
Function	Storage/ service, probably relates to public house in component 027 to the S, although fireplace suggests that some of this space may have been part of a private dwelling.

Component not numbered, ground floor of demolished NE jamb	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in W wall (destroyed), door in S wall (026006) cut through N wall of Period 3 N extension.
Windows	Not known.
Fireplaces	Early plan (Period 5) shows one in the E wall.
Function	Private dwelling space.

Component 029	
Plan	Roughly square, angled E wall
Access	One door in N wall, two in W wall, unknown in S wall. All Period 2.
Windows	One window in N wall of Period 2, one inserted/ altered in Period 4 (005003) unknown in S wall.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 2, one in W wall of unknown period.
Function	Private dwelling space. Two fireplaces suggest internal divisions.
Component 034	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in E wall of Period 3.
Windows	Two in S wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None known.
Function	Storage?

Component 035	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in N wall, one in S wall of Period 3, two doors in W wall one Period 2, one Period 3.
Windows	Two in E wall of Period 6, may reuse older apertures, S wall may have had one before door 012006 was expanded.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 3, early plans show another in the E wall and one in the N wall, not currently visible.
Function	Private dwelling space.
Component 036	
Plan	Rectangular

Access	One door in S wall, one door in the W wall of Period 2
Windows	One in N wall, 3 in E wall of Period 6, may reuse existing apertures. One in W wall of Period 2, one of Period 5 which may reuse an existing site.
Fireplaces	One in S wall of Period 3, one in N wall of unknown period.
Function	Private dwelling space.

Component 028	
Plan	Roughly square, S wall angled to others.
Access	Door and a large gap in the N wall (blocked today by 028002) of Period 3, door in S wall of Period 6 (recycling an older aperture though), door in W wall (not now visible, to component 135, other side is 027033) which may be Period 1.
Windows	two in S wall of Period 6, shown in this position in Period 5, and probably here since Period 3.
Fireplaces	One in W wall (not visible).
Function	Private dwelling?

Component 046	
Plan	Circular
Access	Door to N (002002), open to S to component 045.
Windows	One in N wall (002003)
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Stair.

Component 134	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Open to S, door at N end, door to E both of Period 3.
Windows	One in W wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access

3.6.2 *First Floor*

Residential. The plaster above the present shop indicates a high status room but the whole gradually declines to become low quality tenement accommodation, subdivided, exact layout unknown.

Component 047	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in N wall of Period 3. Door inserted in S wall in Period 3, today a window, possibly originally a Period 1 window. Implies (timber?) fore stair from Abbey Strand, but may be a window by this period. Current access through the N wall to component 045 and the N stair is Period 7, but was presumably similar in this period.
Windows	Three (and possibly a fourth, see section on Access) of earlier periods in the S wall.
Fireplaces	One in N wall of Period 1 and demolished fireplace in W wall of unknown period.
Function	Dwelling spaces, internally subdivided, unknown how.

Component 060	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in E wall (to timber gallery/ stair), door in N wall? (also to timber gallery), both of Period 1 Door of Period 3 in the S wall. 4 doors in the N wall, probably of Period 3, although some may be later (and one is the possible Period 1 door). New door inserted in the E wall 060045 (to component 062), and also in the N wall 060007 (to component 061).
Windows	Three older (Period 2/3) windows in the S wall, two new windows (016016 and 016017) inserted in the S wall- with a distinctive (and unique for windows) curved moulding, and set at a slightly lower level than the older windows.
Fireplaces	One in N wall of Period 1 and one shown in W wall, obscured today.
Function	Private dwelling space, probably internally subdivided but unknown how.

Component 040	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in S wall forced through Period 1 external wall in Period 3. Access E to component 045 and the N stair is through a Period 7 aperture, which doubtless mimics the earlier arrangements. Probable door in N wall of Period 3 (now a window) to demolished structure built against the NW corner of the N extension.
Windows	Three in N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	Fireplaces shown in N and S walls, not seen so date unknown.
Function	Private dwelling probably internally subdivided.

Component 059	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in S wall to NE turnpike stair (Period 1, originally access to a possible timber gallery) now sealed up. Three doors seen and one shown on plans in the S wall, all of Period 3 or later. Door in W wall of Period 3. Window at E end of N wall (001008) altered to a door providing access to the demolished (in Period 6) NE jamb, now a window again.
Windows	Two windows in N wall of Period 3, Period 5 window in N wall may reuse existing aperture. Window in E wall also of Period 3.
Fireplaces	One shown in historic plans in S wall, not seen.
Function	Private dwelling, possibly internally subdivided.

Component Not numbered- first floor level of demolished NE jamb.	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in S wall (001008), now a window.
Windows	Window in W wall.
Fireplaces	Fireplace depicted against the E wall.
Function	Private dwelling space- only access seems to be through component 059.

Component 062	
Plan	Roughly Square, angled E wall
Access	Door in W wall of Period 3 or later. Unknown in S wall. Door inserted at N end of E wall (062030) to component 066, accessed by a short flight of steps to cope with the floor level difference between these components.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 2, unknown in S wall.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 2.
Function	Private dwelling space.

Component 061	
Plan	Circular
Access	One door in N wall of Period 1 is blocked in this period, steps up and down also taken out in this period.
Windows	One in E wall of Period 1.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Stair replaced by new N stair. Becomes little more than a cupboard.
Component 064	
Plan	Rectangular- thought to be separate from component 065 (which form a single space (on two levels) today. S wall angled.
Access	Open space to N (may have been partitioned along this line), unknown to E, door in W wall of Period 3.
Windows	One in S wall, one in W wall both belonging to Period 3.
Fireplaces	One in N wall and one shown in the S wall, which has not been seen.
Function	Private dwelling. May have been subdivided, and provided access to components 060, 062 and 065.

Component 065	
Plan	Rectangular- W wall (now missing) angled to others?
Access	Door in E wall of Period 3, unknown in W wall.
Windows	One in S wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage?

Component 066	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two doors in N wall, one door in W wall all from Period 3.
Windows	Three in E wall of Period 3, further window in E wall is Period 6, but may reuse a historic opening. Window in S wall of Period 3 and in W wall of Period 2. Note 010008 and 012009 seem too high for the current plaster ceiling.
Fireplaces	One in W wall of Period 3, chimney breast in E wall (066003) has no fireplace today, but may be covered over.
Function	Private dwelling.

Component 067	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Two doors in S wall of Period 3, door in W wall of Period 2 approached by an external stair.
Windows	One in N wall and two in W wall all of Period 2. Two in E wall, one Period 3 and one a Period 6 feature that may recycle an older window.
Fireplaces	One in N wall, one in S wall, both covered over.
Function	Private dwelling.

Component 123	
Plan	Circular
Access	Open to S to components 045 and 124.
Windows	One in N wall (002004)
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Stair.

3.6.3 Second Floor

Residential low quality tenement accommodation, subdivided, exact layout unknown.

Component 076	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two doors cut through the N wall probably in Period 3.
Windows	Three older windows (Period 1/ 2) and one of this period (016020) inserted/ altered in the S wall.
Fireplaces	One in N wall (hidden today) of Period 1. Unseen fireplace shown in W and E walls.
Function	Private dwelling space, probably internally subdivided.

Component 084	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Three doors in the N wall all cut through the Period 1 N wall in Period 3.
Windows	Four windows in the S wall of Period 4 (016023; 016024; 016025 and 016026) inserted, which may reuse existing openings. Easternmost example (016026) noticeably smaller than the others (and consequently at a different height)..
Fireplaces	One in N wall (hidden today), plans show a further smaller fireplace in the N wall, and a possible one in the E wall, none of which have been seen.
Function	Private dwelling space probably internally subdivided.

Component 070	
Plan	Rectangular, with an angled W wall.
Access	Two doors in the S wall one definitely of Period 3, the other Period 3 or later. Access E (to component 124 and the N stair) is of Period 7, but was presumably possible in Period 4.
Windows	Two Period 3 windows, one Period 4 (001030) and one later (Period 7) in the N wall, one in the W wall of Period 3 which is not visible internally.
Fireplaces	Historic plans show one in the W wall, not visible today.
Function	Private dwelling space which may well have been internally subdivided.

Component 082	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Three doors in the S wall of Period 3 or later, all cut through the Period 1 N wall. Access to the W (to component 124 and the N stair) is possible today via a Period 7 doorway, but was presumably possible in Period 4.
Windows	One small example in the E wall from Period 1 turnpike stair retained, with a Period 3 example in the same wall. In the N wall there is a single Period 3 window, and 3 others inserted/ altered in this period (001012; 001014 and 001015). Easternmost example (001012) seems to have served as access into the demolished NE jamb in Period 5 plans, and probably did the same in Period 4, converted to a window in Period 6.
Fireplaces	None known.
Function	Private dwelling space, probably internally subdivided. Demolished NE jamb seems to have had no internal access (i.e. stairs up and down), so probably served as a further room off component 082.
Component Not numbered- second floor level of demolished NE jamb.	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in S wall (001012), now a window.
Windows	Window in W wall.
Fireplaces	Fireplace depicted against the E wall.
Function	Private dwelling space- only access seems to be through component 082.

Component 125	
Plan	Circular
Access	Open to S to components 124 and 126.
Windows	One in N wall (002005)
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Stair.

3.6.4 Third Floor

Residential low quality tenement accommodation, subdivided, exact layout unknown.

Component 098	
Plan	Rectangular with an angled W wall.
Access	Two doors in the S wall of Period 7 doubtless replicate earlier openings; access to the E (component 126 and the N stair) is achieved today through a Period 7 aperture, but was presumably possible in Period 4.
Windows	Four in N wall, all of Period 4 (001032; 001033; 001034 and 001035).
Fireplaces	Historic plans show a fireplace in the W wall, which is not currently visible, but is probably a Period 4 construction.
Function	Private dwelling, probably internally subdivided.

Component 104	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two doors in the N wall of Period 7 were probably matched in this period.
Windows	Three in the S wall of Period 4 (016027; 016028 and 016029), although converted into dormers in Period 5, with their upper parts rebuilt.
Fireplaces	Historic plan shows one in the W and one in the E wall, neither is currently visible, but they are likely to be Period 4 features.
Function	Private dwelling. Presumably internally subdivided, as suggested by the two fireplaces.

Component 111	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two openings in the S wall of Period 7 were probably utilised in this period. Access to the W (to component 126 and the N stair) is also a Period 7 construct which is likely to replicate earlier arrangements.
Windows	Four in the N wall of Period 4 (001016; 001017; 001018 and 001019), with the Easternmost (001016) originally serving as a door to the now demolished NE jamb, converted to a window in Period 6. Period 4 window in the E wall (004006).
Fireplaces	One shown in both the N and E walls, neither of which is currently visible but both are likely to be Period 4.
Function	Private dwelling space. Note access to the NE jamb was only possible through this room, so it should be considered as part of a suite of rooms.

