
CASTLE FARM
BISHOP MIDDLEHAM
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HISTORIC BUILDING RECORD

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SUMMARY

A programme of building recording has been carried out at Castle Farm, Bishop Middleham as part of historic buildings recording project carried out on a group of Farmsteads and Mills for the Bright Water Landscape Partnership. To accompany a written description of the buildings a plan was produced by Peter Ryder, historic buildings consultant, and photographic recording undertaken in December 2020 by colour digital photography using a Panasonic DMC-FZ1000. The visual record of the farmstead, which is in poor condition, was further enhanced by means of a digital laser scan of the North Range frontage carried out in April, 2022. In addition, an attempt was made to research the history of the building through locally available historic maps and records.

The complex of buildings known as Castle Farm probably has its origins in the early 19th century and displays indications of several phases of addition and alteration within a relatively short time period, although precise dating of the phases is impossible due to the dilapidated state of the structures and absence of closely dateable historic maps and other information. The buildings are mostly built of roughly-coursed Magnesian Limestone rubble, with some use of brick. No traditional roofing materials survive, corrugated asbestos and iron having been used in makeshift 20th century re-roofing and repair. The southern and central parts of the West Range have pitched roofs, as does the Barn in the South Range, but all other roofs are low-pitched mono-pitch ones that appear relatively recent.

Overall, the buildings provide a good example of a mid-19th century planned farmstead adapted between the mid-19th and mid-20th centuries to suit changing requirements, without presenting any features of especial merit. Evidence for such adaptations is apparent in changes made to the structures at Castle Farm, but the building of new, larger sheds from around 1970 indicates that these changes were not successful, leaving the farm abandoned and susceptible to gradual physical decay, resulting in its current, dilapidated state.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

Castle Farm (NGR NZ 32745 31225) lies on the west side of the parish church on the south side of Bishop Middleham, almost equidistant between Darlington, to the south and Durham, to the north, in County Durham. The farmstead complex comprises an extensive group of old farm buildings, now mostly ruinous, on either side of a lane leading from the green on the south side Church Street (due west of the parish church), south to the promontory site of Middleham Castle.

Accordingly, the current investigation and recording exercise has been carried out as far as possible in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation agreed for the Bright Water Landscape Partnership Built Heritage Lot 3 (Innovation) Archaeology Project in January, 2020. All historic buildings within the development area were included in this work, with **Level 2** recording of the majority of the historic farm buildings.

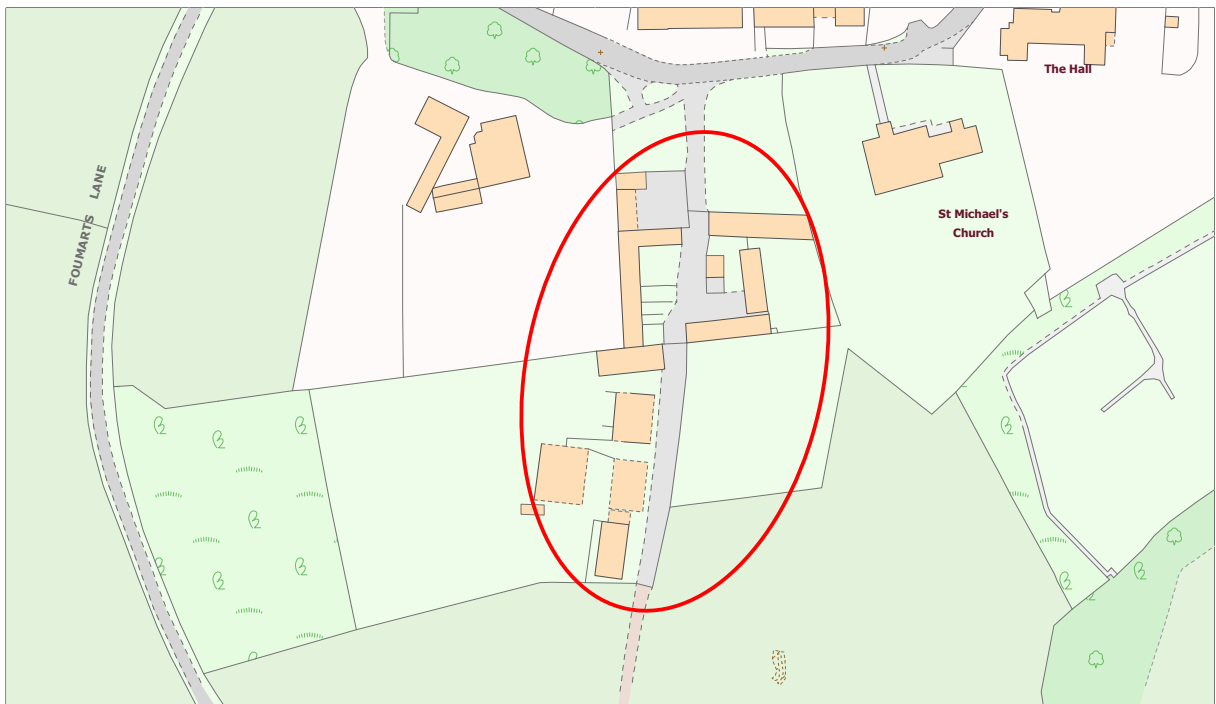
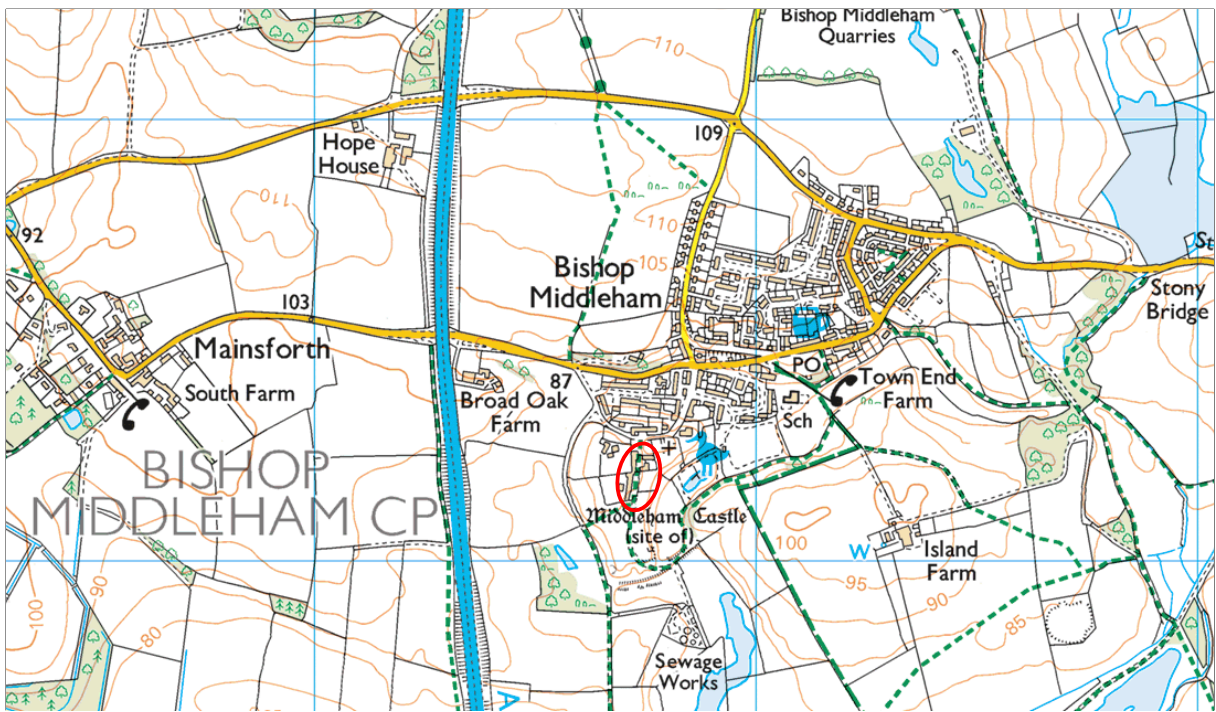
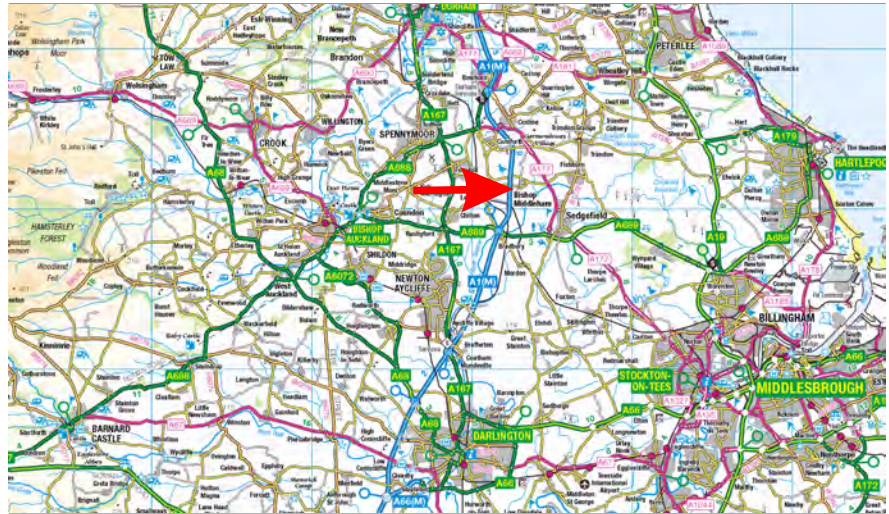
The overall approach of the Bright Water Landscape Partnership Built Heritage Lot 3 (Innovation) Archaeology Project was to gain a clearer understanding of the surviving planned farms (and mills) within the Bright Water Landscape Scheme area whilst providing training in historic building recording methods and techniques to interested volunteers and furthering the understanding of the site and its environment by all members of the community, thereby reinforcing and developing the existing sense of place and belonging within the area and providing a springboard for further community-led initiatives in the field of archaeology. However, the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic soon after agreement of the WSI necessitated a change in approach, with the majority of on-site recording being carried out by a greater number of professionals, supplemented by additional approaches (aerial photography and digital scanning - see *Illus. 12 & 14*), while an attempt was made to respond to the volunteer component of the project by providing online guides to building types of the BrightWater area, including historic farms, and the approaches and techniques used to record them.

