



The History of Ewyas Lacy

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Place name: Craswall, Llanveynoe, Longtown, Michaelchurch Escley

Date: 1920s

Description:

Part 1: Craswall and Michaelchurch Escley

This Digital Archive collection contains photographs of surviving parts of the initial surveys of Craswall, Michaelchurch Escley, Llanveynoe and Longtown carried out in the 1920's by the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments. They comprise photographs, hand written survey notes and the annotated maps the surveyors used, which are held in the National Archives and formed the basis for the eventual RCAHM Reports on the buildings and structures in the parishes. The photographs have been made available by Chris Hodges, to whom we are most grateful.

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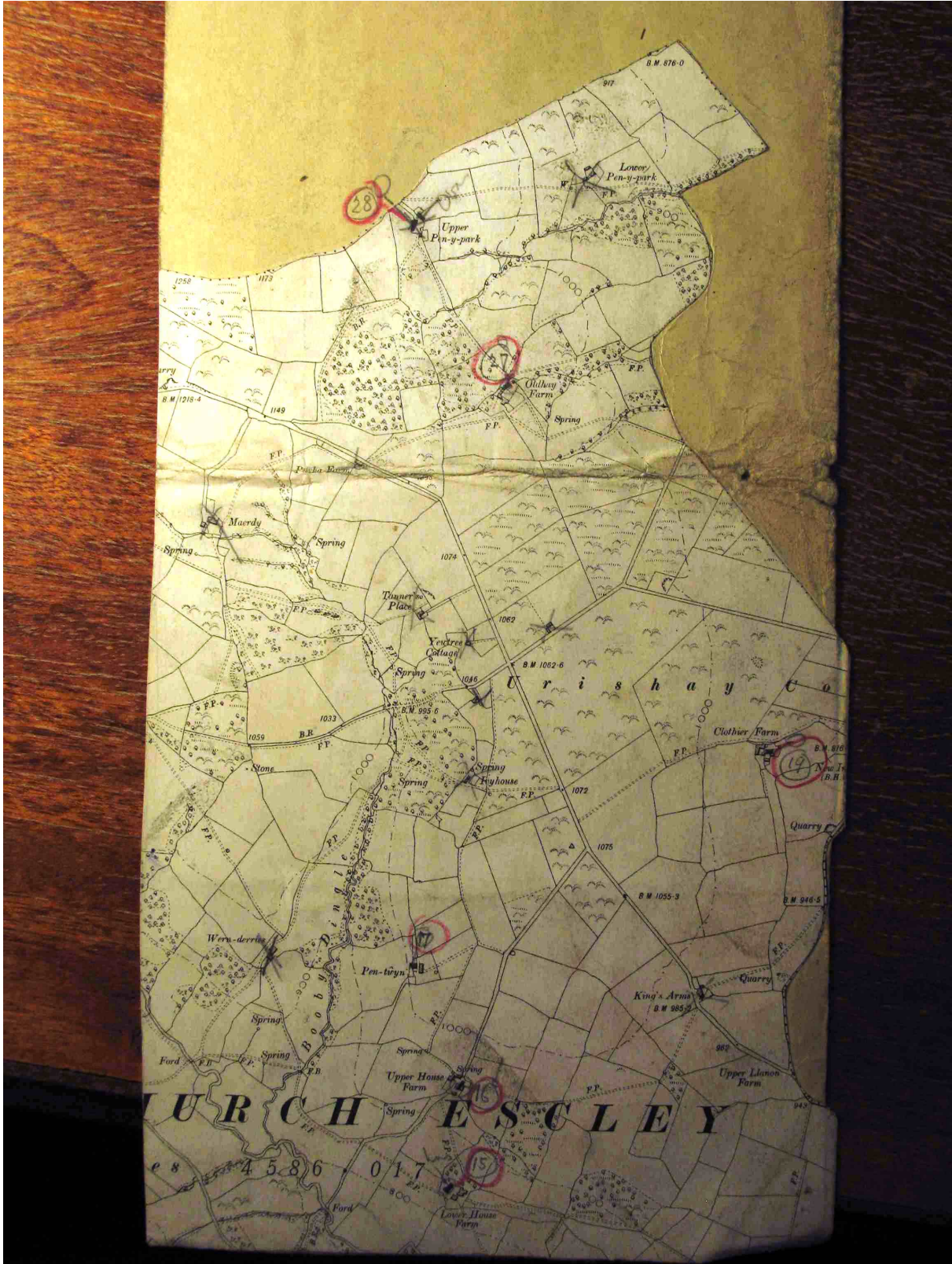
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Sub-Commission. Earthworks.