Component 112	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two modern (Period 7) doorways through the N wall probably replicate the Period 4 arrangement.
Windows	Three in the S wall of Period 4 (016030; 016031 and 016032), although converted into dormers in Period 5, with their upper parts rebuilt. one in the E wall (004005), also of Period 4.
Fireplaces	Historic plan shows one in the E wall and one in the W, neither is currently visible, but both are likely to be Period 4.
Function	Private dwelling space, doubtless internally subdivided as suggested by the two fireplaces.

Component 127	
Plan	Circular
Access	Open to the S to component 126, probably originally open to the S at its top to the attic.
Windows	One in the S wall (001006)
Fireplaces	None
Function	Staircase, provided access to the now truncated attic space.

Component not numbered- third floor of demolished NE jamb.	
Plan	Square
Access	Door in the S wall to component 111 (001016- now a window)
Windows	One shown in the W wall.
Fireplaces	One shown in the E wall.
Function	Private dwelling space, only accessible via component 111 with which it may have formed part of a suite of rooms.

3.6.5 Attic Component

Some residential low quality tenement accommodation, subdivided, exact layout unknown.

Component Not numbered, space destroyed. Attic over the main block, raised in Period 4 when a new third floor was added, but reduced again in Period 5.	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Access to component 127 (the N stair) was to the N, now destroyed.
Windows	Unknown, skylights may have existed in the roof.
Fireplaces	One in the E wall, two built into chimney breasts rising internally within this space.
Function	Private dwelling space.

Component 129	
Plan	Rectangular space above component 067.
Access	Unknown- probably involved a hatch in the floor.
Windows	One probable blocked window in the N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.

Function	Storage?
Component 130	
Plan	Rectangular space above component 066.
Access	Unknown, currently a hole forced through the N wall in Period 6/7. In Period 5 a hatch in the floor existed at the N end of the room, and this may well be true of Period 4.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage?

Component 131	
Plan	Square with an angled E wall.
Access	Unknown. Today there is a hatch in the floor at the E end of the room, in Period 5 there seems to have been a hatch and a steep stair/ ladder in the SW corner of the space. Open to the S to component 132.
Windows	Probably skylights.
Fireplaces	One in E wall (131004)
Function	Private dwelling. Floor level dropped from Period 3 height by c. 500 mm, returned to roughly original level in Period 6.

Component 132	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Open to the N to component 131.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Storage? Unclear if the floor level in this attic was dropped (as it was for component 131 to the N) in this period.

Component 133	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Today accessed through a cut in its N wall of Period 7. May have been inaccessible in Period 4 (very small space.)
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Unused.

3.7 Period 5: 1916 - 35

Period 5 sees the restoration of the main building by the architect William Ross. Its exterior was restored and the density of occupation with the tenement reduced. The public houses that occupied the ground floor were closed.

The restoration was part of a growing awareness of the architectural heritage of the Old Town combined with a wider move to improve the urban environment, typified by the work of Patrick Geddes. The restoration of Abbey Strand was part of a general upgrading of the surroundings of the palace under George V. This included the erection of the Edward VII memorial and the iron gates and screens of the palace. This 'tidying' of the approaches to the palace included the demolition of property adjacent and to the rear of Abbey Strand and their replacement with the present lawns.

The major event is the removal of the top floor of the main block and N extension. The building still has a third floor with an attic space above this, although the attic is reduced in size from Period 4. There is evidence for the alteration of a small number of windows, with those on the 3rd floor now converted to dormers. It is from Period 5 that we have the first decent internal plan of the building, which illustrates the complex sub divisions applied throughout the complex.

3.7.1 *Ground Floor*

Western building: workshops and storage, eastern building: shop/ display, office. Layout similar to present but with a stair in the area of the present kitchen.

Component 020	
Plan	Rectangular, angled W wall.
Access	Two doors in the N wall of Period 3, two in S wall of Period 1, open aperture to the E to component 21 created in Period 4.
Windows	Two in the N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage/ service- related to public house in component 022 to the S? 1933 plan shows a N- S internal subdivision to this space, with a central door.

Component 021	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Open aperture to the W to component 20 of Period 4.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage.

Component 022	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	One door in S wall, one in W wall and two in N. All Period 1. Plan of 1933 shows that the W wall door was blocked by this period.
Windows	Three in S wall of Period 1/2
Fireplaces	Period 1 W wall and Period 2 E wall fireplaces still in use (although probably utilising smaller inserted fireplaces 022182 and 024013).
Function	Public house. 1933 plan shows a N- S partition with a single door. This partition may still survive (022003), although this may be a later rebuild.

Component 027	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	One door in S wall, one in N wall and two in the E, all Period 1. Period 4 doors in the N wall.
Windows	Two in S wall, of Period 1.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 1 and one shown in N wall of unknown period. Smaller fireplace 027026 inserted into the original one in the E wall.
Function	Public house. 1933 plan shows internal subdivisions to this space, with a room in the SE corner demarcated by thicker walls than any other partition shown, with a door in its W. Further small area enclosed in the NE corner, seemingly with no access to the rest of the room.

Component 019	
Plan	Linear
Access	N and S ends of Period 2, both remodelled at this time.
Windows	One in W wall of Period 2.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access

Component 025	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in N wall of Period 2 may be converted to a window and new door of Period 4 inserted to its E, to provide access to the NE jamb. One door in S wall of Period 1, three doors may be forced through the S wall in Period 4.
Windows	One in N wall and one in E wall of Period 3, further N wall window blocked in Period 4.
Fireplaces	One of Period 4 in the S wall.
Function	1933 plan shows a N- S subdivision to this space, with a door in it. May be a private dwelling, or related to the public house in component 027 to the S, or perhaps a combination. E end may relate to ground floor room of the NE jamb.

Component not numbered, ground floor of demolished NE jamb	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in W wall (destroyed), door in S wall (026006) cut through N wall of Period 3 N extension.
Windows	Not known.
Fireplaces	Early plan (Period 5) shows one in the E wall.
Function	Private dwelling space.

Component 029	
Plan	Roughly square, angled E wall
Access	One door in N wall, two in W wall, unknown in S wall. All Period 2.
Windows	One window in N wall of Period 2, one of Period 4, unknown in S wall.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 2, one in W wall of unknown period.
Function	Private dwelling space. Two fireplaces suggest internal divisions, and 1933 plan shows a N- S division of this space, with openings at its N and S ends. The extreme S end of this division seems to survive in the present (Period 7) layout of this room, principally involving a door (033065), now blocked, but corresponding to the S aperture shown in 1933.

Component 034	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in E wall of Period 3.
Windows	Two in S wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None known.
Function	Storage?

Component 035	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in N wall, one in S wall of Period 3; two doors in W wall, of one Period 2, one Period 3.
Windows	Two in E wall of Period 6, may reuse older apertures, S wall may have had one before door 012006 was expanded.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 3, early plans show another in the E wall and one in the N wall, not currently visible.
Function	Multiple private dwelling spaces. 1933 plan shows internal subdivisions involving a N- S corridor running up the E side of the building, with doors in its E side leading to three different rooms (each with its own fireplace).

Component 036	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in S wall, one door in the W wall of Period 2
Windows	One in N wall, three in E wall of Period 6, may reuse existing apertures. One in W wall of Period 2, one of Period 5 which may reuse an existing site.
Fireplaces	One in S wall of Period 3, one in N wall of unknown period.
Function	Private dwelling space. Shown in 1933 as two rooms (each with a fireplace) and a connecting corridor in the SW corner.

Component 028	
Plan	Roughly square, S wall angled to others.
Access	Door and a large gap in the N wall (blocked today by 028002) of Period 3, door in S wall of Period 6 (but shown here in Period 5 plan), door in W wall (not now visible, to component 135, other side is 027033) which may be Period 1.
Windows	Two in S wall of Period 6 (although marked in Period 5).
Fireplaces	One in W wall (not visible).
Function	Private dwelling, shown in 1933 with N- S internal division, with a door in its NW and S ends. The S end of this partition and the door through this seem to survive in the current arrangements (033 and 033, although door 033 is now blocked.).

Component 046	
Plan	Circular
Access	Door to N of Period 4, open to S to component 045.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Stair.

Component 134	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Open to S, door at N end, door to E both of Period 3.
Windows	One in W wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access

3.7.2 First Floor

Mainly residential tenement use. Layout similar to present but with a main access from forestair into what is now the Midhope Room, and a stair in the area of the present kitchen.

Component 020	
Plan	Rectangular, angled W wall, reduced in size from Period 3 by the insertion of cross wall 020024 at its E end to support the N stair.
Access	Two doors in N wall of Period 3, two in S wall of Period 1, open aperture to the E to component 21 (020028).
Windows	Two in the N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage/ service- related to public house in component 022 to the S?

Component 060	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in E wall (to timber gallery/ stair), door in N wall? (also to timber gallery), both of Period 1 Door of Period 3 in the S wall. Four doors in the N wall, probably of Period 3, although some may be later (and one is the possible Period 1 door). Door in the E wall, and further door in the N wall inserted in Period 4.
Windows	Three Period 2/3 and two Period 4 windows in the S wall.
Fireplaces	One in N wall of Period 1 and one shown in W wall, obscured today.
Function	Private dwelling space. 1933 plan shows a N- S division (matching the current one between components 058 and 060) towards the W end of the room, and a narrow corridor running up the E wall.

Component 040	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in S wall forced through Period 1 external wall in Period 3. Probable door in N wall of Period 3 (now a window) to demolished structure built against the NW corner of the N extension. Access E to component 045 and the N stair is through a Period 7 door today, but was doubtless possible earlier.
Windows	3 in N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	Fireplaces shown in N and S walls, not seen so date unknown.
Function	Private dwelling. 1933 plan shows small area in the NE corner subdivided off (matching current component 043?)

Component 059	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in S wall to NE turnpike stair (Period 1, originally leading into a possible timber gallery) now sealed up. Three doors seen and one shown on plans in the S wall, all of Period 3 or later. Door in W wall of Period 3. Window at E end of N wall altered to a door in Period 4, providing access to the demolished (in Period 6) NE jamb, now a window again.
Windows	Two windows in N wall of Period 3, Period 5 window (001010) in N wall may reuse existing aperture. Window in E wall also of Period 3.
Fireplaces	One shown in historic plans in S wall, not seen.
Function	Private dwelling. 1933 plan shows a N- S division with no door through it, with further divisions creating two small rooms at the W end of the space.