1.2 Cultural Heritage Background

While the buildings at Castle Farm are not listed, they are of local value, forming an important historic complex in the south part of the village with the castle site immediately to the south, the medieval parish church immediately to the east and a number of grand houses also adjacent in what was undoubtedly the core of the medieval and later village.

Little is known about the development of the farm complex other than that it appears on the Tithe Plan of 1839 (*Illus. 04*) as a small complex comprising the current North Range (formerly cottages with attached barn) and the current North Yard adjacent to the west, with paddock boundaries including what may be the outline of the incipient Middle Yard to the south. The farmhouse may have been within the east end of the North Range or west of the West Range, in the position of, or incorporating parts of the current, Castle View residence.

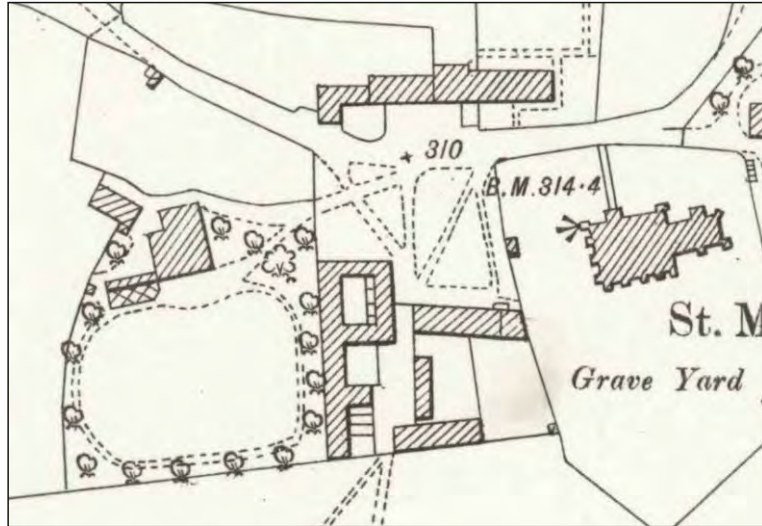
The subsequent first and later editions of the Ordnance Survey series (*Illus. 05-09*) suggest that part or all of the North Yard complex may have been rebuilt by mid-century, and show that the remainder of the historic buildings, including a southern extension to the west range of the North Yard (to form the current Central and South Yards), a South Range south of, and nearly parallel with, the North Range and a central range, or Eastern Outbuilding (see below)