Parish. Michaelchurch Escley

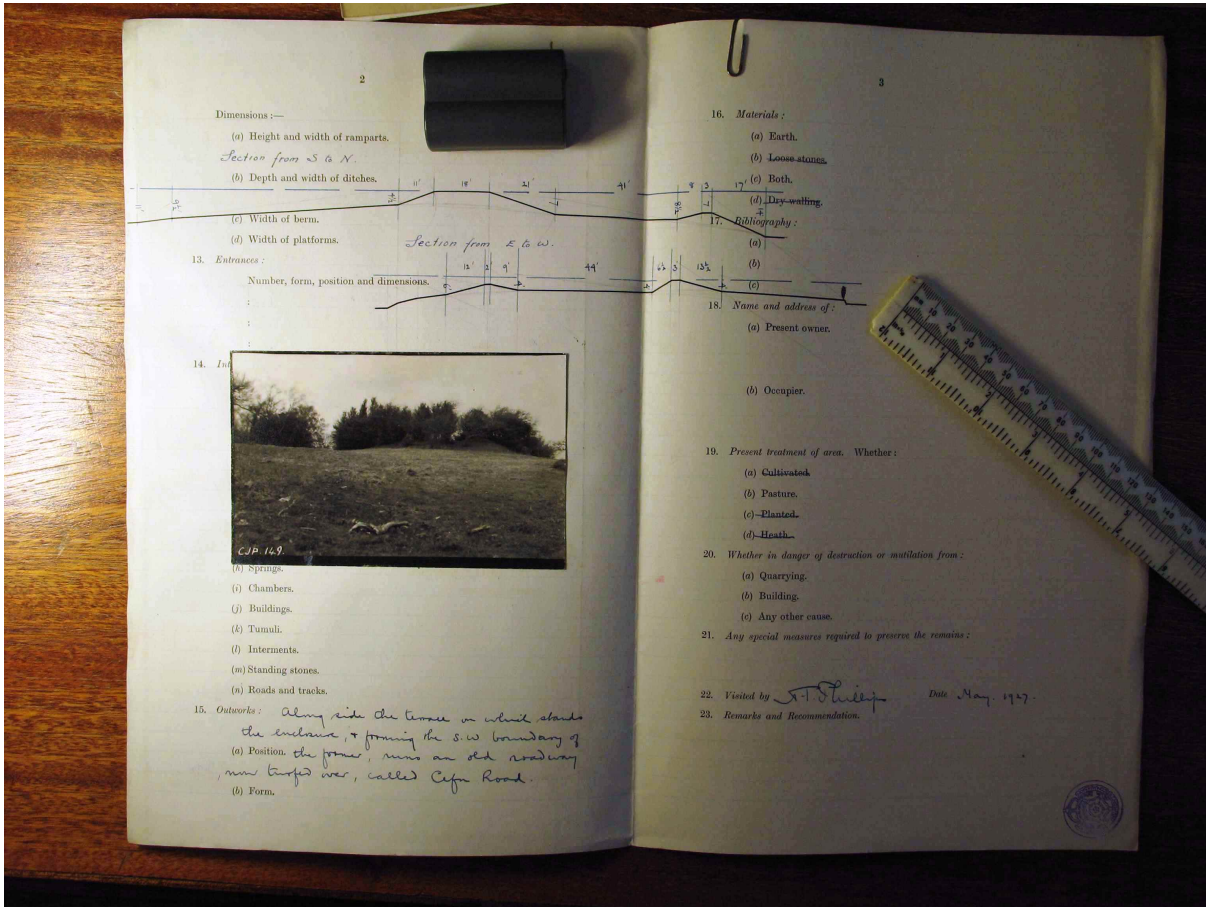
County. Herefordshire

1. Classification. X
2. Locality. On border of parish approx. 1½ miles N.W. of church
3. Latitude. Longitude.
4. No. of O. S. 1 in. 6 in. XXXV 25 in. 11
5. Boundaries :
 - (a) Traversing area.
 - (b) Coincident with works.
6. Local name. The Camp.
7. Soil.
8. Preservation. Poor.
9. Dimensions :
 - (a) Length. approx. 40 yds
 - (b) Width. " 30 yds.
 - (c) Length (Internal). 41 yds
 - (d) Width " 44 yds.
10. Area :
 - (a) Internal. approx. 1/16 acre.
 - (b) Including defences. approx. 1/5 acre.
11. Levels :
 - (a) Highest point. approx. 1208 ft above O.D.
 - (b) Lowest point.
 - (c) Description of contours :- On top of ridge with ground : sloping downwards in all directions but especially : to N.E. & S.W.
12. Arrangements :
 - (a) Ramparts. A curvilinear oval shaped enclosure surrounded by a rampart which at the
 - (b) Ditches. South end has a broad flat top. This enclosure stands on a rough
 - (c) Berms. terrace or platform of an irregular oval
 - (d) Platforms. shape, the scarp of same running into , being incorporated into, the rampart at its northern extremity. It is difficult to imagine the exact purpose of this work which, though quite possibly a defensive post of some sort, is certainly not as its name would imply - a camp.

(27.410). W. 11,641-26. 1900. 7/10. A. & E. W.