Component not numbered- first floor level of demolished NE jamb.	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in S wall of Period 4, now a window.
Windows	Window in W wall.
Fireplaces	Fireplace depicted against the E wall.
Function	Private dwelling space- only access seems to be through component 059.

Component 062	
Plan	Roughly Square, angled E wall
Access	Door in W wall of Period 3 or later. Unknown in S wall. Door inserted at N end of E wall in Period 4 to component 066, accessed by a short flight of steps to cope with the floor level difference between these components.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 2 plan from Period 5 shows another window in the N wall at its W end, blocked in Period 6 and not now visible., unknown in S wall.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 2.
Function	Private dwelling space. 1933 plan shows the W side of the rom divided off (although with a door E at its N end.

Component 061	
Plan	Circular
Access	One door in N wall of Period 1 is blocked in this period, steps up and down also taken out in this period.
Windows	One in E wall of Period 1.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Stair replaced by new N stair. Becomes little more than a cupboard.

Component 064	
Plan	Rectangular - thought to be separate from component 065 (which form a single space (on two levels) today. S wall angled.
Access	Open space to N (may have been partitioned along this line), unknown to E, door in W wall of Period 3.
Windows	One in S wall, one in W wall both belonging to Period 3.
Fireplaces	One in N wall, with a further example depicted in plans in the S wall, which has not been seen.
Function	Private dwelling. 1933 plan shows an E- W division, with a room to the S and a corridor to the N. NW corner has a stair up to component 131 (attic) which must have blocked off door 063020, the Period 1 entrance to the main block (component 060).

Component 065	
Plan	Rectangular- W wall (now missing) angled to others?
Access	Door in E wall of Period 3, 1933 plan shows a door in its W wall..
Windows	One in S wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage/ access. 1933 plan shows an E- W division- cupboard to the N, corridor to the S?

Component 066	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two doors in N wall, one door in W wall all from Period 3.
Windows	Three in E wall of Period 3, further window in E wall is Period 6, but may reuse a historic opening. Window in S wall of Period 3 and in W wall of Period 2. Note 010008 and 012009 seem too high for the current plaster ceiling.
Fireplaces	One in W wall of Period 3, chimney breast in E wall (066003) has no fireplace today, but may be covered over.
Function	Private dwelling. 1933 plan shows a roughly central E- W division, and steps against the N wall leading to component 130.

Component 067	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Two doors in S wall of Period 3, door in W wall of Period 2 approached by an external stair.
Windows	One in N wall and two in W wall all of Period 2. Two in E wall, one Period 3 and one a Period 6 feature that may recycle an older window.
Fireplaces	One in N wall, one in S wall, both covered over.
Function	Private dwelling. 1933 plan shows internal divisions very similar to those in the space below (component 036), with large spaces at the N end and SE corners, and a smaller space (corridor) in the SW corner.

Component 123	
Plan	Circular
Access	Open to S to components 045 and 124.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Stair.

3.7.3 Second Floor

Function: tenement residential. Subdivided with fewer partitions than at present.

Component 076	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two doors cut through the N wall probably in Period 3.
Windows	Four older windows in the S wall.
Fireplaces	One in N wall (hidden today) of Period 1. Unseen fireplace shown in W and E walls.
Function	Private dwelling space, shown in 1933 as divided into three rooms, with a connecting corridor at the N end of the room.

Component 084	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Three doors in the N wall, all cut through the Period 1 N wall probably in Period 3.
Windows	Four windows in the S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	One in N wall (hidden today), plans show a further smaller fireplace in the N wall, and a possible one in the E wall, none of which have been seen.
Function	Private dwelling, shown in 1933 as divided into three rooms, smallest to the E connects to the central one, W room has no access E. Fireplace in each room.

Component 070	
Plan	Rectangular, with an angled W wall.
Access	Two doors in the S wall one definitely of Period 3, the other Period 3 or later. Access E (to component 124 and the N stair) is of Period 7, but was presumably possible in Period 5.
Windows	two Period 3 windows, one Period 4 and one later (Period 7) in the N wall, one in the W wall of Period 3 which is not visible internally. 1933 plan shows 5 windows in the N wall- possibly the E window (001032) was double in this period.
Fireplaces	Historic plans show one in the W wall, not visible today.
Function	Private dwelling space. Shown in 1933 as subdivided, with a larger room at the W end (with access only to the S (component 076), and a series of 3 small rooms (probably toilets) and a connecting corridor at its E end.

Component 082	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Three doors in the S wall of Period 3 or later, all cut through the Period 1 N wall. Access to the W (to component 124 and the N stair) is possible today via a Period 7 doorway, but was presumably possible in Period 4.
Windows	One small example in the E wall from Period 1 turnpike stair retained, with a Period 3 example in the same wall. In the N wall there is a single Period 3 window, and three others inserted/ altered in Period 4. Easternmost example (001016) seems to have served as access into the demolished NE jamb in Period 5 plan. The Western window (001019) seems to be a double window in 1933.
Fireplaces	One in the N wall, not seen.
Function	Private dwelling space. Shown split in 1933 into a large room at the E end, with the N side of the W end consisting of three small rooms, and the S side a connecting corridor (which turns at its E end to access into the NE jamb).

Component not numbered- second floor level of demolished NE jamb.	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in S wall of Period 4, now a window.
Windows	Window in W wall.
Fireplaces	Fireplace depicted against the E wall.
Function	Private dwelling space- only access seems to be through component 082.

Component 125	
Plan	Circular
Access	Open to S to components 124 and 126.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Stair.

3.7.4 Third Floor

Function: tenement residential. Subdivided with fewer partitions than at present.

Component 098	
Plan	Rectangular with an angled W wall.
Access	1933 plan shows two doors in the S wall (probably Period 4), with an open area to the E, running into component 126 and the N stair.
Windows	Four in N wall, all of Period 4.
Fireplaces	Historic plans show a fireplace in the W wall, which is not currently visible, but is probably a Period 4 construction.
Function	Private dwelling, shown in 1933 as split into a larger room at the W end (accessed only from component 104 to the S), with 3 small cubicles (probably functioning as toilets) and a corridor at the E end.

Component 104	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	1933 plan shows two doors in the N wall.
Windows	Three in the S wall of Period 4 which are converted into dormers in Period 5, with their upper parts rebuilt.
Fireplaces	Historic plan shows one in the W and one in the E wall, neither is currently visible, but they are likely to be Period 4 features.
Function	Private dwelling. Shown in 1933 as split into two large rooms, a central medium sized room (with no obvious access) and two smaller cupboards, with a connecting corridor at the centre of the N side of the room.

Component 111	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Plan of 1933 shows access at three points to the S, and an open area to the W connecting to component 126 and the N stair.
Windows	Four in the N wall of Period 4, with the easternmost (001016) originally serving as a door to the now demolished NE jamb, converted to a window in Period 6. There is a single Period 4 window in the E wall.
Fireplaces	One shown in both the N and E walls, neither of which is currently visible but both are likely to be Period 4.
Function	Private dwelling space. Shown split in 1933 into two large rooms, separated by a N- S corridor (leading to the NE jamb), with two small chambers (probably toilets) in the NW corner.

Component 112	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	1933 plan shows 3 doorways leading N.
Windows	Three in the S wall of Period 4, although converted into dormers in Period 5, with their upper parts rebuilt. One in the E wall of Period 4, shown in 1933 as split into two.
Fireplaces	Historic plan shows one in the E wall and one in the W, neither is currently visible, but both are likely to be Period 4.
Function	Private dwelling space, shown in 1933 as divided into a larger room at E and W ends, with a smaller one between them and two cupboards. A corridor runs along the N side of the room, terminating at its W end in a small room, probably a toilet.

Component 127	
Plan	Circular
Access	Open to the S to component 126, probably originally open to the S at its top to the attic, closed off in Period 5.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Staircase, truncated in this period when the top storey was removed.

Component not numbered- third floor of demolished NE jamb.	
Plan	Square
Access	Door in the S wall to component 111 (001016- now a window)
Windows	One shown in the W wall.
Fireplaces	One shown in the E wall.
Function	Private dwelling space, only accessible via component 111 with which it may have formed part of a suite of rooms.

3.7.5 Attic Component

Roof space, unused.

Component 128	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Access today is through a hatch in the floor to component 126, and was probably the same in Period 5.
Windows	None. Skylights.
Fireplaces	One in the E wall, two built into chimney breasts rising internally within this space of Period 4 blocked in Period 5.
Function	Unused, except for access to the roof.

Component 129	
Plan	Rectangular space above component 067.
Access	Unknown- probably involved a hatch in the floor.
Windows	One probable blocked window in the N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage?

Component 130	
Plan	Rectangular space above component 066.
Access	Plan of 1933 shows access by a stair at its N end.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage?

Component 131	
Plan	Square with an angled E wall.
Access	Access shown in 1933 in the SW corner, via a stair/ ladder. Open to the S to component 132.
Windows	Probably skylights.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 4.
Function	Private dwelling.

Component 132	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Open to the N to component 131.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Storage? Unclear if the floor level here was dropped (as it was for component 131 to the N) in Period 4.
Component 133	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Today accessed through a cut in its N wall of Period 7. May have been inaccessible in Period 5 (very small space.)
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Unused.

3.8 Period 6: 1935 - 1963

The impetus for Period 6 is the declaration that the building is unfit for human habitation. This allows the removal of all the internal partitions, and the demolition of the Period 4 NE jamb. Major renovations are also carried out on the buildings to the E of the main block. This involves the replacement of much stonework of windows and doors (carried out to a lesser extent in the main block as well), and major work on the roof structure over the kitchen, shop and N extension. While most of the beams are original Period 3 features, the sarking and slates are replaced, and work is carried out on chimneys and crow steps.

3.8.1 Ground Floor

Workshops to W, catering and display to E.

Component 020	
Plan	Rectangular, angled W wall.
Access	Two doors in N wall of Period 3, two in S wall of Period 1, open aperture to the E to component 21 created in Period 4. Much repair work to the doors and windows carried out in Period 6.
Windows	Two in the N wall of Period 3, much repaired (altered?) in Period 6.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage.

Component 021	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Open aperture to the W to component 20 of Period 4.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage.

Component 022	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	One door in S wall, one in W wall (blocked by Period 5 at latest) and two in N. All Period 1.
Windows	3 in S wall of Period 1/2
Fireplaces	Period 1 W wall and Period 2 E wall fireplaces still in use (although probably utilising smaller inserted fireplaces 022182 and 024013.
Function	Storage. 1933 plan shows a N- S partition with a single door in it running up this space, and this may still survive today as 022003, although this could be a later rebuild.