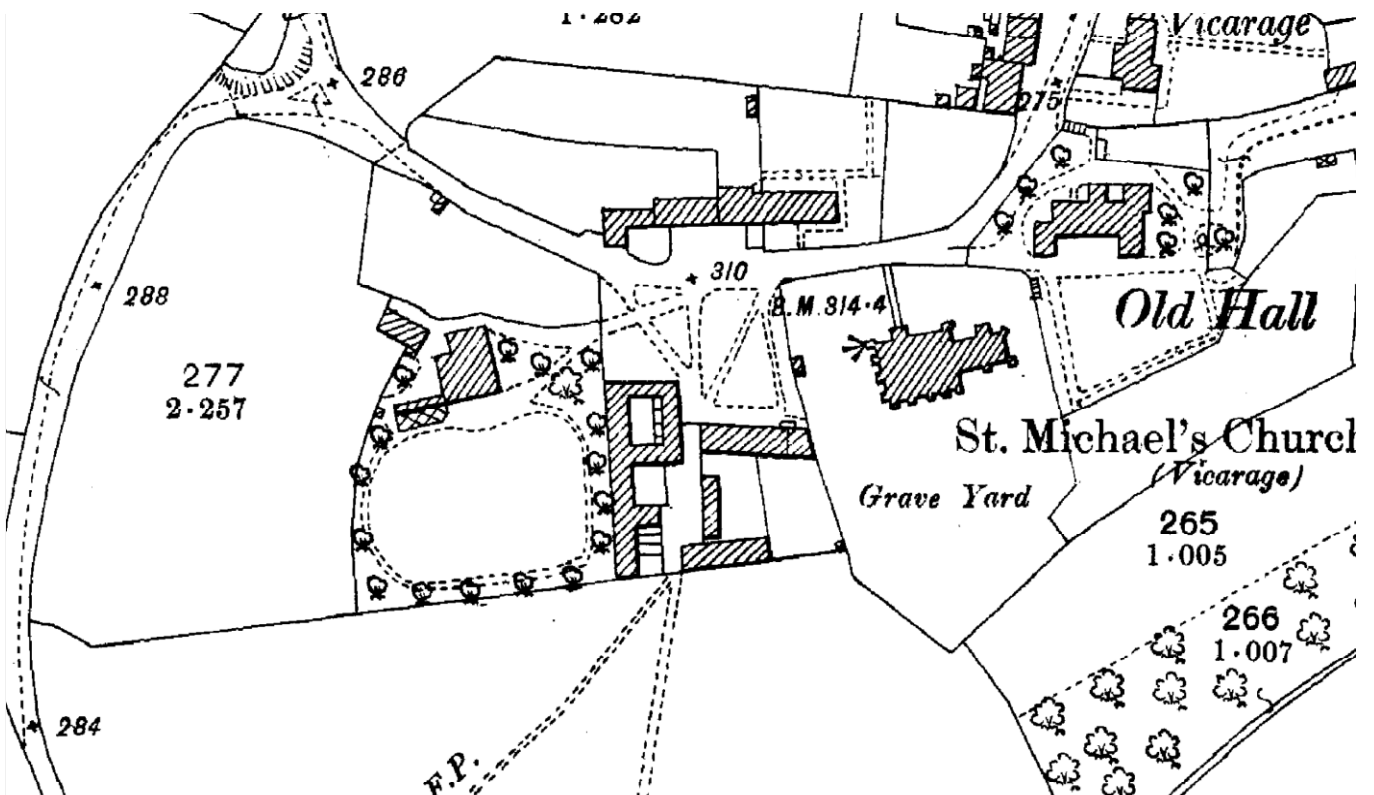
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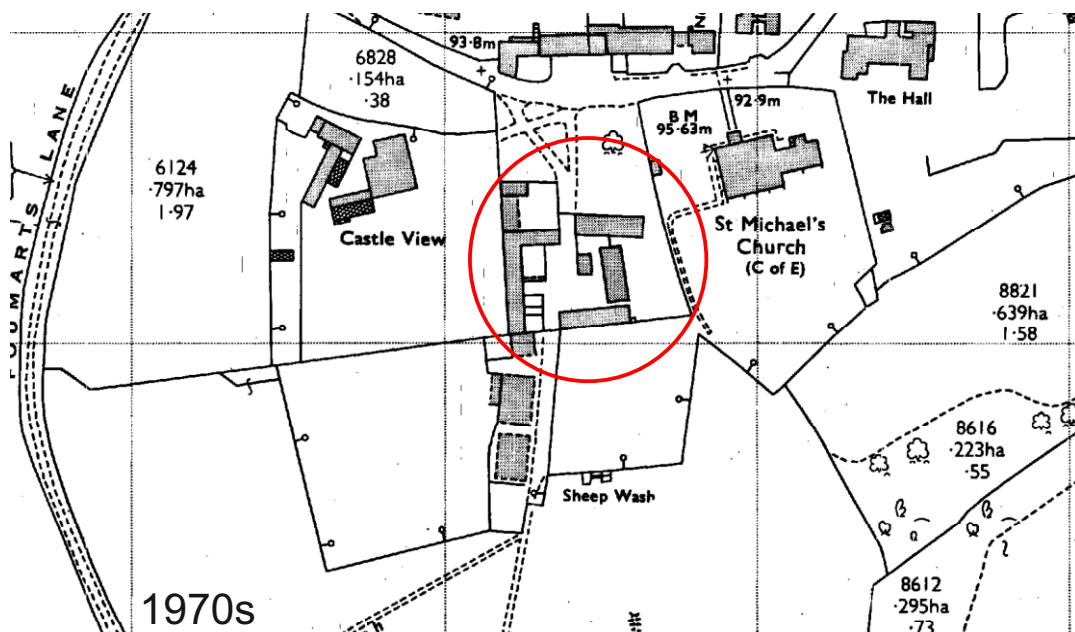
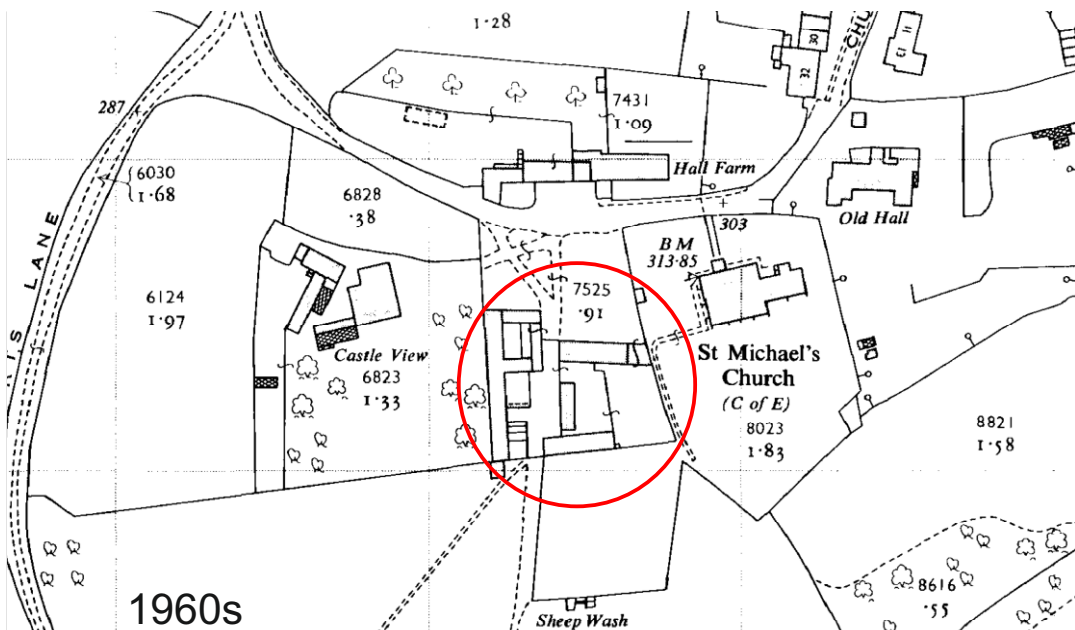
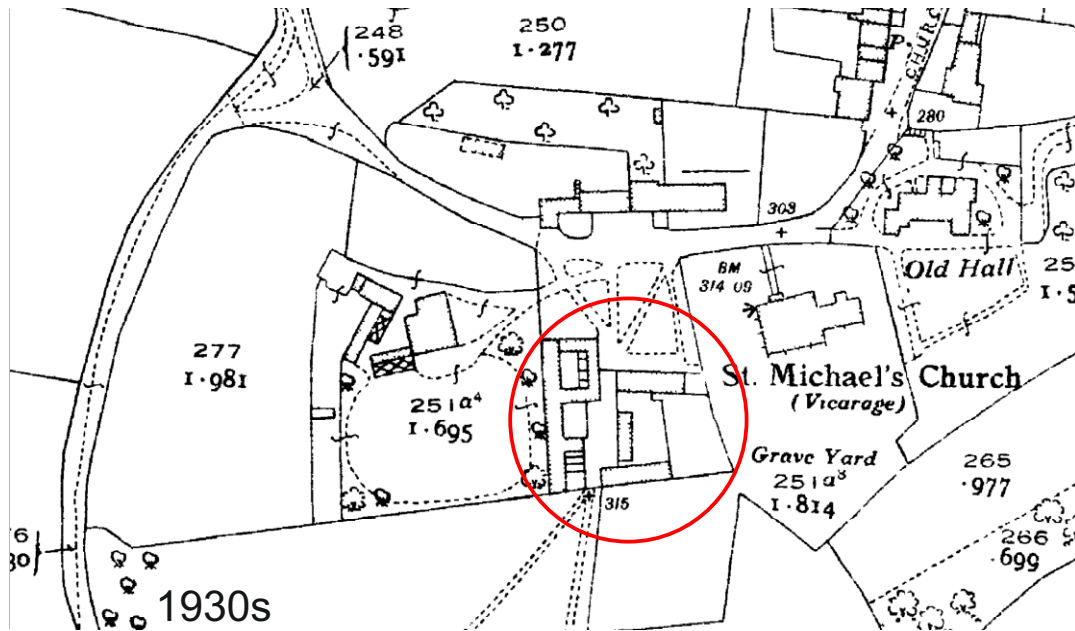
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current, now-redundant Dairy which mainly took place from the late 1960s or early '70s, at which time the expansion of the farm began to the south, with the development of large detached barns on the west side of the track to the castle. A current barn on the east side of the Dairy is a still later addition.

Castle Farm is an example of a planned farm which reflects the principles of the agricultural revolution of the later 18th and early 19th centuries. Enclosure and the reorganisation of farm holdings was an essential step in paving the way for the 'agricultural improvement' movement by which landowners sought to increase the productivity and profitability of agriculture on their estates. Substantial investments were made to increase the size of livestock through breeding programmes, and to sweeten pasture and improve crop yields by the use of better crop rotation, field drains, fertilising with lime and other innovative techniques. Ultimately this agricultural revolution was a child of the Enlightenment, driven by the desire to ensure investment in agriculture was guided by scientific method, with new practices adopted on the basis of systematic trial and error, rather than tradition. County Durham was greatly involved in this process, and the gentleman farmers of the Bright Water Area, in particular, played a leading role in it. Thus, at Castle Farm the various farm buildings typically laid out around stackyards in such a way as ensure maximum efficiency, and the various byres and stables for housing livestock provided with stone floors with drainage channels. The farm is unusual, however, in being detached from the main farmhouse, although a North cottage range probably housed farm workers.

The history of the farm since the second wave of major agricultural innovations following World War 2 typify many of the problems facing such structures which are not readily adapted to the needs of modern agriculture, which favours much larger sheds accessible for large machinery. This in turn means that only limited repairs appear justifiable and they tend to be subject to piecemeal modification. Evidence for such adaptations is apparent in the structures at Castle Farm, but the building of new, larger sheds from around 1970 indicates that these changes were never successful, leaving the farm abandoned and susceptible to gradual physical decay.

The gradual reduction in the number of working farms, through older farmers' retirement and the consequent merger of their farms, leaves newly redundant farmsteads at risk of conversion into housing, entailing drastic alteration to the overall character of the buildings. The recording programme carried out at Castle Farm for the Brightwater project ensures information on this farm is preserved, whatever its future fate, and helps to identify common features distinctive to the area.