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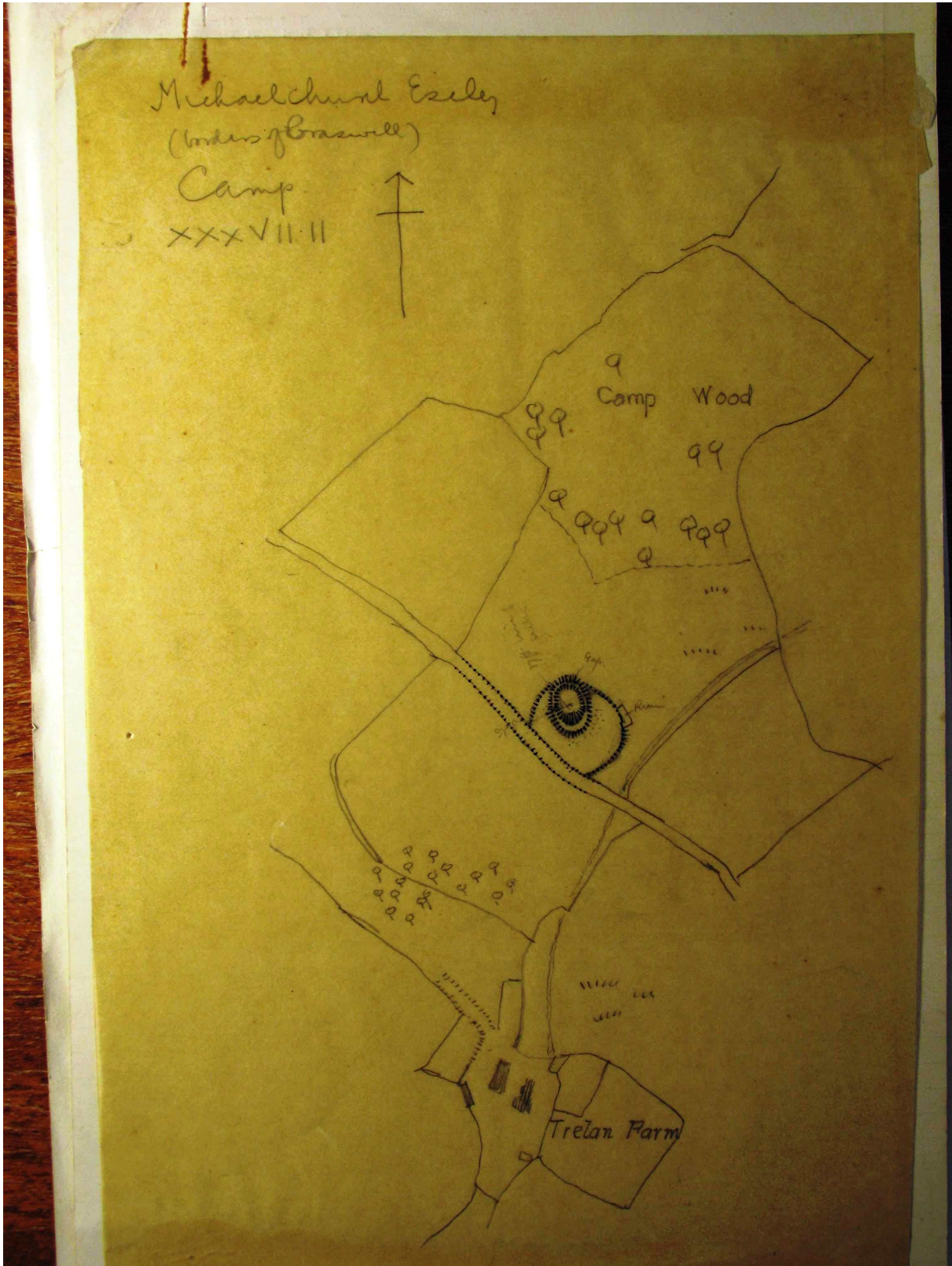


(h) Springs.

(i) Chambers.

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- Name and situation of Monument** (with owner's Name and Address). *Upper Pen-y-park on N.E. boundary of parish + 2 1/4 miles N.N.W of church*
- General appearance:** (a) No. of storeys. *1 storie*
(b) Building materials. *Stone*
(c) Roofs. *Stone slates*

- Historical development** (with dates and small sketch plan).
The house has been partly re-built the remaining portion of original house has been gutted to form stables etc. It would appear to be probably of same date as adjoining barn (see below).

- Special features** (if any).

- Elevations:** (Beginning with the main front, and mentioning, in the following order:—(a) Walls; (b) Gables; (c) Doors; (d) Windows; (e) Chimneys; (f) Rainwater heads and pipes.)

There are 2 dormer windows on each side incorporated into new portion of house is what was formerly an external stone chimney stack with 1/2 feet sides square shaft with 2 course projecting cap. For the rest there is nothing of interest in the elevation.

*Barn 15 yds. N.E. of house.
Rubble stone walls.
Stone roofing slates*

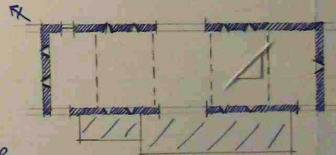
Gabled at NW & SE ends the latter having in the gable an 'owl hole' with projecting flag stone perch.