Component 027	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	One door in S wall, one in N wall and two in the E, all Period 1. Period 4 doors in the N wall.
Windows	Two in S wall, of Period 1.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 1 and one shown in N wall of unknown period. Smaller fireplace 027026 inserted into the original one in the E wall.
Function	Storage.

Component 019	
Plan	Linear
Access	N and S ends of Period 2, both remodelled at this time.
Windows	One in W wall of Period 2.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access

Component 025	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in N wall of Period 2 may be converted to a window in Period 4, and a new door of Period 4 inserted to its E, to provide access to the NE jamb. When this tower is demolished in Period 6 the Period 4 door is sealed up and the Period 3 door (a window in Period 4) returned to being a door. 1 door in S wall of Period 1, 3 doors may be forced through the S wall in Period 4.
Windows	One in N wall and one in E wall of Period 3, further N wall window blocked in Period 4.
Fireplaces	One of Period 4 in the S wall.
Function	Storage.

Component not numbered, ground floor of demolished NE jamb	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in W wall (destroyed), door in S wall of Period 4 cut through N wall of Period 3 N extension.
Windows	Not known.
Fireplaces	Early plan (Period 5) shows one in the E wall.
Function	This space was demolished in Period 6.
Component 029	
Plan	Roughly square, angled E wall
Access	One door in N wall, two in W wall, unknown in S wall. All Period 2.
Windows	One window in N wall of Period 2, one of Period 4. Unknown in S wall.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 2, one in W wall of unknown period.
Function	Unknown function.

Component 034	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in E wall of Period 3. W window in S wall (012004) converted to a door to Abbey Strand in this period.
Windows	One in S wall of Period 3, other converted into a door in Period 6.
Fireplaces	None known.
Function	Storage?

Component 035	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in N wall, one in S wall of Period 3 (012006), which is expanded into a wide arched entrance in this Period. Two doors in W wall one Period 2 one Period 3.
Windows	Two in E wall of Period 6, 010001 and 010002, which may reuse older apertures, one in S wall replaced by large arch.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 3, early plans show another in the E wall and one in the N wall, not currently visible.
Function	Tea room.

Component 036	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in S wall, one door in the W wall of Period 2
Windows	One in N wall of Period 6(009001), three in E wall also of Period 6, (010003; 010004 and 010005) all of which may reuse existing apertures. One in W wall of Period 2, one of Period 5.
Fireplaces	One in S wall of Period 3, one in N wall of unknown period.
Function	Probably part of tea rooms in 035 to the S.

Component 028	
Plan	Roughly square, S wall angled to others.
Access	Door and a large gap in the N wall (blocked today by 028002) of Period 3, door in S wall of Period 6, door in W wall (not now visible, to component 135, other side is 027033) which may be Period 1, blocked off in this period.
Windows	Two in S wall of period of Period 6, almost certainly recycling older window sites.
Fireplaces	One in W wall (not visible).
Function	Private dwelling, shown in 1933 with N- S internal division, with a door in its NW and S ends. The S end of this partition and the door through this seem to survive in the current arrangements (033 and 033, although door 033 is now blocked.).

Component 046	
Plan	Circular
Access	Door to N of Period 4, open to S to component 045.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Stair. Evidence from component 021 for repairs to these steps in Period 6.

Component 134	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Open to S, door at N end, door to E both of Period 3.
Windows	One in W wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access. Much of this seems to have been rebuilt in Period 6, with the current timberwork dating from this time.

3.8.2 First Floor

Workshop/ catering

Component 047	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in N wall of Period 3. Door inserted in S wall in Period 3, today a window, possibly originally a Period 1 window. Implies (timber?) fore stair from Abbey Strand, but may be a window by this period. Current (Period 7) arrangement for access to component 045 and the N stair likely replicates earlier arrangements.
Windows	Three (and possibly a fourth, see section on Access) of earlier periods in the S wall.
Fireplaces	One in N wall of Period 1 and demolished fireplace in W wall of unknown period.
Function	Unknown. Possibly used as office space?

Component 060	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in E wall (to timber gallery/ stair), door in N wall? (also to timber gallery), both of Period 1 Door of Period 3 in the S wall. Four doors in the N wall, probably of Period 3, although some may be later (and one is the possible Period 1 door). Door in the E wall, and further door in the N wall inserted in Period 4.
Windows	3 Period 2/3 and two Period 4 windows in the S wall.
Fireplaces	One in N wall of Period 1 and one shown in W wall, obscured today.
Function	Unknown. Office space?

Component 040	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in S wall forced through Period 1 external wall in Period 3. Probable door in N wall of Period 3 to demolished structure built against the NW corner of the N extension is converted into a window in Period 6.. Access E to component 045 and the N stair is through a Period 7 door today, but was doubtless possible earlier.
Windows	Three in N wall of Period 3, current Westernmost (001027) converted to a window from a door in this period.
Fireplaces	Fireplaces shown in N and S walls, not seen so date unknown.
Function	Unknown.

Component 059	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in S wall to NE turnpike stair (Period 1, originally accessing possible timber gallery), now sealed. Three doors seen and one shown on plans in the S wall, all of Period 3 or later. Door in W wall of Period 3. Window at E end of N wall (001008) altered to a door in Period 4, providing access to the demolished NE jamb, converted to a window again in Period 6.
Windows	Two windows in N wall of Period 3, Period 5 window in N wall may reuse existing aperture. Easternmost aperture (001008) converted from a door to a window in Period 6. Window in E wall also of Period 3.
Fireplaces	One shown in historic plans in S wall, not seen.
Function	Unknown.

Component not numbered- first floor level of demolished NE jamb.	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in S wall of Period 4, now a window.
Windows	Window in W wall.
Fireplaces	Fireplace depicted against the E wall.
Function	Jamb demolished in Period 6.

Component 062	
Plan	Roughly Square, angled E wall
Access	Door in W wall of Period 3 or later. Unknown in S wall. Door inserted at N end of E wall in Period 4 to component 066, accessed by a short flight of steps to cope with the floor level difference between these components.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 2, window shown on Period 5 plan at the E end of the N wall, blocked in Period 6. Unknown in S wall.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 2.
Function	Unknown function.

Component 061	
Plan	Circular
Access	One door in N wall of Period 1 is blocked in this period, steps up and down also taken out in this period.
Windows	One in E wall of Period 1.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Stair replaced by new N stair. Becomes little more than a cupboard.

Component 064	
Plan	Rectangular. E wall (shown in Period 5 plan) demolished in Period 6 to connect components 064 and 065, with difference in floor levels meaning steps up are required. S wall angled.
Access	Open space to N (may have been partitioned along this line), unknown to E, door in W wall of Period 3.
Windows	One in S wall, one in W wall both belonging to Period 3.
Fireplaces	One in N wall and one shown in the S wall, which has not been seen but whose chimney is taken down in Period 6, so it must be out of use by this period.
Function	May principally have been involved with access, connecting to the kitchen (component 062) to the N, the shop (component 066) to the E, while to the W one door leads into the main block (component 060) and another out to Abbey Strand (component 134).

Component 065	
Plan	Rectangular- W wall demolished in Period 6.
Access	Door in E wall of Period 3, open to the W (to component 064)
Windows	One in S wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage/ access.

Component 066	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two doors in N wall, one door in W wall all from Period 3.
Windows	Three in E wall of Period 3, further window in E wall is of Period 6 (010007), window in S wall of Period 3 and in W wall of Period 2. Note 010008 and 012009 seem too high for the current plaster ceiling.
Fireplaces	One in W wall of Period 3, chimney breast in E wall (066003) has no fireplace today, but may be covered over.
Function	Unknown. Office space.

Component 067	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Two doors in S wall of Period 3, door in W wall of Period 2 approached by an external stair, whose external wooden porch (007065) is built (renewed?) in Period 6.
Windows	One in N wall and two in W wall all of Period 2. Two in E wall, one Period 3 and one a Period 6 feature (010011) that may recycle an older window.
Fireplaces	One in N wall, one in S wall, both covered over.
Function	Offices?

Component 123	
Plan	Circular
Access	Open to S to components 045 and 124.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Stair.

3.8.3 Second Floor

Function: residential but mainly unused. Subdivided with fewer partitions than at present.

Component 076	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two doors cut through the N wall probably in Period 3.
Windows	Four older windows in the S wall.
Fireplaces	One in N wall (hidden today) of Period 1. Unseen fireplace shown in W and E walls.
Function	Unknown.

Component 084	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	3 doors in the N wall, all cut through the Period 1 N wall probably in Period 3.
Windows	4 windows in the S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	One in N wall (hidden today), plans show a further smaller fireplace in the N wall, and a possible one in the E wall, none of which have been seen.
Function	Unknown.

Component 070	
Plan	Rectangular, with an angled W wall.
Access	Two doors in the S wall, one definitely of Period 3, the other Period 3 or later. Access E (to component 124 and the N stair) is of Period 7, but was presumably possible in Period 6.
Windows	Two Period 3 windows, one Period 4 and one later (Period 7) in the N wall, one in the W wall of Period 3 which is not visible internally. 1933 plan shows five windows in the N wall- possibly the E window (001032) was double in this period, reduced down in Period 6?.
Fireplaces	Historic plans show one in the W wall, not visible today.
Function	Unknown.

Component 082	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Three doors in the S wall of Period 3 or later, all cut through the Period 1 N wall. Access to the W (to component 124 and the N stair) is possible today via a Period 7 doorway, but was presumably possible in eriod 6.
Windows	One small example in the E wall from Period 1 turnpike stair retained, with a Period 3 example in the same wall. In the N wall there is a single Period 3 window, and 3 others inserted/ altered in Period 4. The Western window (001019) seems to be a double window in 1933 (Period 5), presumably returned to a window in Period 6.
Fireplaces	One in the N wall, not seen.
Function	Unknown

Component not numbered- second floor level of demolished NE jamb.	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in S wall of Period 4, now a window.
Windows	Window in W wall.
Fireplaces	Fireplace depicted against the E wall.
Function	Demolished in Period 6.

Component 125	
Plan	Circular
Access	Open to S to components 124 and 126.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Stair.

3.8.4 Third Floor

Function: tenement residential but unused. Subdivided with fewer partitions than at present.