1.3 Methodology

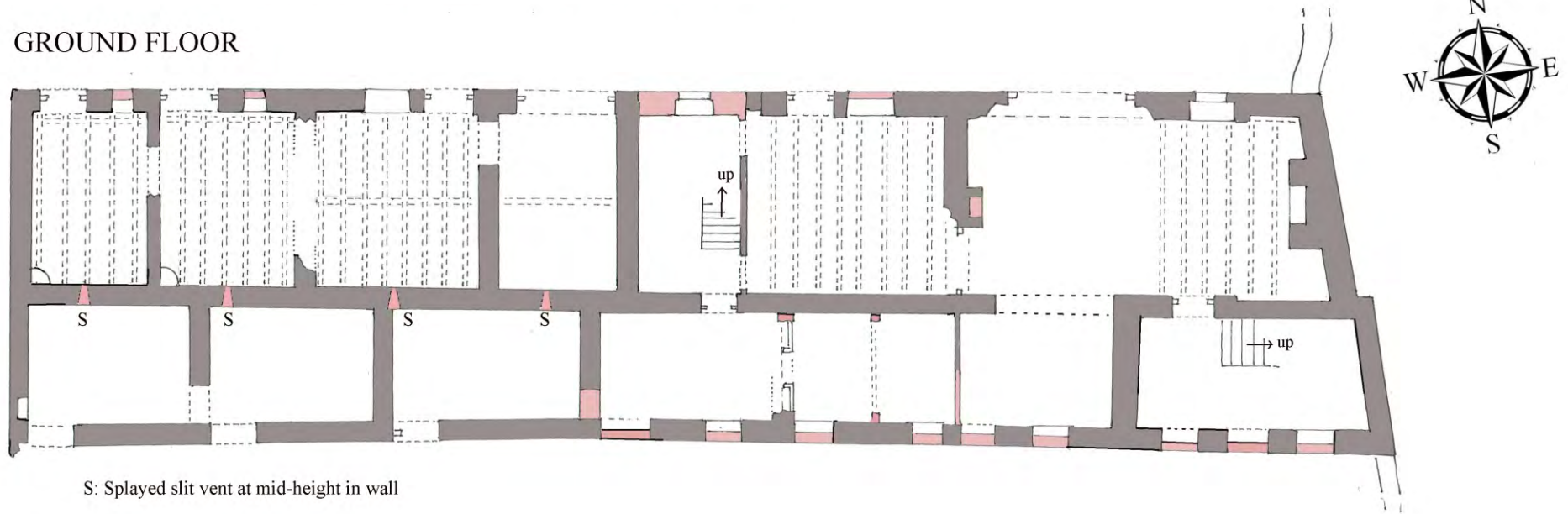
The photographic recording of this almost-entirely redundant farmstead was undertaken to accompany a drawn survey (*Illus. 10, 11 & 13*) and written description in December 2020, using digital photography (see *Appendix 1*). All elevations were photographed as far as possible face-on and from a consistent height and perspective. Where possible, all record photographs included a scaled ranging pole. Where it was not possible to capture an entire elevation in a single photograph because of the constricted nature of the site, a series of partial elevations were recorded along with an oblique overall view of the full elevation.

Subsequently, the visual record of the farmstead, which is in poor condition, was further enhanced by means of a digital laser scan of the North Range frontage carried out in March, 2022 (*Illus. 12*). In addition, an attempt was made to research the history of the building through locally available historic maps and records which could shed light on the history of the buildings, although little of significance was located other than historic Ordnance Survey plans (*Illus. 05-09*).



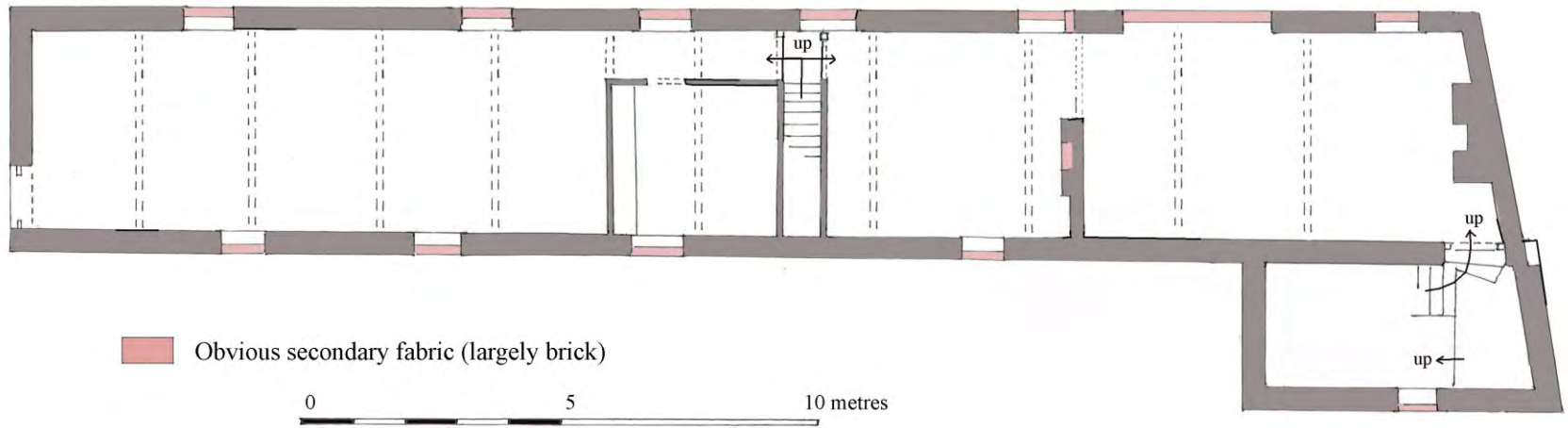
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GROUND FLOOR



S: Splayed slit vent at mid-height in wall

FIRST FLOOR

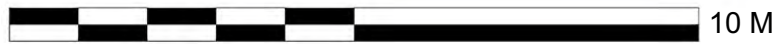



Obvious secondary fabric (largely brick)

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*Illus. 14: Digital Scan of the west gable elevation of the North Range
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2. BUILDING DESCRIPTION

2.1 INTRODUCTION

Associated with Castle Farm are an extensive group of old farm buildings, now mostly ruinous, on either side of a lane leading from the green on the south side Church Street (due west of the parish church), south to the promontory site of Middleham Castle.

Facing the green, on the east of the lane, is the two-storeyed **Main Range**, the best-preserved part of the buildings. On the west of the lane are the remains of three yards, backed by the long **West Range** and separated by the two small **North-West** and **South-West Ranges** between them; the western part of the **North Range** remains on the north of the North Yard. East of the lane leading to the Castle is the ruinous **South Range** and on the east side of the lane the small **Eastern Outbuilding**. East of this, and running between the east end of the South Range and the North-East Range, is a large modern blockwork barn; there are three other open Dutch barns, of timber, in the field to the south of the south end of the West Range.

The buildings are mostly built of roughly-coursed Magnesian Limestone rubble, with some use of brick. No traditional roofing materials survive, corrugated asbestos and iron having been used in makeshift 20th century re-roofing and repair. The southern and central parts of the West Range have pitched roofs, as does the Barn in the South Range, but all other roofs are low-pitched mono-pitch ones that appear relatively recent.

2.2 THE MAIN RANGE (SEE APPENDIX 1: PHOTO. RECORD 01-95).

The is an east-west range c 30 x 7.5 m externally consisting of a two-storeyed range facing north, with a rear outshut that is single-storeyed except at its east end. The east end is set at a notably skew angle, conforming with the (earlier?) churchyard boundary. It is largely built of limestone rubble, although with considerable use of brick, especially in the surrounds of openings (including almost all on the upper floor), with its roof now replaced by corrugated asbestos sheets.