The sides are lighted when shown a plan by 'slits' on central bay, on each side, are double doors, those on N.E. side having a domed head. Along S.W. side is a modern 'lean-to'.

- Grounds:** (a) Gardens; (b) Outbuildings; (c) Statuary, sundials, etc.

There is a small doorway (modern door) at each end of S.W. side. Internally it is divided into 5 bays by four cross-tusses, the two end bays being 12ft wide the others 10ft centre to centre.

*Build probably late in 15th c.
Condition poor.*



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Parish. *Michaelchurch Ewaly*

Sub-Commissioner. *Seaton*

No. of Monument. *28*



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7. Interior: (Disposition of rooms, if original, giving fittings as they occur (see list), beginning with the ground floor, following with the basement, and working up to the attics; staircases in the same manner.)

Fittings:

(Remember list.)

- (1) Ceilings.
- (2) Cupboards (fixed).
- (3) Doors and Overdoors.
- (4) Fireplaces and Mantel-pieces.
- (5) Glass.
- (6) Paintings.
- (7) Paneling.
- (8) Pantry and floors.
- (9) Plasterwork on internal walls.
- (10) Roofs and beams (internal).
- (11) Screens.
- (12) Tapestries.
- (13) Miscellaneous (e.g., carving, ironwork, locks, &c.).



8. Condition: *almost ruins.*

9. Visited by (with dates): *A.T. Phillip - June 1930.*

10. Bibliography:

11. No. of Ordnance Sheet (6-in.): *XXXVII. NE.*

12. Signature of Investigator: *A.T. Phillip*

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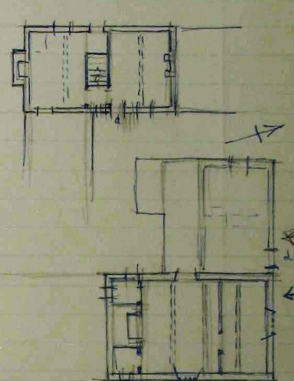
RECORD CARD FOR SECULAR MONUMENTS.

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1. Name and situation of Monument (with owner's Name and Address). *Caciron, farmhouse about 3 1/2 miles NW by NW of church Lower Glasrosen small farmhouse about 7/8 mile SE of Caciron*

2. General appearance: (a) No. of storeys. *Two* (b) Building materials. *Stone walls (local shale) local stone shale* (c) Roofs. *Stone slabs stone slabs*

3. Caciron Historical development (with dates and small sketch plan).
The date 1681 on the front is probably that of the house but it has been much altered in later repairs.
Lower Glasrosen. Is probably of the 17th century but now empty & the place locked up.



4. Special features (if any).

5. Elevations: (Beginning with the main front, and mentioning, in the following order:—(a) Walls; (b) Gables; (c) Doors; (d) Windows; (e) Chimneys; (f) Rainwater heads and pipes.)
Caciron
Walls. The East front of local shale without quoins: a stone fairly high up at the N. end has the date 1681 in numerals appropriate to the period. The N. & S. ends are gabled. The back wall was pulled down & rebuilt some 40 years ago according to the owner. The projecting chimney stacks at the gabled S. end appear to be original: the northern chimney is modern.
Lower Glasrosen. Walls of local shale, very thick (about 3 ft.). The doorway in the front has a heavy oak frame & old battered door. The windows in the E. end and front have old oak frames. That in the W. wall also has a heavy oak frame, chamfered mullions (four lights) and old lead-quarry glazing.

6. Grounds: (a) Gardens; (b) Outbuildings; (c) Statuary, sundials, etc.

County. *Herefordshire*

Parish. *Wyebeck Church, Sedgeley*

Sub-Commission. *London*

No. of Monument. *96 + 24*

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(89,102). Wt. 32,340—47. 500. 12/13. A.&E.W.
 (97,153). " 5621—53. 6000. 5/14. "

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Fittings:

(Reminder list).

Caerion. The lower rooms have heavy chamfered ceiling beams. The walls of the house are fairly thick.

(1) Ceilings.

(2) Cupboards (fixed).

(3) Doors and Overdoors.

(4) Fireplaces and Mantel-pieces.

(5) Glass.

Lower Clearances. Entry not obtained but the W. wing has chamfered ceiling-beams and exposed joists and there is an old oak partition between the Southern & West room.

(6) Paintings.

(7) Panelling.

(8) Parquetry and floors.

(9) Plasterwork on internal walls.

(10) Roofs and beams (internal).

(11) Screens.

(12) Tapestries.

(13) Miscellaneous (e.g., carving, ironwork, locks, &c.).