Component 098	
Plan	Rectangular with an angled W wall.
Access	Two doors in the S wall (probably Period 4, access to the E to component 126 and the N stair.
Windows	Four in N wall, all of Period 4.
Fireplaces	Historic plans show a fireplace in the W wall, which is not currently visible, but is probably a Period 4 construction.
Function	Unknown

Component 104	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two doors in the N wall, currently Period 7, probably formed in Period 4.
Windows	Three in the S wall of Period 4 which are converted into dormers in Period 5, with their upper parts rebuilt.
Fireplaces	Historic plan shows one in the W and one in the E wall, neither is currently visible, but they are likely to be Period 4 features.
Function	Unknown.

Component 111	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Access to the S at two points, and W at one, all Period 7, but probably existed since Period 4.
Windows	Four in the N wall and a single further example in the E wall, all of Period 4.
Fireplaces	One shown in both the N and E walls, neither of which is currently visible but both are likely to be Period 4.
Function	Unknown.

Component 112	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Access N at two points through Period 7 doors, which have probably existed since Period 4.
Windows	Three in the S wall of Period 4, although converted into dormers in Period 5, with their upper parts rebuilt. One in the E wall of Period 4, shown in 1933 as split into two, probably converted to a single pane in Period 6.
Fireplaces	Historic plan shows one in the E wall and one in the W, neither is currently visible, but both are likely to be Period 4.
Function	Unknown.

Component 127	
Plan	Circular
Access	Open to the S to component 126, probably originally open to the S at its top to the attic.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Staircase, truncated in this period when the top storey was removed.

Component not numbered- third floor of demolished NE jamb.	
Plan	Square
Access	Door in the S wall to component 111 (001016- now a window)
Windows	One shown in the W wall.
Fireplaces	One shown in the E wall.
Function	Tower demolished in Period 6.

3.8.5 Attic Component

Unused.

Component 128	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Access today is through a hatch in the floor to component 126, and was probably the same in Period 6.
Windows	None. Skylights.
Fireplaces	One in the E wall, two built into chimney breasts rising internally within this space of Period 4 blocked in Period 5.
Function	Unused, except for access to the roof.

Component 129	
Plan	Rectangular space above component 067.
Access	Unknown- probably involved a hatch in the floor. Hole forced through the S wall (129022) to component 130 in Period 6.
Windows	One probable blocked window in the N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage?

Component 130	
Plan	Rectangular space above component 066.
Access	Plan of 1933 shows access by a stair at its N end, probably demolished in Period 6 (and plaster ceiling to component 066 extended N), hole forced through the N wall (130009), from component 129 in Period 6.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage? Roof is re- slated and some repairs to crow steps and chimneys carried out in Period 6.

Component 131	
Plan	Square with an angled E wall.
Access	Access shown in 1933 in the SW corner, via a stair/ ladder. Probably altered in Period 6 to the current access through a hatch in the NE corner of the component. Open to the S to component 132.
Windows	Probably skylights.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 4, blocked in Period 6.
Function	Storage. Floor level lowered in Period 4 from its Period 3 original height, raised up again in Period 6 to run across Period 4 fireplace in the E wall. Roof is re-slatted in Period 6.

Component 132	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Open to the N to component 131.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Storage? Unclear if the floor level here was dropped (as it was for component 131 to the N) in Period 4, but if it was then raised again in Period 6. Much of the W wall is rebuilt in Period 6, and the roof has a chimney taken down, sees some repairs to the crow steps and is re-slatted.

Component 133	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Today accessed through a cut in its N wall of Period 7. May have been inaccessible in Period 6 (very small space.)
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Unused. Roof re-slatted and some repairs to the crow steps carried out in Period 6.

3.9 Period 7: 1963 - 2011

Period 7 sees very little alteration to the external appearance of the building (apart from its harling), with just minor repairs to windows carried out. Internally much is altered, with the main block and N extension being altered above ground floor level to provide accommodation for the royal court. This involves the sub division of the existing spaces into numerous bedrooms and bathrooms etc. Prior to this work the E side of the main block was stripped at 1st and 2nd floor level, its historic timbers were removed and replaced with ones taken from Midhope Castle, West Lothian. Other painted beams from Caroline Park, Edinburgh were inserted below the ceiling of the shop (035).

The kitchen and S extension see alteration into their use as toilets and modern cooking facilities, with a spiral stair inserted into the S extension. Only the shop range seems to survive with superficial alteration, and even here the roof over its N end is replaced.

3.9.1 Ground Floor

Western area workshops, eastern area office, shop/ display

Component 020	
Plan	Rectangular, angled W wall.
Access	Two doors in N wall of Period 3, two in S wall of Period 1 which is blocked in Period 7, open aperture to the E to component 21 created in Period 4.
Windows	two in the N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Plumbers store/ office.

Component 021	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Open aperture to the W to component 20 of Period 4.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage.

Component 022	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	One door in S wall, one in W wall (blocked off by Period 5) and one in N. All Period 1. Two doors in E wall of Period 7 (022053 and 022057) to components 023 and 024.
Windows	Three in S wall of Period 1/2
Fireplaces	Period 1 W wall fireplace blocked.
Function	Electrician's store/ office.

Component 027	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	One door in S wall, one in N wall and two in the E, all Period 1. Period 4 doors in the N wall. All but one blocked in Period 7.
Windows	Two in S wall, of Period 1.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 1 and one shown in N wall of unknown period. Smaller fireplace 027026 inserted into the original one in the E wall, blocked in Period 7.
Function	Storage.

Component 019	
Plan	Linear
Access	N and S ends of Period 2, both remodelled at this time.
Windows	One in W wall of Period 2.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access

Component 025	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two earlier doors in the S wall, W one blocked in Period 7.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	One of Period 4 in the S wall, blocked in Period 7.
Function	Storage. E wall 025003 created, separating components 025 and 026 in this period, although a similar division may well have existed here earlier.

Component 029	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	One door in the S wall of Period 7.
Windows	One window in N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	One in W wall of unknown period, blocked by Period 7.
Function	Female toilets.

Component 034	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in E wall of Period 3. Door in S wall of Period 6.
Windows	One in S wall of Period 3, other converted into a door in Period 6.
Fireplaces	None known.
Function	Tourist information.

Component 035	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in N wall, one in S wall of Period 3 (012006), which is expanded into a wide arched entrance in Period 6. Two doors in W wall one Period 2 one Period 3.
Windows	Two in E wall of Period 6.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 3, early plans show another in the E wall and one in the N wall, not currently visible.
Function	Shop.

Component 036	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	One door in S wall, one door in the W wall of Period 2
Windows	One in N wall of Period 6, three in E wall also of Period 6 all of which may reuse existing apertures. One in W wall of Period 2, one of Period 5.
Fireplaces	One in S wall of Period 3, one in N wall of unknown period.
Function	Stock room/ office for the shop in component 035 to the S.

Component 028	
Plan	Roughly square, S wall angled to others.
Access	Three doors in the N wall of Period 7 (028014; 028021 and 028024), door in S wall of Period 6, door in W wall (not now visible, to component 135, other side is 027033) which may be Period 1, but which is probably blocked in Period 6. Staircase (028076) inserted in this period in the SW corner, leads up to component 064.
Windows	Two in S wall of Period 6.
Fireplaces	One in W wall (not visible).
Function	Entrance lobby.

Component 046	
Plan	Circular
Access	Door to N of Period 4, open to S to component 045.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Stair.

Component 134	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Open to S, door at N end, door to E both of Period 3.
Windows	One in W wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Access.

Component 023	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door to the W (023015) of Period 7. Aperture to the N (023006) of Period 1 blocked off in Period 7.
Windows	None
Fireplaces	None
Function	Office.

Component 024	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door to W (024068), probably created in Period 6.
Windows	One in S wall of Period 2.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period
Function	Storage.

Component 026	
Plan	Rectangular, with a "dog legged" W wall.
Access	Door in the N wall of Period 3, two doors in the S wall of Period 4, blocked in Period 7.
Windows	One in the E wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Storage.

Component 030	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door at the S end of Period 7.
Windows	One in the N wall of Period 2.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Male toilet.

Component 031	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in N wall of Period 7, door in the S wall (028024) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Entrance lobby to female toilets.

Component 032	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in N wall of Period 7, door in S wall (028021) of Period 7, door in E wall of Period 5, blocked in Period 7..
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Entrance lobby to male toilets.

Component 033	
Plan	Rectangular with an angled E wall.
Access	Door in N wall of Period 2, door in S wall (033042) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 2.
Function	Electrical systems storage.

Component 037	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in S wall of Period 7.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 6, one in W wall of Period 2.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Kitchenette.

Component 038	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in E and W walls, both Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	One in N wall (not seen), blocked by Period 7.
Function	Washroom.

Component 039	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in W wall of Period 7.
Windows	One in E wall of Period 6.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Toilet.

3.9.2 First Floor

Function catering/ office/ workshop.

Component 047	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in N wall of Period 3. Door inserted in S wall in Period 3, today a window, possibly originally a Period 1 window. Implies (timber?) forestair from Abbey Strand, but is a window by this period. Door in N wall of Period 7 (047017).
Windows	Four of earlier periods in the S wall.
Fireplaces	One in N wall of Period 1 is blocked, one in the W wall is demolished.
Function	This space was subdivided in Period 7 into six spaces (components 047- 052), consisting of four bedrooms against the S wall, with a corridor and a cupboard at the N end of the component. These divisions existed during the 2002 survey work, but have been removed since, returning the area to a single large room. Currently used for storage of insulating material.

Component 060	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in E wall (to timber gallery/ stair originally, now to component 063), door in N wall? (also to timber gallery), both of Period 1 Door of Period 3 in the S wall. Two doors in the N wall, probably of Period 3, although some may be later (and one is the possible Period 1 door). Door in the E wall, and further door in the N wall inserted in Period 4.
Windows	Three Period 2/3 and two Period 4 windows in the S wall.
Fireplaces	One in N wall of Period 1.
Function	Meeting room. In the early 1960s the ceiling was taken down and painted beams from Midhope Castle were inserted into this component, it is unknown if this affected the height of the room, but the W window (016015) is too high for this ceiling.

Component 040	
Plan	Roughly square, although with an angled W wall.
Access	Door in S wall forced through Period 1 external wall in Period 3. Probable door in N wall of Period 3 to demolished structure built against the NW corner of the N extension is converted into a window in Period 6. Door in E wall of Period 7.
Windows	Two in N wall of Period 3, current Westernmost (001027) converted to a window from a door in this period.
Fireplaces	Fireplaces shown in N and S walls, both blocked by Period 7.
Function	In Period 7 this space was internally subdivided into 3 rooms (components 040; 041 and 044), two of which were bedrooms, and one was a corridor. These divisions were in-situ during the 2002 survey, but have been removed since. The space is currently unused.