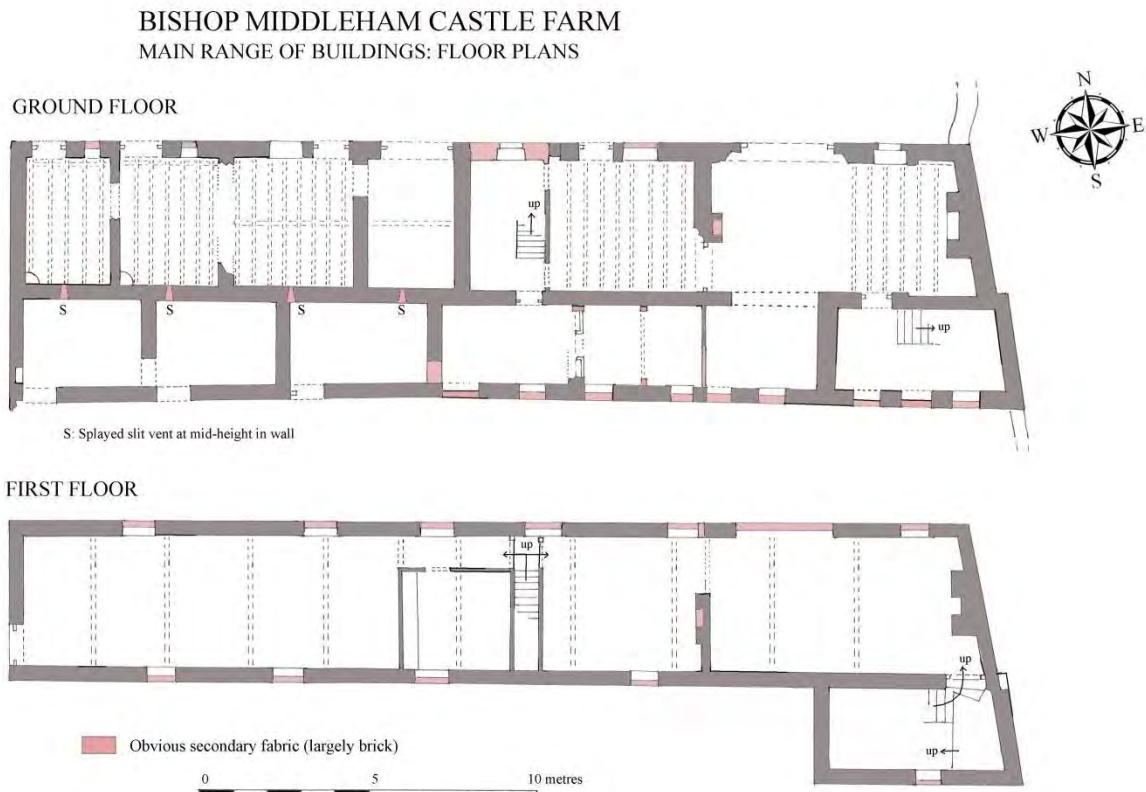
BISHOP MIDDLEHAM, CASTLE FARM
MAIN RANGE, NORTH ELEVATION

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brickwork (several different phases)

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The front elevation demonstrates that this is a much-altered and complex fabric. At the west end, the angle quoins change from large and well squared to much smaller at around two-third height, perhaps pointing to a heightening. About 6 m to the east there are some large well-squared quoins low in the wall, perhaps an in-situ remnant of an earlier building. Near the centre is a blocked three-centred arch, turned in brick but springing from cut stone impostes, with a later window inserted in its blocking. East again are a pair of large boarded doors in a

section of wall that seems to be a recent rebuild; just to the west of these a first-floor window is set in an earlier doorway; old OS maps show an external staircase here. There is now only a chimney on the east gable end, but there was formerly at least one more, on a line between the big boarded doors and the upper-floor doorway.



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The east gable end shows the outline of the gable of a single-storey building, built in uncoursed rubble, probably an earlier version of the present range, before heightening in slightly better stone (below)

Internal evidence shows that the eastern half of the range formed a pair of cottages, the larger at the east end including the two-storeyed section of outshut, in which its stair is situated. There are remains of several fireplaces, everything is of plain late 19th/early 20th century character. The ground floor of the western part of the range is divided into four compartments by cross walls (one now largely removed) and seems to have been in agricultural use for a long time. The whole northern section of the upper floor now forms a single granary, entered by a first-floor doorway in the west gable end; east of this the pair of houses have been knocked together by the partial removal of their dividing wall. The roof has eleven bays in all, with simple collar-beam trusses of no great age, carrying a diagonally-set ridge and one level of purlins.

The rear outshut is also divided up by cross walls, the western three compartments having no communication with the front part of the range; in the wall between them four splayed slit vents are visible (from the outshuts), set at mid-height and splayed from south to north, as if this were the north wall of a barn at some stage.

2.3 THE WEST RANGE; NORTH, CENTRAL AND SOUTH YARDS (SEE APPENDIX 1: PHOTO. RECORD 96-169).

The whole length of the West Range has a common west wall, c 2.5 m high, with a pronounced batter of its inner face. Its southern part is the least altered, and has a roof of seven bays with simple king-post trusses (the kingposts being lapped against the south faces of the ties and principals) carrying three levels of purlins (the uppermost set high so as to substitute for a ridge); this extends as far as a full-height cross-wall. The front (east) wall of this part of the range has an irregular range of five openings on the east, with timber lintels; these have opened into a series of narrow yards, divided by walls which have now mostly gone; within the range these walls continued as partitions between stalls, as far as an axial brick wall c 1.5 m high with a feeding passage running behind it along the internal face of the west wall. In this brick wall are a series of openings with timber lintels, through which troughs in the stalls could be filled. The northernmost of the openings in the east wall opened into the South West Range, which has a broad opening at its east end, and in its north wall three square-headed openings serving a feeding trough on the south side of the Central Yard, which extended a little further east than the range, so that there is a fourth similar opening beyond it, before the yard walls turn north.

The central section of the West Range has a five-bay arcade of timber posts (one strengthened by a recent brick pier) fronting onto the Central Yard, carrying simple principal rafter trusses with raking struts from the ties to the principals. There had been four stalls; the brick wall dividing them from the feeding passage (accessed by a doorway at the west end of the cross wall) has further square-headed openings so that their troughs could be replenished. North of the Central Yard is the North-West Range; this has a doorway into its western compartment, with a small window on the east and a splayed vent on the west, and then a section extending east between the Central and Northern Yards. This part has an arcade of three three-centred arches (their heads turned in brick) on the south, and a single central arch, now bricked up, on the north. The north wall has been heightened in brick to carry the 20th century monopitch roof.

Returning to the western compartment of the North-East Range, a door on the north (with a sloping lintel, and an odd skewed loop alongside to the east) opens onto a third length of feeding passage within the northern part of range, which fronts onto the Northern Yard, and is now covered by a monopitch roof of no great age, carried on two widely-spaced, makeshift trusses with heavy posts; a final doorway at the north end of the passage leads into the surviving western compartment of the North Range. This has been much altered; it appears to have had large openings, infilled in 20th century blockwork. At its south-east corner is the springing of a brick arch, with a blocked door alongside in its east end wall. East again in the surviving outer wall of the range is a doorway with externally-rebated brick jambs. The northeast corner of the yard has some quite substantial limestone quoins.

2.4 THE SOUTH RANGE (SEE APPENDIX 1: PHOTO. RECORD 170-191).

This is in two parts. The western compartment (adjacent to the gate out onto the Castle site) is of coursed rubble, and has two openings on the north, a large one with externally-rebated brick jambs, and a smaller doorway to the east, both with timber lintels. It has a relatively recent monopitch roof, its timbers carried on three posts set just clear of the rear wall. The east wall is set at a markedly skew angle, and has a doorway at its south end, opening onto the adjacent barn. This is quite sizeable, and in its latest form was completely open on the side (north) facing the yard. It has a seven-bay roof structure, with simple principal rafter trusses that have raking struts from the ties to the principals, carrying a ridge and one level of purlins. Each truss has been supported by a pair of substantial posts, one on the line of the front and

one just clear of the rear wall, but quite a number of these have been removed, with the result that the barn is in a half-collapsed state. The gable ends probably pre-date the present internal timber structure; the western has a cruciform arrangement of small vents near the top, and the eastern has had its upper section rebuilt in brick.

2.5 THE EASTERN OUTBUILDING OR DAIRY (SEE APPENDIX 1: PHOTO. RECORD 192-209).

Old plans show that this once formed part of a longer range extending almost to the South Range. It is a small rectangular structure, perhaps once of two storeys (although there is no sign of any openings in the upper walls); the ground floor is built of coursed roughly-shaped limestone, and has on the east a doorway between two windows, all with timber lintels. The upper parts of the side walls are later (the south-east angle changes to brick at mid-height) and contain much brick, probably re-used, and thrown into the wall in a remarkably random manner with no attempt at coursing; the line of the original lower gable end is clearly visible at the north. The south end of the building has a lower extension, of 20th century blockwork on what is perhaps an earlier rubble/brick base.