8. Condition: *Caerion good. Lower Clearances. Fairly good, but much decay on walls of S. part.*

9. Visited by (with dates): *J.W. Stoe 26 June 1930*

10. Bibliography:

11. No. of Ordnance Sheet (6-in.): *Caerion XXXVII NW Lower Clearances XXXVII NE*

12. Signature of Investigator. *J.W. Stoe*

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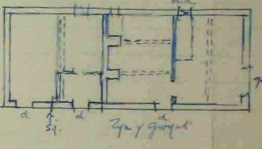
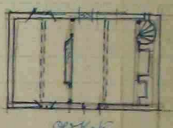



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County. *Herefordshire* Parish. *Northchurch* Sub-Commission. *Healden* No. of Monument. *95 + 22*

- Name and situation of Monument** (with owner's Name and Address). *Zyn-y-gwynt about 22 miles N.W. of church*
Old Kate's former cottage now a farm building (stone) 600 yds S.W. by S. of Zyn-y-gwynt.
- General appearance:** (a) No. of storeys. *Zyn-y-gwynt. One tall. Old Kate's One tall*
(b) Building materials. *local stone shale*
(c) Roofs. *stone slabs*
corrugated metal on W. side
- Historical development** (with dates and small sketch plan).
Zyn-y-gwynt. Was an early 17c. farmhouse but now used as a cowhouse & farm building by the owner who lives at Osiron.
Old Kate's was an early 17c. cottage a small farmhouse but now unoccupied

- Special features** (if any)

- Elevations:** (Beginning with the main front, and mentioning, in the following order:—(a) Walls; (b) Gables; (c) Doors; (d) Windows; (e) Chimneys; (f) Rainwater heads and pipes.)
Zyn-y-gwynt. Walls of stone shale central chimney of stone
Old Kate's walls of local shale doorway in wall has old oak frame & old door. Look into farm (well) other windows altered: no chimney above the fireplace
Barn on opposite side of the yard (or byre) has timber framed sides 15' x 15' 2' 9" apart. mostly weather boarded

- Grounds:** (a) Gardens; (b) Outbuildings; (c) Statuary, sundials, etc.

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Fittings:

(Reminder list.)

(1) Ceilings

(2) Cupboards (fixed).

(3) Doors and Overdoors.

(4) Fireplace and Mantel-pieces.

(5) Glass.

(6) Paintings.

(7) Panelling.

(8) Parquetry and floors.

(9) Plasterwork on internal walls.

(10) Roofs and beams (internal).

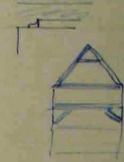
(11) Screens.

(12) Tapestries.

(13) Miscellaneous (e.g., carving, ironwork, locks, &c.).

Zyn. y. Gwynet. The N. hall was of two rooms (the partition between them being of closely set timber studding of the 17th century, all plaster-wilding. The staves have been removed. The N. room has a chamfered ceiling (beam + rafter rafters) and the rest a middle room has old stop-chamfered beams (longitudinal) and a wide fireplace. Cows occupy both rooms. The rooms above are not accessible by ordinary means.

The S. half has an old stop chamfered beam to ground floor and above it is a roof truss visible in the southernmost room which is a stable. The trusses of heavy timbers but ordinary framing.



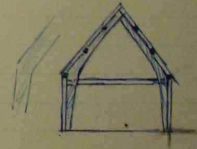
Old Kates. Two rooms divided by a stone wall which however has two arched out-fenced doorways flanking it. Above the dividing wall an old truss (see sketch) the heavy timber cut through for a doorway. The beam (at first floor level) in the truss has notches for former flat floor joists.

The E. room has a wide fireplace next which is the original staircase of half-winding type with stone risers and solid oak-balk treads. The doorway to the staircase has a segmental-arched lead like that opposite in the dividing wall. This room has two transverse chamfered ceiling beams with broad stops and closely set rafter rafters. The W. room has a similar ceiling beam.



Old Kates section with truss

The beam of these bays has trusses of pairs of crotch-timbers (or blades) in one piece from floor to apex + shaped to form obtuse angles instead of curves: the timber 19" by 6" at thickest part.