Component 059	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in S wall to NE turnpike stair (Period 1, originally leading into a possible timber gallery) now sealed up. Two doors in the S wall, all of Period 3 or later. Door in W wall of Period 7 (059087).
Windows	Two windows in N wall of Period 3, Period 5 window in N wall may reuse an existing aperture. Window in E wall also of Period 3.
Fireplaces	One shown in historic plans in S wall, blocked by Period 7.
Function	Currently the male custodian's locker room..

Component 062	
Plan	"L" shaped, with the E wall at an angle to the others.
Access	Door in W wall of Period 3 or later. Door inserted at N end of E wall in Period 4 to component 066, accessed by a short flight of steps to cope with the floor level difference between these components. Door in S wall of Period 7 (062063).
Windows	One in N wall of Period 2, window shown on Period 5 plan at the E end of the N wall, blocked in Period 6.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 2. Out of use by Period 7.
Function	Kitchen.

Component 061	
Plan	Circular
Access	One door in N wall of Period 1 is blocked in this period, steps up and down also taken out in this period.
Windows	One in E wall of Period 1.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Toilet.

Component 064	
Plan	Rectangular. E wall (shown in Period 5 plan) demolished in Period 6 to connect components 064 and 065, with difference in floor levels meaning steps up are required. S wall angled.
Access	Open aperture to the N (064022) and also to the E (064025) both of Period 7, door in W wall of Period 3. Stair (064063) inserted into the SW corner in Period 7 (leads down to component 028).
Windows	One in S wall, one in W wall both belonging to Period 3.
Fireplaces	One in N wall and one shown in the S wall, which has not been seen, both blocked by Period 7.
Function	Access. Down to component 028 and the main entrance, N to component 063, E to component 065 and W to component 134 (which is outside on Abbey Strand)>

Component 065	
Plan	Rectangular- W wall demolished in Period 6.
Access	Door in E wall of Period 3, open to the W (to component 064)
Windows	One in S wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Access.

Component 066	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Two doors in N wall, one door in W wall all from Period 3.
Windows	Three in E wall of Period 3, further window in E wall is of Period 6, Window in S wall of Period 3 and in W wall of Period 2. Note 010008 and 012009 seem too high for the current plaster ceiling.
Fireplaces	One in W wall of Period 3, chimney breast in E wall (066003) has no fireplace today, but may be covered over.
Function	Custodians tea room.

Component 067	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Two doors in S wall of Period 3, door in W wall of Period 2 approached by an external stair.
Windows	One in N wall and two in W wall all of Period 2. two in E wall, one Period 3 and one a Period 6 feature that may recycle an older window.
Fireplaces	One in N wall, one in S wall, both covered over.
Function	Female custodians changing room.

Component 123	
Plan	Circular
Access	Open to S to components 045 and 124.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Stair.
Component 042	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in S wall (042018) of Period 7.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Bathroom.

Component 043	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	One in S wall (043023) of Period 7.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Toilet.

Component 045	
Plan	"L" shaped.
Access	Open to N to component 046 (N stair), door in E wall of Period 3, door in S wall (045026) and W Wall (045033), both Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Landing connecting N stair (components 046 and 123) to first floor.

Component 053	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in S wall (053032) of Period 7.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Corridor
Component 054	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in W wall (054015) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Linen cupboard- now used to store chairs.

Component 055	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in N wall (055009), door in E wall (055019) of Period 7, door in S wall of Period 3 or later, door in W wall of Period 3. Further door in S wall of Period 3 or later blocked by Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Corridor.

Component 056	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in N wall of Period 3 or later, door in E wall (056009) and S wall (056018), both built in Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Corridor.
Component 057	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in N wall of Period 3 or later blocked by Period 7. Door in W wall (057024) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Linen cupboard. Currently used to store chairs.

Component 058	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in N wall (058012) of Period 7.
Windows	Two in the S wall, one of Period 2, one of Period 3.
Fireplaces	One in the W wall blocked by Period 7.
Function	Bedroom, unused today.

Component 063	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in N wall (063007) of Period 7, open to the S (063019) and door in W wall of Period 1.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Access, really continuous with components 064 and 065.

3.9.3 Second Floor

Temporary residential, subdivided into hotel-like bedrooms

Component 070	
Plan	Rectangular, with an angled W wall.
Access	Door in S wall of Period 3.
Windows	One in N wall (001031) of Period 7.
Fireplaces	One in W wall, blocked by Period 7.
Function	Bedroom. Now unused.

Component 071	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in E wall (071031) of Period 7.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bedroom, now unused.

Component 072	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in the S wall (072022) of Period 7.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Bathroom, now unused.

Component 073	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in S wall (073016) of Period 7.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Toilet, now unused.

Component 074	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Two doors in the N wall (074008 and 074009), one in the E wall (074010) and one in the S wall (074011), all of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Corridor.

Component 075	
Plan	Square.
Access	Open at N (075001) and S ends (075003), Period 7 in present form.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Corridor.

Component 076	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Two doors in the N wall, one Period 3 the other (076008) Period 7. One door in the E wall (076011), 3 in the S wall (076014; 076018 and 076022) and one in the W wall (077007) all of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	Fireplace of Period 1 in the N wall, blocked by Period 7.
Function	Corridor.

Component 077	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in the E wall (077007) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Linen cupboard.

Component 078	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in N wall (078014) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 2, one in the W wall of Period 1.
Fireplaces	One in W wall covered up by Period 7.
Function	Bedroom. Now used to store insulation.

Component 079	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in N wall (079026) of Period 7.
Windows	Window in S wall of Period 2.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bedroom. Now used to store insulation.

Component 080	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in N wall (080006) of Period 7.
Windows	Two in the S wall, one Period 1 the other Period 4.
Fireplaces	Fireplace in E wall blocked by Period 7.
Function	Bedroom. Now used to store insulation.

Component 081	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in W wall (081012) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Linen store, not now used.

Component 082	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Two doors in the N wall (082004 and 082008) and one in the E wall (082015), two doors in the S wall of Period 3 or later.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Corridor.

Component 083	
Plan	Square.
Access	Open to N (083001) and S (083003).
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Corridor.

Component 084	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Two doors in N wall of Period 3 or later. Door in E wall (084015), 4 in the S wall (084018; 084022; 084026 and 084030) and one in the W wall (084034) all created in Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	Two earlier fireplaces in the N wall blocked by Period 7.
Function	Corridor.

Component 085	
Plan	Rectangular
Access	Door in the W wall (085011) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Linen cupboard, not now used.

Component 086	
Plan	Square.
Access	Two doors in the S wall (086006 and 086007) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the N wall of Period 4, one in the E wall of Period 1 and one of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bedroom, now unused.

Component 087	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in N wall (087001) of Period 7, door in S wall of Period 3 blocked by Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Cupboard.

Component 088	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in N wall (088001) of Period 7, door in S wall of Period 3 blocked by Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Cupboard.
Component 089	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in S wall (089015) of Period 7.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Toilet, now unused.

Component 090	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the S wall (090016) of Period 7.
Windows	Window in the N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bathroom, now unused.

Component 091	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in W wall (091017) of Period 7.
Windows	Window in the N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bedroom.

Component 092	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in N wall (092013) of Period 7.
Windows	One in S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bedroom. Now used to store insulation.

Component 093	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in N wall (093005) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bedroom. Now used to store insulation.

Component 094	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the N wall (094010) of Period 7.
Windows	One in S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bedroom. Now used to store insulation.

Component 095	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in N wall (095005) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	Fireplace in E wall blocked by Period 7.
Function	

Component 096	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the E wall (096011) and in the W wall (096007), both of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Linen store.

Component 097	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in the E wall (097002) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Cupboard.

Component 124	
Plan	Square.
Access	Open to components 123 and 125 to the N. Door to the E (124005) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Landing.

Component 125	
Plan	"D" shaped.
Access	Open to the S to components 124 and 126.
Windows	One in the N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Staircase.

3.9.4 Third Floor

Temporary residential, subdivided into hotel-like bedrooms

Component 098	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in S wall (098023) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the N wall of Period 4, one in the W wall, blocked by Period 7.
Fireplaces	One shown in the W wall is blocked off by Period 7.
Function	Bedroom, now not used.
Component 099	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the E wall (099015) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bedroom, now unused.
Component 100	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in the S wall (100013) of Period 7.
Windows	Window in the N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bedroom, now not in use.

Component 101	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the S wall (101013) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Toilet, now not in use.

Component 102	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Two doors in the N wall (102002 and 102003), one in the E wall (102013) and one in the W wall (102020), all of Period 7. Open to the S to component 103.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Corridor.

Component 103	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the E wall (103003) and S wall (103013) of Period 7, open to N and W.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Corridor.

Component 104	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in N wall (1040008), 3 doors in the S wall (104016; 104017 and 104018) all Period 7. Open to the E.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	Period 1 fireplace blocked by Period 7.
Function	Corridor.

Component 105	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the N wall (105002) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	Fireplace shown in W wall blocked by Period 7.
Function	Bedroom. Now used to store insulation.

Component 106	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in the N wall (106003) of Period 7.
Windows	Window in the S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bedroom. Now used to store insulation.

Component 107	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in the N wall (107002) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	One shown in the E wall blocked by Period 7.
Function	Bedroom. Now used to store insulation.

Component 108	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the N wall (108002) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Linen cupboard.

Component 109	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the W wall 9109012) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Linen cupboard.

Component 110	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in N wall (110002) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Cupboard.

Component 111	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	two doors in the N wall (111002 and 111003), one in the E wall (111013) and one in the W wall (111018) all of Period 7. Open to the S at its E end.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Corridor.

Component 112	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Two doors in the S wall (112009 and 112010) and one in the W wall (112016) of Period 7. Open to the E, and to the N at its W end.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Corridor.

Component 113	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the N wall (113002), door in the E wall (113009) and door in the S wall (113013) all of Period 7. Open to the W.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Corridor.

Component 114	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the S wall (114014) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Toilet, now unused.

Component 115	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the S wall (115012) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bathroom.

Component 116	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in the W wall (116021) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	Unseen fireplace in N wall blocked by Period 7.
Function	Bedroom now used to store insulation.

Component 117	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in E wall (117007) of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Linen cupboard.

Component 118	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in the S wall (118021) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the N and one in the E walls, both Period 4.
Fireplaces	One shown in E wall is covered over by Period 7.
Function	Bedroom. Now unused.

Component 119	
Plan	Square.
Access	Door in the W wall (119026) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the E wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bedroom now used to store insulation.

Component 120	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the N wall (120002) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	Fireplace shown in the W wall is blocked by Period 7.
Function	Bedroom now used to store insulation.

Component 121	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Door in the N wall (121002) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Bedroom now used to store insulation.