2.6 DISCUSSION

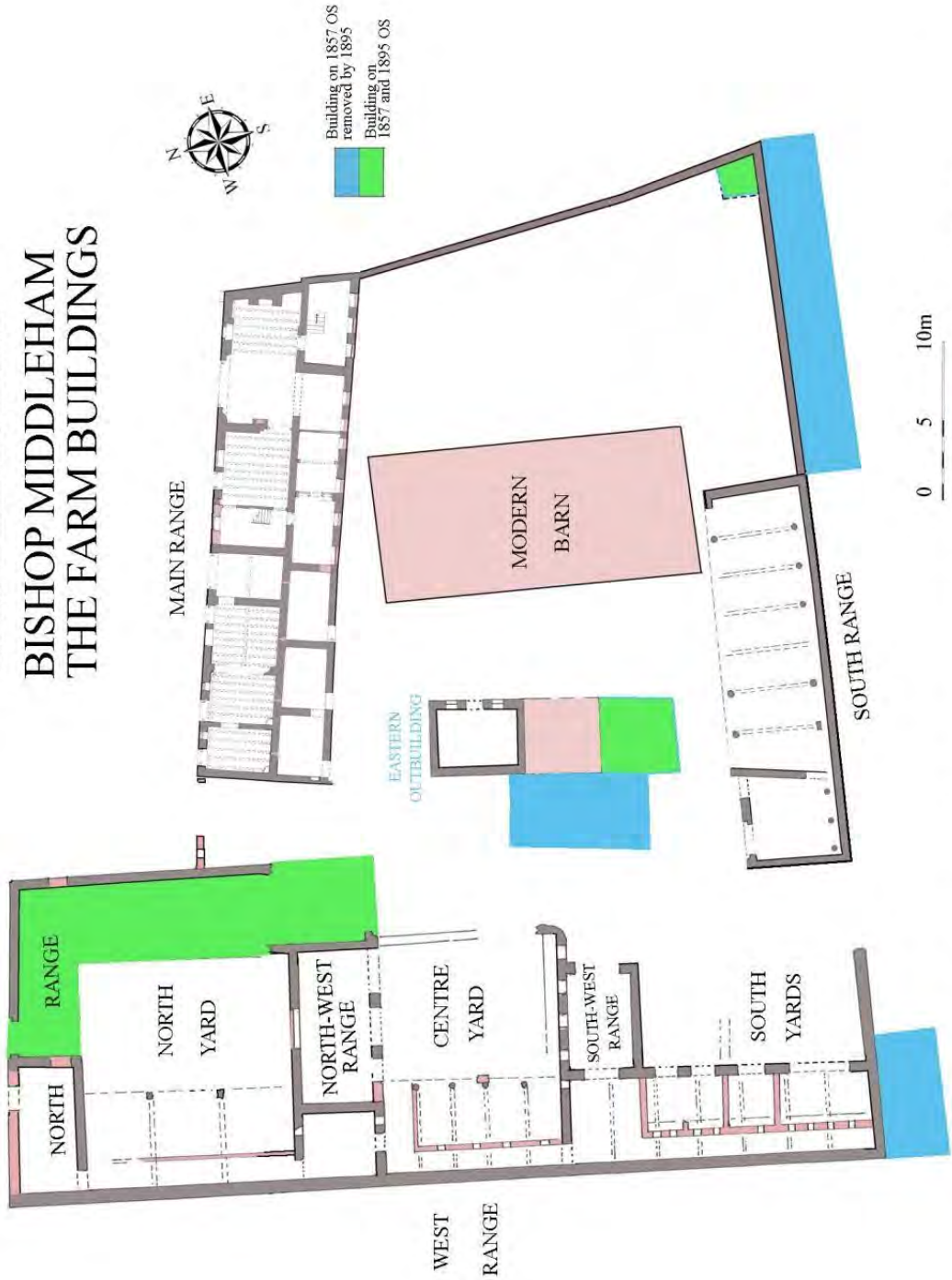
This is an extensive group of farm buildings, which seem to mix some early-19th century planned elements (the West Range, with its three stock yards) with earlier buildings. Some parts of the Main Range may be of relatively early post-medieval date, but there is not enough to allow a coherent structural history to be reconstructed. In general, the buildings have been only of moderate quality, typical of the area, and have been patched up in a makeshift manner in the 20th century before being added to with a series of modern barns from about 1970. Apart from the much-altered but picturesque Main or North Range there is little that can be claimed to be of any architectural or historic interest in the extant above-ground fabric,

although the farm is of considerable local interest and sites within an historic quarter of the village, immediately adjacent to the church and castle sites.



Illus. 15: Modern map, showing traditional (19th century and earlier) buildings in dark tone, later 20th century farm buildings in yellow

CASTLE FARM BISHOP MIDDLEHAM THE FARM BUILDINGS



Illus. 16: Provisional phased plan Of the Castle Farm farm-buildings.

3. THE PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD – LOCATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

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170-191	External	Southern Cart Shed Range
192-199	External	Milking Parlour
200-209	Internal	Milking Parlour
210-215	External	Boundary Walls
217-218	External	Modern sheds

01	Oblique aerial view of the farm from the south.
02	Detailed oblique aerial view of the farm from the south.
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06	East end of north elevation of North Range, showing connection with cemetery wall
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09	Central part of north elevation of North Range
10	Detail of blocked opening in central part of north elevation of North Range (see Photo. 08)
11	West part of north elevation of North Range
12	Detail of blocked openings in the west part of north elevation of North Range (see Photo. 11)
13	View of the north and west elevations of the North Range from the north-west.
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17	Central part of the North Range, south elevation.
18	Oblique view from SE of the south elevation of the North Range.
19	East part of the North Range, south elevation.
20	East end of the North Range, south elevation.
21	Central and east parts of the North Range, south elevation.

22	The east elevation of the main North Range (from ESE in the cemetery)
23	The east elevation of the main North Range
24	The east elevation of the main North Range showing shadow of former roof-line.
25	The east elevation of the main North Range viewed from NNE, showing attached cemetery wall.
26	The east elevation of the main North Range and attached cemetery wall viewed from NNE.
27	Internal east end wall with fireplace.
28	Internal south wall of internal compartment
29	View west within the internal east compartment, with wood-cutting waggon obscuring doorway to the west
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31	The east end of the north wall of internal east compartment.
32	View past the wood-cutting waggon to the west end of the south wall of the east compartment
33	View SE to stairs in the southern lean-to extension to the eastern compartment of the main range.
34	N elevation of the south wall of the southern lean-to extension to the eastern compartment of the main range.
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62	View north to doorway from N passage in 3 rd compartment at F1 level
63	View ENE to blocked opening in N passage adjacent to doorway to 3 rd compartment at F1 level
64	Blocked opening in N passage adjacent to doorway to 3 rd compartment (see Photo. 63) of the Main Range
65	View west to west end first floor (F1) compartment of the Main Range
66	West end window in the south wall of the western first floor (F1) compartment
67	Doorway at south end of west wall of the western first floor (F1) compartment
68	West end window in the north wall of the western first floor (F1) compartment
69	View east to east end first floor (F1) compartment, showing entrance to northern passage.
70	Entrance to northern passage in east end of first floor (F1) compartment of the Main Range
71	East end of the south wall in the first floor (F1) compartment of the Main Range
72	View southwards down central stairs (see Photo. 55) from the first floor (F1) of the Main Range
73	View southwards in central stair-well (see Photos. 55 & 72) showing roof structure.
74	View SE of roof structure in the central compartment of the Main Range at F1 level.
75	Blocked window in the east end of the north wall of the western group of four GF compartments, incl. a small central compartment to the east of this opening.
76	View to north entrance doorway to small central GF compartment.
77	View to west wall and NW corner of small central GF compartment.
78	View westwards to door at N end of west wall of small central GF compartment.