8. Condition:

Zyn. y. Gwynet. Poor because of present usage.
Old Kates Iron

9. Visited by (with dates):

J.W. Bloe 25th + 26th June 1930

10. Bibliography:

11. No. of Ordnance Sheet (6-in.):

XXXVI N2

12. Signature of Investigator.

J.W. Bloe

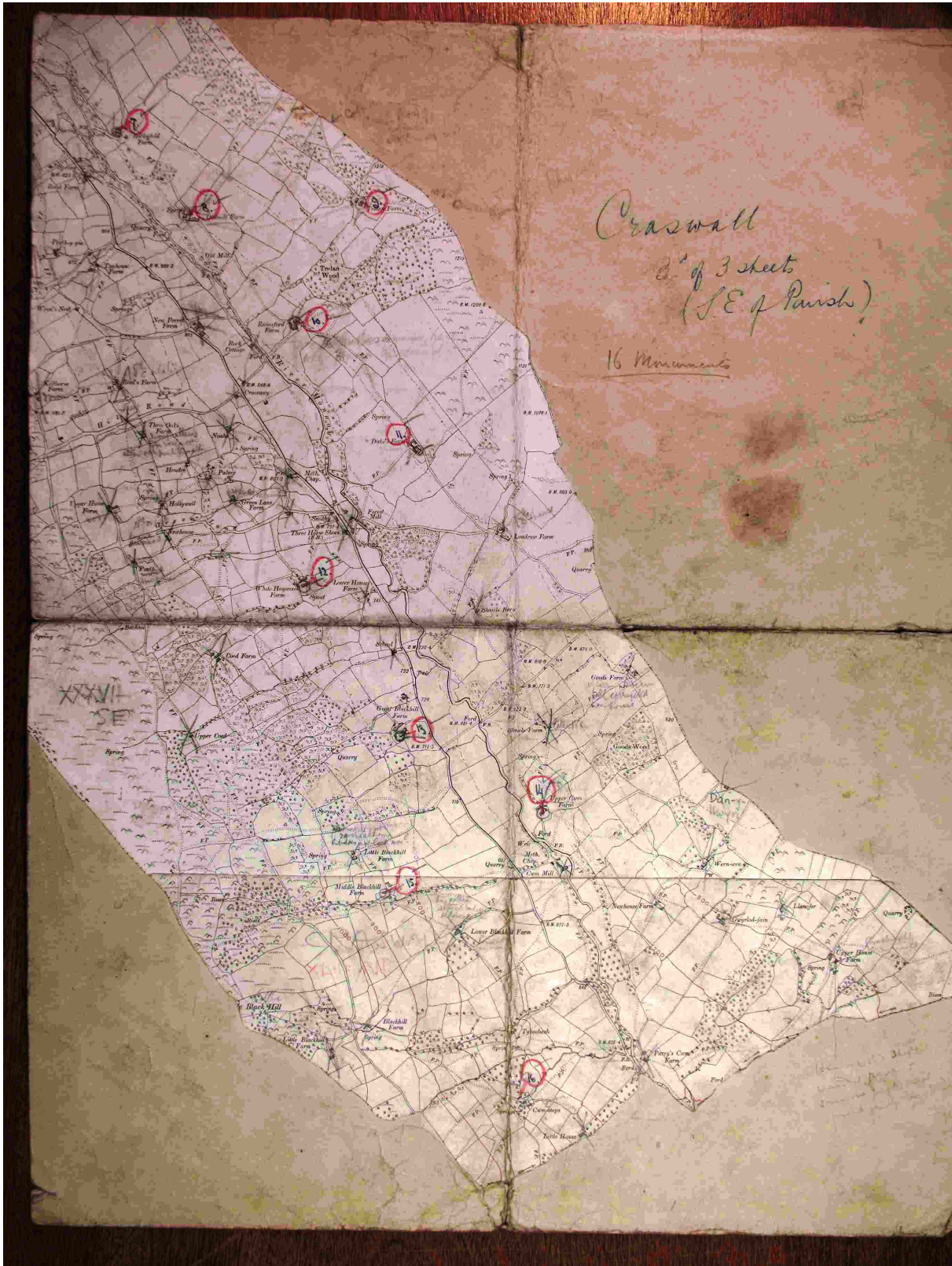
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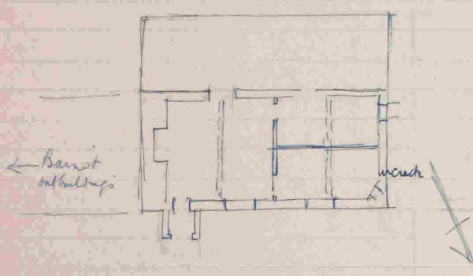
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1. Name and situation of Monument (with owner's Name and Address). *Pen-twyn - farmhouse
5 mile WNW of church*

2. General appearance: (a) No. of storeys. *two*
(b) Building materials. *stone walls*
(c) Roofs. *stone slabs*


3. Historical development (with dates and small sketch plan).
*A 17th century house much altered. The N. front has been heightened the
pitch of the roof being flattened there by*



4. Special features (if any).

5. Elevations: (Beginning with the main front, and mentioning, in the following order:—(a) Walls; (b) Gables; (c) Doors; (d) Windows; (e) Chimneys; (f) Rainwater heads and pipes.)
*A front modern stone walls & windows with red brick surrounds & a modern Welsh gable.
The E & W end walls show the original gable lines before the front gable
was heightened. Square stone chimney stack over the E gable.
At the back (S.) are low additions and E of the house a long low
outbuilding.*

6. Ground plan



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Parish. _____

Sub-Commission. _____

No. of Monument. *X*

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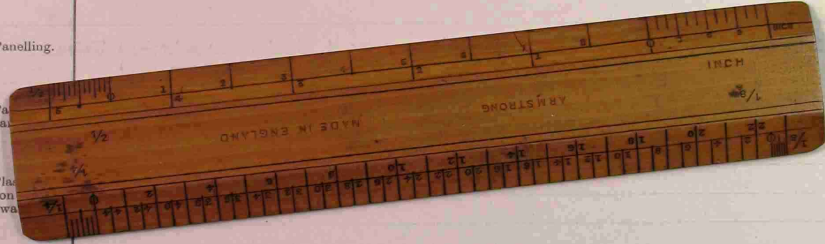
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Fittings:

(Reminder list.)