Component 122	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	One in the N wall (122002) of Period 7.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	One shown in the E wall blocked by Period 7.
Function	Bedroom now used to store insulation.

Component 126	
Plan	Square.
Access	Open to N to component 125 (N stair). Door in N wall (126013), E wall (126019), S wall (126023) and W wall (126027) and a ceiling hatch (126034- to attic component 128) all of Period 7.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Landing.

Component 127	
Plan	"D" shaped.
Access	Door to S (127017) of Period 7.
Windows	One in N wall of Period 4.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Staircase.

3.9.5 Attic Component

Unused roof space.

Component 128	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Access is through a hatch in the floor to component 126.
Windows	None. Skylights.
Fireplaces	One in the E wall, two built into chimney breasts rising internally within this space of Period 4 blocked in Period 5.
Function	Unused, except for access to the roof.

Component 129	
Plan	Rectangular space above component 067.
Access	Access via a hatch at the S end, with an opening forced through the S wall in Period 6.
Windows	One probable blocked window in the N wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Not used. Roof beams replaced and roof re- slated in Period 7.

Component 130	
Plan	Rectangular space above component 066.
Access	Access via an opening forced through the N wall in Period 6.
Windows	One in the S wall of Period 3.
Fireplaces	None.
Function	Water tanks kept up here.

Component 131	
Plan	Square with an angled E wall.
Access	Access via a hatch in the NE corner leading down to component 062. Open to the S to component 132.
Windows	Probably skylights.
Fireplaces	One in E wall of Period 4, blocked in Period 5.
Function	Unused.

Component 132	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Open to the N to component 131.
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Unused.

Component 133	
Plan	Rectangular.
Access	Today accessed through a cut in its N wall of Period 7. May have been inaccessible in Period 4 (very small space.)
Windows	None.
Fireplaces	None
Function	Unused.

4 Discussion and Analysis

The recent fieldwork and desktop research has confirmed that the site is likely to retain evidence of occupation and construction from at least the 15th century. It has also tracked the impact of successive campaigns of rebuilding and occupation up to the present time. The changes in use, context and status at Abbey Strand also reflect the fortunes of the medieval *abbey*, the development of the royal *palace* and the gradual encroachment of the *town* over previously hallowed and exclusive ground, culminating in successive 20th century programmes of repair, restoration and conversion.

This overall mix of function and fortune is in itself of high archaeological significance while each successive *Period*, each of which exemplify key stages in its history, is individually significant in its own right. Each Period of the site is distinct, from its structure to its decoration, and from its links with the Palace, Town and Abbey, with all consequent implications for the prestige and status of the site, to its association with an array of colourful historical characters .

The general significance of the site is clear, as each Period of its development testifies, however it is when the analysis of elements within the site is required for whatever reason, that a series of comparative frames of reference may be appropriate and helpful. These in turn should allow easy assimilation without unnecessary detail – as they are derived from a staged integration of discrete data sets /evidence, the integration of which can be tracked back if necessary.

These aspects are expressed in broad terms in the form of the executive summary which is intended to demonstrate the balance of key themes across each period without emphasis on any one in particular

4.1 Executive Summary: Form and Function

Period 1

- The site represents the public face of the formal Abbey layout towards the Town.
- The site is multifunctional, combining ritual, residential and service elements in the form of potential chapel, accommodation and kitchen.
- The service areas are at Ground Floor, with accommodation above, all with potentially discrete access arrangements
- It can serve a variable residential community.
- It lies next to the Abbey Precinct as defined by the main gate but also within the Abbey Sanctuary boundary.
- It is primarily an Abbey building although it occupies an intermediate zone between the Canongate and the formal Claustral area of the Abbey.
- It is largely preserved in plan, layout and function into Period 2.

Period 2

- The property retains a multifunctional role, combining, accommodation and service elements.
- The ritual role of Period 1 is supplanted by a formal, high status role in relation to the Palace, rather than the Abbey.
- It still provides flexible service accommodation for temporary / occasional usage.
- The Period 1 disposition of ground floor service and accommodation on upper floors is continued but the accommodation is now rationalised into four similar units and the service area is augmented by new build/extension on two levels.
- The west block of the property at least, has two formal elevations, although different in character. One faces the street, with large windows, regularly spaced. The other elevation is more private, facing an enclosed area –a possible garden overlooked by a timber gallery.
- There is discrete access to both sides of the property.
- It is now a complex property combining residual structures and spaces.

Period 3

- The high status character of the residual accommodation units is continued and reinforced with new decoration and painted ceilings.
- New accommodation of a lesser quality is added at an upper level.
- The property now features self - contained hierarchical accommodation .
- Residual service elements have now discrete/ specialised functions, probably including brewing/distilling.
- The private garden area to the rear now a courtyard primarily for access around the extended property.
- The separation of commercial and residential use, with social/access space between, is now in place.
- This represents the last period of investment in and redesign of, the property in line with its new role as part of a suburban development alongside the later Stewart Palace.

Period 4

- The existing complex saw subdivision and downgrading of accommodation space. This extended intensive residential usage into the attics and introduced a variety of discrete access routes.
- There was further building in the yard (one time backland/garden) area, maximising rental potential, and defined two sides of Thompson's Court.
- There was continued commercial use of the ground floor, most notably as taverns.
- The property was still a multifunctional complex separating commercial and residential functions.
- The property contained its highest number of residents, who in part reflected the Sanctuary status of the site, the public houses and other traditionally associated ' trades'.
- Other than the ancient rights of Sanctuary, there was no real association with the Abbey Church and Palace, the property effectively being part of the High Street.
- It is one of the run down, multi occupancy properties within the now highly industrialised Canongate area.

Period 5

- The first period of conversion and rebuilding prompted by Antiquarian and Conservation interest in the architecture of the property.
- The redevelopment of Abbey Strand is part of the wider Arts and Craft movement and Urban Conservation.
- The new design is the work of a significant practitioner and it is comparable with work of other architects in the Old Town.
- The redesign re-emphasises the role of the property as an adjunct to the Palace although not functionally linked. It is essentially part of a process of clearance around Holyroodhouse, representing increasing Antiquarian awareness of the Palace and its environs.
- The rebuilding work saved the property from demolition, although the impact on original fabric was radical and extensive.
- The property was still low status accommodation with taverns on ground floor, alongside an emerging catering/retail function serving a burgeoning tourist trade.
- The rebuilding also introduced new internal plumbing and water closets, in line with new social housing standards.
- The site is now isolated and a prominent element in the streetscape.

Period 6

- This period saw the transition of the site into an Ancient Monument under the administration of the Ministry of Works.
- Further conversion of the site was undertaken as part of an ongoing programme of restoration and maintenance.
- The property is no longer residential – it is now entirely converted for Service, Commercial and Storage usage throughout.
- The interventions comprised deliberate augmentation/ enhancement of original fabric (notably in the form of imported painted timbers) – or removal of certain structural components for preservation and conservation. The work was also focussed on key areas, with consequence of trapped, undamaged fabric in roof spaces.
- Public access limited to the tea shop.

Period 7

- As part of a major period of conversion for significant Royal and Civil Service occupancy, the property was extensively re-modelled and services upgraded.
- This work was focussed on the same areas as Period 6, with similar preservation of original fabric.
- This created extra temporary accommodation as a college/overspill for Royal staff on top two floors with Ministry of Works stores and workshops on ground and first floors in main block.
- The impact of both new accommodation and workshop was discrete and consistent.
- The site is now a form of Public Monument with no public access other than the shop, all under the auspices of two agencies – the Royal Household and Historic Scotland.
- The property has regained a functional role with the Palace, and still represents multifunctional usage, although non residential.

The following table summarises the evolution of the property in terms of key themes – functional and interpretive:

Period	Residential Usage	Ritual/Formal Usage	Service Usage	Commercial Usage	Social Status	Cultural Significance	Town / Palace / Abbey Association	Archaeological Survival in Upstanding Fabric
1	High	Moderate	High	None	High	Very High	Abbey	GF walls and surfaces, 1F walls and surfaces.
2	High	Moderate	High	High	High	Very High	Palace	GF walls and surfaces, 1F + 2F walls, surfaces, and timbers
3	High	None	High	High	High	High	Town	Surfaces and timbers (roof/ceiling).
4	High	None	High	High	Low	High	Town	Surfaces and finishes, timbers (roof).
5	Moderate	None	Moderate	High	Low	High	Town	Exterior elevations, timbers (roof).
6	None	None	High	High	Low	High	Palace	Plan/layout, recycled timbers, surfaces and finishes, services.
7	Moderate-none	None	Moderate	Low	Low	High	Palace	Plan/layout, recycled timbers, surfaces and finishes, services.
	Significant residential role throughout its history, only finishing in recent past.	Limited ritual/formal role throughout .	Significant service role throughout its history.	Significant commercial function throughout its history.	Initial high social status declining to low for most of its history.	The associations with the early Abbey and Palace represent periods of highest cultural significance.	The property has seen association fairly equally between Town and Palace.	All periods are variously reflected throughout all parts of the building fabric.

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- 039/127/025 Detail of E elevation, 1936
- 039/127/026 Detail of N elevation, 1936
- 039/127/027 Detail of S elevation, 1936
- 039/127/030 Front porch and steps repairs, 1936
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- 039/127/077 South elevation, harling repairs, 1963

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The Canongate Charters, Acts and Indices

This comprises transcripts of Charters 1493-1652 (vol 2), 1652-1672 (vol 3), 1695-1710 (vol 4) and Acts of the Bailies of the Canongate 1623-1652, 1652-1676, 1694-1732, 1732-1745, all bound into one volume.