79	View eastwards to door at N end of east wall of 3-part western GF compartment.
80	View north-eastwards to north wall of the eastern of 3-part western GF compartment.
81	View south to south (back) wall of the eastern of 3-part western GF compartment.
82	View west to east face of dividing wall between the final two western GF compartments, showing rough modern opening and corner stone trough.
83	View south to south (back) wall of the middle of 3-part western GF compartment.
84	Oblique elevated view of corner trough in SW corner of the middle of 3-part western GF compartment
85	Side view of corner trough in SW corner of the middle of 3-part western GF compartment
86	Oblique view from below of corner trough in SW corner of the middle of 3-part western GF compartment
87	View north to north (front) wall of the middle of 3-part western GF compartment, showing door and blocked window.
88	View north-west to west wall of west end compartment (west room of 3-part western GF space) showing roughly-chopped opening.
89	View south to south wall of the west end compartment (west room of 3-part western GF space) with stone trough in SW corner.
90	Side view of corner trough in SW corner of the western GF compartment
91	Vertical view of corner trough in SW corner of the western GF compartment
92	Shaped stone east of corner trough in south wall of the western GF compartment
93	Shadow of former feed basket at east end of south wall of the western GF compartment.
94	Oblique view from ESE of corner trough in SW corner of the western GF compartment
95	View from SW to NE corner of the western GF compartment, showing blocked northern openings and modern, roughly-chopped opening into the next compartment to the east.
96	View into the North Yard from the south-east.
97	East-facing end wall of former south range to North Yard and stub (right of view) of wall formerly extending north.
98	Chain hanging on former gate fitting in recess at junction of former North and Central Yards
99	External north face of south range of former North Yard
100	View SW along the external north face of south range of former North Yard
101	West end of the external north face of south range of former North Yard
102	View westwards into the south end of the west range of former North Yard
103	View NW along troughs in the south end of the west range of former North Yard
104	View north to south wall of the former north range of the former North Yard
105	Door into north range of North Yard
106	View south from door into north range along back passage of west range behind feeder troughs
107	Inner face of east wall of North Yard
108	View SE to inner face of east wall of North Yard and entrance at SE corner
109	E-facing end wall of north range of North Yard
110	View north to gateway at east end of north range of North Yard

111	South (inner) face of east part of north enclosure wall to North Yard
112	West (inner) face of north part of east enclosure wall to North Yard
113	Wide view of west face of north part of east enclosure wall to North Yard
114	Detailed view of a section of the central part of west face of north part of east enclosure wall to North Yard
115	View from NE of the external east face of east enclosure wall to North Yard
116	South and central part of the external east face of east enclosure wall to North Yard
117	North part of the external east face of east enclosure wall to North Yard, showing blocked doorway
118	View south to north-facing east part of north wall to North Yard
119	View south to gate in north wall to North Yard
120	View south to north wall of surviving north range of the North Yard
121	View eastwards within surviving north range of the North Yard
122	View westwards within the surviving north range of the North Yard
123	Oblique aerial view from the east showing the North and Central yards
124	Oblique aerial view from the east showing the Central and South yards
125	East-facing external wall of east end wall of south-range to North Yard and east wall of Central Yard to the south
126	External east face of east wall to Central Yard
127	Interior of Central Yard viewed from entrance at SE
128	Internal west face of east wall to Central Yard
129	View north to cart-shed openings fronting the north side of the Central Yard
130	View east to internal west-facing east end wall of north cart-shed range of Central Yard
131	View north into central cart shed entrance showing blocked entrance to North Yard from Central Yard
132	Oblique view from SW of back wall of northern cart shed range forming north part of Central Yard
133	Oblique view from NW within the northern cart shed range of cart shed openings
134	View west to internal east-facing west end wall of north cart-shed range of Central Yard
135	View west to west range frontage of the Central Yard
136	Oblique view from SW to doorway in north end of west range of the Central Yard
137	View north into back passage of North Yard west range.
138	View south into west range of Central Yard
149	View north along back passage behind feeder troughs of the west range of the Central Yard
140	View north to south-facing west end wall of south wall to the central Yard, from end of feeder trough partition with back passage to the west range
141	View south over brick feeder-trough partition into the west range of the Central Yard
142	View south along back passage of the west range of the Central Yard, behind brick feeder-trough partition
143	View south to internal south gable end of the west range of the Central Yard

144	Looking south to troughs on the south side of the Central Yard.
145	View from NW to SE of the south side of the Central Yard.
146	View south along back passage of the west range of the Central Yard, behind brick feeder-trough partition, into north range of the South Yard
147	View north along back passage of the west range of the Central Yard, towards the north side of the Central Yard
148	View from SE of the rear of troughs shelter on the south side of the Central Yard.
149	South face of the east end of the rear of troughs shelter on the south side of the Central Yard.
150	View west between Central and South Yards, into north range of South Yard (rear of troughs seen in Pic. 148, to right of view).
151	View west to shredder and rear west wall of north range of South Yard (between Central and South Yards)
152	View north-west to rear wall of north range of South Yard (between Central and South Yards)
153	View south-west into south end of north range of South Yard (between Central and South Yards)
154	Shredder in north part of North range of South Yard, seen from south.
155	View south along the back west wall of the west range of the South Yard
156	View south along the back west wall of the west range of the South Yard
157	View WNW into space between Central and South Yards (former north range of latter).
158	View westwards towards the north part of the west range of the South yard.
159	View south to north face of partition wall dividing north and south parts of the South yard.
160	View westwards into north part of the west range of the South yard, with troughs.
161	View south to north face of partition wall within the west range of the South yard.
162	View west-NW towards the south part of the west range of the South yard.
163	View westwards into south part of the west range of the South yard, with troughs.
164	View south to north face of end wall within the west range of the South yard.
165	View south to north face of south boundary wall of the South yard.
166	View north to south face of south boundary wall of the South yard and south face of its west range.
167	View north to west part of the south face of west range of the South yard
168	View east to the south part of the west face of the South yard, west range.
169	Roof tiles stacked against modern shed south of the west range of the South Yard
170	View north to the west end of the south face of the South Range
171	View ENE along the south face of the South Range
172	View NE to the west face of the South Range
173	The south elevation of the South Range
174	The north elevation of the South Range
175	The north elevation of the South Range, west part

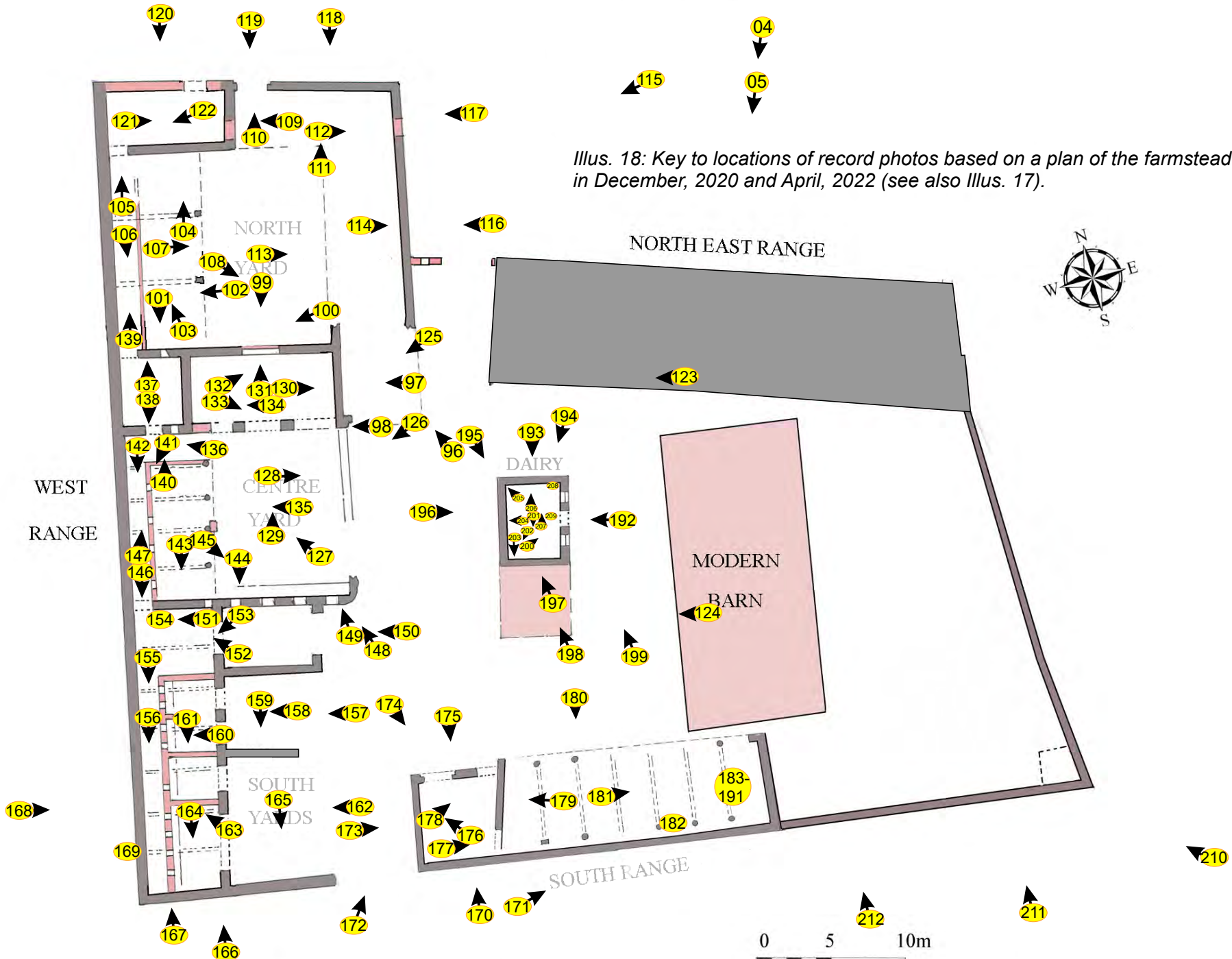
176	Internal view from SSE of internal west wall of the South Range
177	Internal view eastwards along the south wall of the west part of the South Range
178	Internal view northwards, from SSW of internal partition wall in the west part of the South Range and north openings.
179	Internal view westwards of the east face of a partition wall in the west part of the South Range
180	The internal north face of the main east part of the south wall of the South Range,
181	View east to the east end wall of the South Range showing discarded machinery and other items within the interior space.
182	Redundant machinery within the east part of the South Range.
183	Redundant machinery within the east part of the South Range.
184	Redundant machinery within the east part of the South Range, with east wall to the rear.
185	Redundant machinery within the east part of the South Range, with east wall to the rear.
186	Redundant machinery within the east part of the South Range.
187	Maker's plate on redundant machinery within the east part of the South Range.
188	Redundant machinery within the east part of the South Range.
189	Redundant machinery within the east part of the South Range.
190	Redundant machinery within the east part of the South Range.
191	Redundant machinery within the east part of the South Range, with east wall to the rear.
192	The main east elevation of the former dairy
193	The north elevation of the dairy
194	The north elevation of the dairy seen from NNE, with outline of former roof-line clearly visible
195	The dairy seen from the north-west, with west part of the South Range, north elevation, beyond
196	The west elevation of the dairy
197	The south elevation of the dairy seen from SSE
198	The south elevation of the dairy seen from SSE, with former roof-line clearly visible.
199	The former dairy seen from the south-east.
200	Internal west face of the east wall of the dairy.
201	Internal north face of the south wall of the dairy.
202	Detail of internal south-west corner of the dairy.
203	Detail of the internal west end of the north face of the south wall of the dairy.
204	Detail of the internal south end of the east face of the west wall of the dairy.
205	Detail of the west end of the internal south face of the north wall of the dairy.
206	The internal south face of the north wall of the dairy.
207	Internal view looking north to the north wall showing internal partition and part of the internal east wall, north part.
208	Lamps hanging against the internal face of the north wall.