- (1) Ceilings
- (2) Cupboards (fixed).
- (3) Doors and Overdoors.
- (4) Fireplaces and Mantel-pieces.
- (5) Glass.
- (6) Paintings.
- (7) Panelling.
- (8) Pa...
- (9) Pla... on wa...
- (10) Roofs and beams (internal).
- (11) Screens.
- (12) Tapestries.
- (13) Miscel-lanea (e.g., carving, ironwork, locks, &c.).

The ground floor ~~is~~ is divided into two rooms by the usual local oak framed partition having chamfered posts and a square panel of the 17th century but the doorways have modern frames. Both rooms have chamfered ceiling beams (not so heavy as in other houses) and open timbered ceilings the rafters in the E room being chamfered, those in the other, square. The E room has a modern sized fireplace in the old chimney stack.



8. Condition: Good much altered: a crack in the W wall

9. Visited by (with dates): J.W. Blue May 17/1927

10. Bibliography:

11. No. of Ordnance Sheet (6-in.): XXXVII NW.

12. Signature of Investigator. J.W. Blue

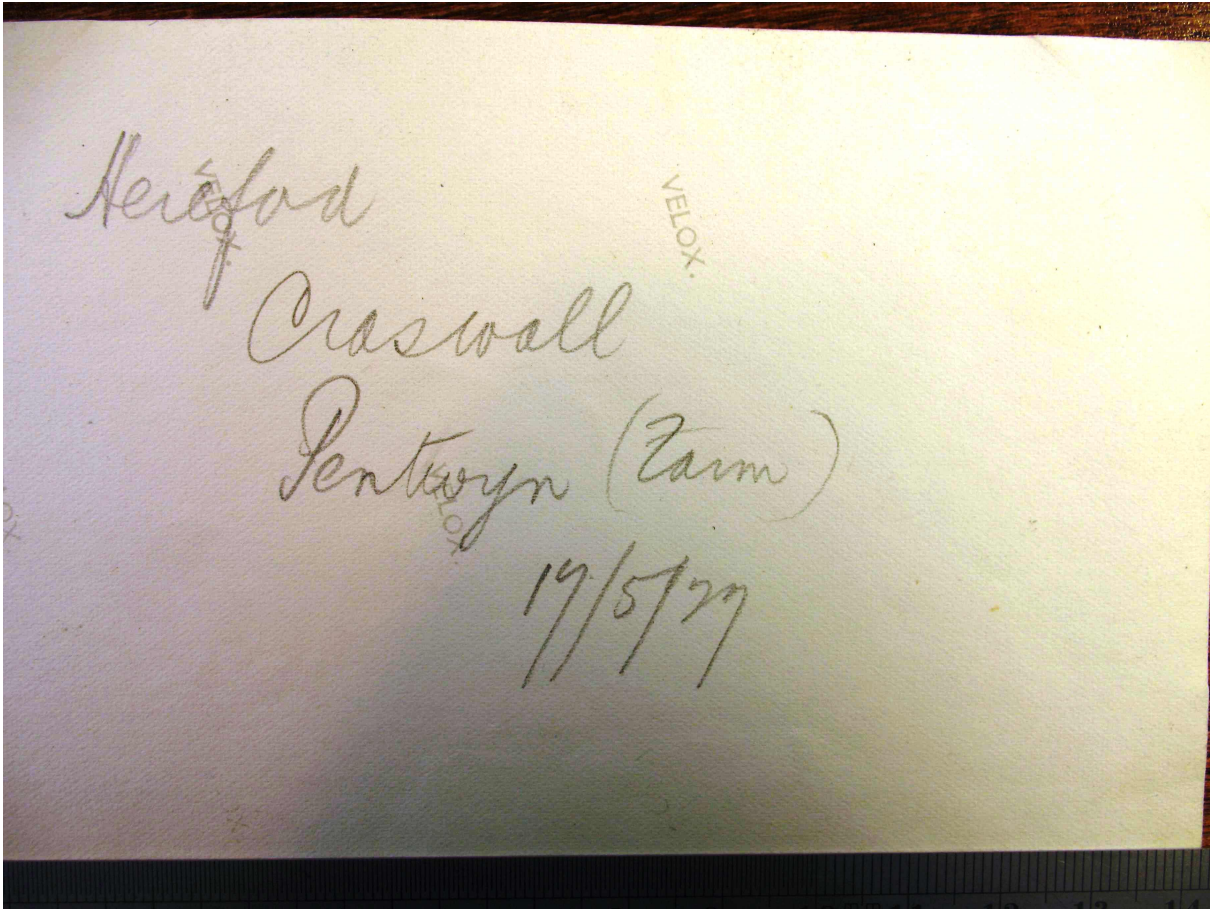
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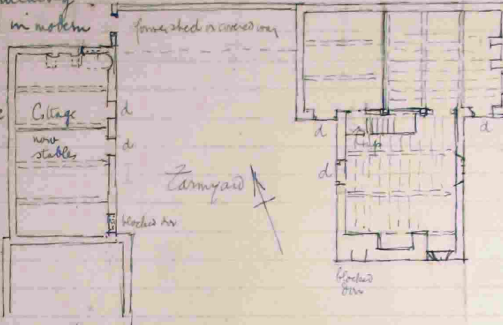
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1 mile WNW of church*
- General appearance:** (a) No. of storeys. *Two, upper partly in roof*
(b) Building materials. *Stone walls*
(c) Roofs. *Stone slabs*

- Historical development** (with dates and small sketch plan).