Date	Description	Charter #	Page
4.2.1613	In favour of William Chalmers, Clerk Register of the King's Treasury & his spouse of a great dwelling or building with its garden & its pertinents lying near the gate of the monastery of Holyrood on the N side of the high street at the E end, between lands belonging to Alexander Hunter on the W & N, the gardens of the King on the E & the high street on the S.	7	6
14.5.1640	In favour of Joanna Chalmers, wife of Edward Chalmers snr, portioner of Chalmerston, as heir to her father, Mr Wm Chalmers, deceased, Clerk of the Treasury, of a large mansion, land or building, with its garden & pertinents, lying near the gate of the monastery, on the N side of the high street at the E end, between the lands & gardens belonging to the late Alexander Hunter & now to Alexander Peirs on the W & N, the King's gardens on the E & the high street on the S.	38	27
21.5.1640	The property is inherited by Edward Chalmers jnr.	39	28
25.8.1642	The property is passed to William Chalmers jnr, appraised from EC jnr.	41	69
1.6.1654	Resignation in favour of Edward Chalmers, maltman & burgess of Stirling, on payment to the late John Brown, gardener at Holyroodhouse, of the great mansion, land or lodging with yard & pertinents, formerly pertaining to WC late Clerk Register, then to said EC, which great mansion of land resigned by Wm Chalmers jr, writer in Edinburgh. 8 merks annual feu duty.	12	42
8.6.1654	Apprising in obedience to a charge of Horning, in favour of James Chalmers, servitor to Sir Thomas Nicolson, Lord Advocate, of a great mansion [etc.] which was appraised from WC jnr, writer, provided that it is & shall be redeemable by the said WC jnr & his heirs. 8 merks annual feu duty.	13	43
5.9.1665	Precept of Clare Constat granted to Helen Chalmers, one of the daughters & heirs portioner of the late William Chalmers, writer in Edinburgh, of a great mansion, land or edifice with yard &	23	49

Date	Description	Charter #	Page
	pertinents [etc]. Said HC resigns her share to James Hopkirk, Surgeon & burgess in Edinburgh & his spouse Janet Newlands. 4 marks annual feu duty.		
18.5.1676	Precept of Sasine in favour of Thomas Chalmers, son of the late James Chalmers, advocate, of a tenement of land or great mansion, garden & its precincts, pertaining to the late WC, Clerk of the Treasury, then to EC [etc], the said TC being the nearest heir to JC. 8 marks annual feu duty.	31	54
Late 17th	Precept of Clare Constat in favour of William Hopkirk, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, as heir to his father, James Hopkirk, surgeon & burgess, of half of a great mansion or building & a garden & its pertinents lying near [etc]. 4 marks annual feu duty.	56?	

The Canongate Chartulary

This comprises the original hand-written documents bound into several volumes, with an index compiled in 1960. The following entries in the index are under the heading of Abbey and Abbey Strand. The first 5 have been seen and all appear to refer to the buildings on and to the rear of the N side of Abbey Strand.

Ch of Conf = Charter of Confirmation; P of C C = Precept of Clare Constat; Ch of Resig = Charter of Resignation; Ch of Ultimus Haeres = Charter of Ultimus Haeres; Disp = Disponement; Rec for Comp = Receipt for Compensation.

Date	Situation of Property	Vassal	Description of deed	Vol.	Page (folio)
20.6.1771	Mansion house, precincts of Abbey	Gavin Thomson	Ch of Conf & P of C C	4	527
22.11.1771	Mansion house, precincts of Abbey	Thomas Beadle or Beath	Ch of Conf	4	528
8.5.1804	Precincts of Abbey	John W S Dundas	Ch of Ultimus Haeres	5	279
26.3.1806	Precincts of Abbey	Richard Garrety	Ch of Conf & P of C C	5	362
26.8.1806	Precincts of Abbey	Thomas Sommers	Ch of Conf	5	409
26.8.1806	Thomson's Close, precincts of Abbey	Alexander Home	Ch of Conf	5	413
20.8.1836	Thomson's Close, precincts of Abbey	Misses Isabella & Jane Home	P of C C	7A	253
29.9.1824	Precincts of Abbey	Miss Elizabeth	P of C C	7A	31

Date	Situation of Property	Vassal	Description of deed	Vol.	Page (folio)
		Garrety			
3.6.1825	Precincts of Abbey	William Sommers	P of C C	7A	79
11.2.1828	Thomson's Close, precincts of Abbey	Joseph Brown	Ch of Resign & Conf	7A	133
12.9.1831	Abbey of Holyroodhouse	William Somers	P of C C	7A	198
7.10.1833	Precincts of Abbey	William Somers Moir	Ch of Conf & P of C C	7A	237
29.10.1853	Precincts of Abbey	William Somers Moir	Ch of Conf & P of C C	7A	410
19.12.1871	Thomson's Close and precincts of Abbey	Robert McBean	Disp by Trs of Standard Investment Co Ltd	12	296
8.11.1883	Thomson's Close and precincts of Abbey	Robert McBean	Rec for Comp	12	297
17.5.1881	Abbey Strand (Watergate)	Walter Stirling	Disp by Trs of Alexander Craw	13	84
16.5.1893	Abbey Strand (Watergate)	Rt Hon Archibald Phillip, Earl of Rosebery	Disp by miss Anne Caw	13	122
25.5.1893	Abbey Strand (Watergate)	Rt Hon Archibald Phillip, Earl of Rosebery	Disp by William Somers Moir & Ors	13	125
6.6.1893	9 Abbey Strand (Thomson's Court)	Rt Hon Archibald Phillip, Earl of Rosebery	Disp by Henry Snow	13	123
23.8.1894	Canongate & c	Rt Hon Archibald Phillip, Earl of Rosebery	Discharge of Casualties	13	127
22.12.1876	Precincts of Abbey & Thomson's Close	James Allison	Disp by Alexander Walker	12	299
13.2.1884	Precincts of Abbey & Thomson's Close	James Allison	Rec for Comp	12	301
20.5.1881	Precincts of Abbey & Thomson's Close	Miss Henrietta Allison	Disp by Thomas Allison	12	302
13.2.1884	Precincts of Abbey & Thomson's Close	Miss Henrietta Allison	Recs for Comp	12	304

Sample charters from the above list:

20.6.1771, Ch of Conf & P of C C

Confirmation of an obligation of 14.5.1735 made by Gavin Thomson, writer in Edinburgh, to his son & heir Gavin Thomson, Surgeon in the Royal Navy, registered in the Particular

Register of Sasines 2.8.1735 'In all & whole these tenements & houses lying at the foot of the Canongate of Edinburgh & within the Precincts of the Abbay of Halyruidhou'...'All & whole the foresaid large Mansion house of land or Edifice below & above, back & fore with the Gardens of the same & its pertinents lying near the Port of the Monastery of the Holy Cross near Edinburgh on the north side of the highway of the same on the east end of the Burgh of Canongate betwixt the Lands & Gardens sometime belonging to Alexander Hunter, afterwards to Alexander Peers now to George Wilson mason in Edinburgh on the west & north parts of His Majesty's Gardens on the east of the King's high way of Canongate on the south parts'.

22.11.1771, Ch of Conf

Confirmation of a disposition made by Gavin Thomson, Surgeon RN, to Thomas Beath, writer in Edinburgh 'All & Whole that great Tenement of land back & fore under & above & whole houses & Tenements with the Garden or area...lying at the foot of the Canongate [description of location as above] as the same are presently possess by the several Tenants..', 8 merks feu farm.

8.5.1804, Ch of Ultimus Haeres

In favour of John Dundas, writer to Signet, trustee for the creditors of John Sutherland (dec.), disposing 'all & whole that laigh House lying within the precincts of the Abbey of Holyrood house as formerly possessed by James Wilson & Thomas Duncan & now by Charles ?Cainwet change keeper consisting of five fine rooms with chimneys & kitchen, bounded by the high street on the south, by the house adjoining to the Physic Gardens pertaining to the Duke of Hamilton & sometime possessed by Peter Hendrie Gardener on the east, the Houses of [not filled in] possessed by sundry persons on the west & north parts, with the privilege of the well adjoining the said houses'. A yearly payment of £1 Scots to be made in feu duty as a proportional part of 8 Merks Scots payable for the whole subjects of which the said laigh House is a part, formerly held by dec. Thomas Beath, Writer in Edinburgh.

20.3.1806, Ch of Conf & P of C C

Richard Garretty, only son of dec. James Garretty, Keeper of the Abbey of Holyroodhouse, provided a precept of sasine of 1.11.1788, granted by Gavin Thomson, then hereditary proprietor of the said subjects, sold & disposed to JG (dec.) 'All & Whole the Ground Floor Flatt of the House then belonging to [GT], lying in the precincts of the Abbey of Holyroodhouse consisting of 3 Rooms Kitchen & Cellar as then possessed by Thomas Fraser, Change Keeper, bounded by the High Street on the south, by the house belonging to the said JG, now to Joseph Brown, on the east, by the House belonging to Thomas Sommers Vintner in Edinburgh on the west & by the Close leading into the said GT's other subjects upon the north parts'. £1 Scots annual feu duty, being a proportional part of 8 merks for the whole subjects, of which the above is a part, formerly held by GT.

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Major Warrants are for serious alterations to a building, often structural, whilst Minor Warrants are granted for less important work, such as minor internal alterations. Only those referring to 3-11 Abbey Strand (the current upstanding buildings) are listed here.

Date of Extract	Address (Abbey Strand)	Petitioner	Operation
<i>Major Warrants</i>			
4.11.1863	-	Procurator Fiscal	-
12.8.1880	5	J & T Allison	Roof alterations
3.7.1916	3-11 & Thomson's Court	G Dalziel & T S Esson	Demolish attic & rearrange rooms
<i>Minor Warrants</i>			
23.3.1893	7	H Beaumont	Minor alterations
29.4.1909	11	Miss L Woodcock	Minor alterations

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6 Glossary

Definitions are taken from *The Scots Thesaurus*, by The Scottish National Dictionary Association Ltd, 1999 edition, Edinburgh.

Apprise – value & sell a debtor's land to pay off the debt.

Clare Constat, Precept of – a precept of sasine by which an heir is recognised by the superior.

Confirmation, Charter of – process whereby executors are judicially recognised or confirmed in their office & receive a title to the property of a deceased person (often inherited).

Discharge of Casualty – the resignation of claim to an incidental item of income or revenue due from a tenant or vassal.

Dispone – dispose, make over or convey (often property or land).

Distrain – seize land or goods to enforce a fulfilment of an obligation.

Feu – a holding in which a vassal has exclusive possession and use of a heritable property in return for payment of a feu duty to a superior.

Heir portioner – a joint heir.

Horning – the proclamation of an outlaw, debtor or bankrupt (originally using a trumpet).

Laigh house – a lower building, often one of a group, attached to a main building of several stories.

Land – a holding of burgage land, a building site (burgage is the form of tenure by which land within a royal burgh is held of the monarch).

Resignation, Charter of – a disposition executed by a vassal in which he resigns his lands or feu to his superior.

Sasine – the act or procedure of giving possession of a feudal property (& the document attesting this, also called the instrument of sasine).

Sasine, Precept of – the mandate by which the superior authorised his agent to give possession.

Tenement – land held in tenure & built on, a building erected on a land.

Ultimus Haeres, Charter of – a title applied to the Crown as the last or ultimate heir when succeeding to the property of someone who has died intestate or with no known heir (the property was often then disposed of to another party).

Writer – a lawyer, notary or solicitor; if *Writer to the Signet* – a member of a society of solicitors in Edinburgh.