209	Abandoned milk churn within the dairy.
210	View north-west to the south-east corner of the farmstead boundary wall from within the churchyard extension.
211	View north from within the churchyard extension of the east part of the southern farmstead boundary wall.
212	View north from within the churchyard extension of the central-east part of the southern farmstead boundary wall.
213	View north-east to remains of a boundary wall south of House, on the same line as the southern farmstead boundary wall.
214	View north-west to remains of a boundary wall south of House, on the same line as the southern farmstead boundary wall.
215	Detail of remains of a boundary wall south of House (see Photos. 213 & 214, above)
216	Farm machinery embedded in vegetation west of the South Yard.
217	View from the south-east of an E-W modern shed range bordering the South Yards.
218	View from NNE of modern sheds south of the South Yards.



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Illus. 17: Key to locations of record photos taken of the North East Range based on a plan surveyed in December, 2020 and April, 2022



Illus. 18: Key to locations of record photos based on a plan of the farmstead surveyed in December, 2020 and April, 2022 (see also Illus. 17).

Obvious secondary fabric (largely brick)

4. CONCLUSIONS

The extensive complex of buildings known as Castle Farm probably has its origins in the early 19th century and displays indications of several phases of addition and alteration within a relatively short time period, although precise dating of the phases is impossible due to the dilapidated state of the structures and absence of closely dateable historic maps and other information. There is not enough evidence to allow a coherent structural history to be reconstructed, but early-19th century planned elements include the North and north part of the West Ranges, while remains of earlier buildings may also be present, particularly in the North Range.

The buildings are mostly built of roughly-coursed Magnesian Limestone rubble, with some use of brick. No traditional roofing materials survive, corrugated asbestos and iron having been used in makeshift 20th century re-roofing and repair. The southern and central parts of the West Range have pitched roofs, as does the Barn in the South Range, but all other roofs are low-pitched mono-pitch ones that appear relatively recent.

Overall, the buildings provide a good example of a mid-19th century planned farmstead adapted between the mid-19th and mid-20th centuries to suit changing requirements, without presenting any features of especial merit. Evidence for such adaptations is apparent in changes made to the structures at Castle Farm, but the building of new, larger sheds from around 1970 indicates that these changes were not successful, leaving the farm abandoned and susceptible to gradual physical decay, resulting in its current, dilapidated state.

Apart from the much-altered but picturesque Main or North Range there is little that can be claimed to be of any architectural or historic interest in the extant above-ground fabric, although the farm is of considerable local interest and sites within an historic quarter of the village, immediately adjacent to the church and castle sites

APPENDIX 01: The Photographic Record.



Photo 01.



Photo 02.



Photo 03.



Photo 04.



Photo 05.



Photo 06.



Photo 07.



Photo 08.



Photo 09.



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Photo 11.



Photo 12.



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Photo 14.



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Photo 16.



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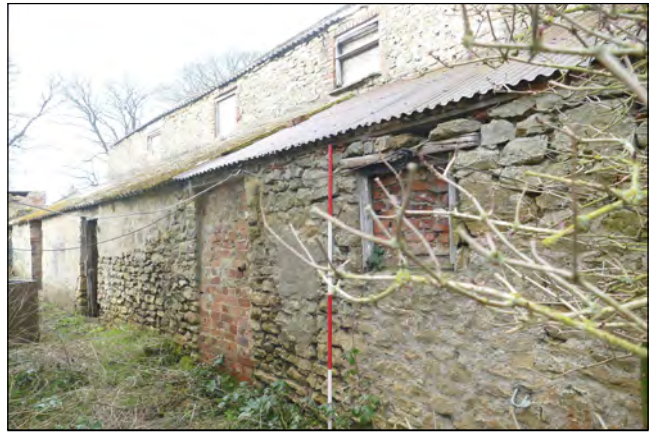


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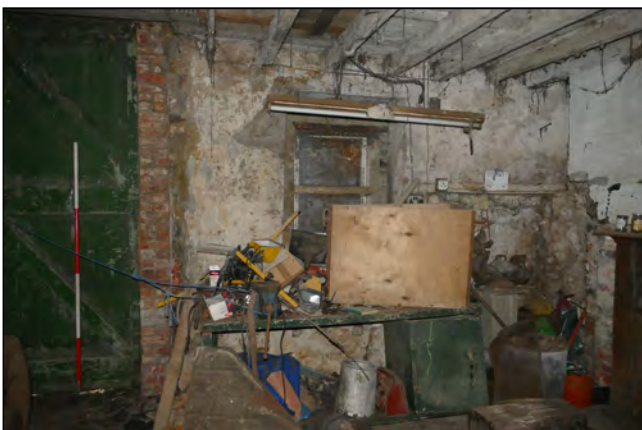


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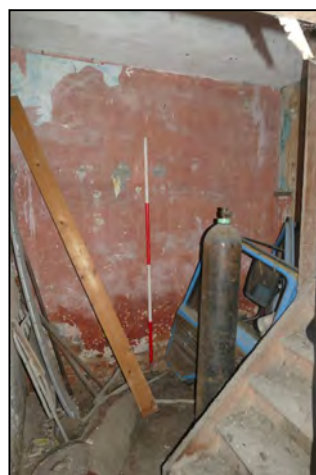


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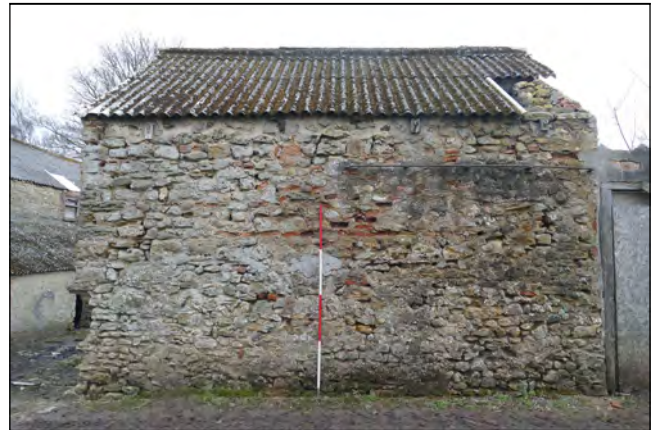


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