The farmhouse is an early 17th century building of T shaped plan. It has been altered in modern times & some of its old oak removed. A rectangular building W of the house was originally a dwelling house of the 16th century.

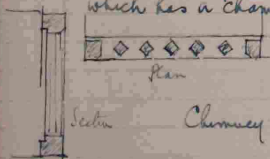


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- Elevations:** (Beginning with the main front, and mentioning, in the following order:—(a) Walls; (b) Gables; (c) Doors; (d) Windows; (e) Chimneys; (f) Rainwater heads and pipes.)

Farmhouse. Walls of stone. Ends of both wings gabled. All windows & doorways modern. A blocked doorway in the S wall of the W wing, w of the fireplace. Stone chimney stacks over the fireplaces in the end wall of each wing. The upper story lighted by flat-topped dormer windows.

Smaller house W of farmyard. Stone walls & gabled roof. windows and doorways modern, except a window in the N. gabled wall. End of former fireplace which has a chamfered frame - masons joints - the mow of the head and sill rebated in a shutter - and five mullions square, set diagonally.



Section Chimney stack now removed

- Grounds:** (a) Gardens; (b) Outbuildings; (c) Statuary, sundials, etc.



Against a boundary wall S of the house and looking S towards the Black Mountain is an alcove or, as called by the present tenant, a sun-house? It is built of the local shaly rubble & the seat is now rather dilapidated. There is little detail whereby it can be dated but two yew trees, which now rather obstruct the view, are probably some 200 years old or more and therefore it seems probable the alcove was built before they were planted; otherwise to obtain the view its position might have been further west.

County. *Hereford*
Parish. *Cruswell*
Sub-Commission. *Secular*
No. of Monument. *5*

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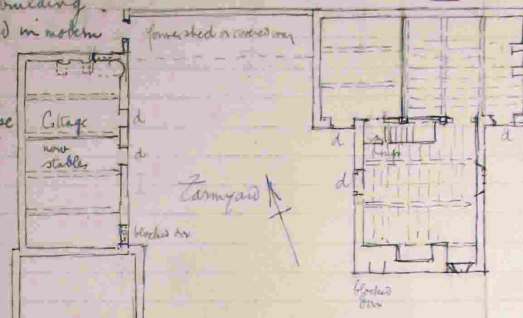
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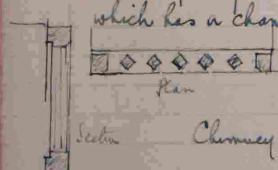
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Smaller house W of farmyard. Stone walls & gabled roof, windows and doorways modern, except a window in the N. gabled wall. End of former fireplace which has a chamfered frame-masonry joints—the inside of the head and sill rebated for a shutter—and five mullions square, set diagonally.



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County. *Hereford*

Parish. *Crawwell*

Sub-Commission. *Hereford*

No. of Monument. *5*

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(89.102). W. 32,349—47. 600. 12/13. A.&E.W.
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(6) Paintings.

(7) Panelling.

(8) Parquetry and floors.

(9) Plasterwork on internal walls.

(10) Roofs and beams (internal).

(11) Screens.

(12) Tapestries.

(13) Miscellaneous (e.g., carving, ironwork, locks, &c.).

The living and the E. half of the N wing, have stop-chamfered ceiling beams and open timbered ceilings with stop-chamfered joists except a patch of modern repair in the SE corner of the N wing. The W half of the N wing has modern beams and joists and is partitioned off from the E half. There was one of the usual local screens of wide studs and narrow panels between the two wings, but only the top beam with the mortices remains in situ the studs having been removed & the beam supported by two reused oak beams as posts. The staircase against this partition is modern in construction & position. The living has a wide fireplace with modern grate in its S wall and the original staircase was probably next E of it (now removed). The upper rooms have been waled boarded and the roof trusses consisting of two principals & a collar beam have had the collar beams removed for head-room.

The stables formerly a smaller house of rectangular plan W. of the farmyard has heavy ceiling beams - chamfered, with broad stops. The ceiling joists removed. In the N. most room the N. wall had a large fireplace but most of it has been taken away. E of it was a winding stone staircase with rounded drums in the walling but now removed. It was lighted by the six light oak window described under elevations. W. of the fireplace was probably an oven

8. Condition: *fairly good*

9. Visited by (with dates): *JW Bloe May 17 1929*

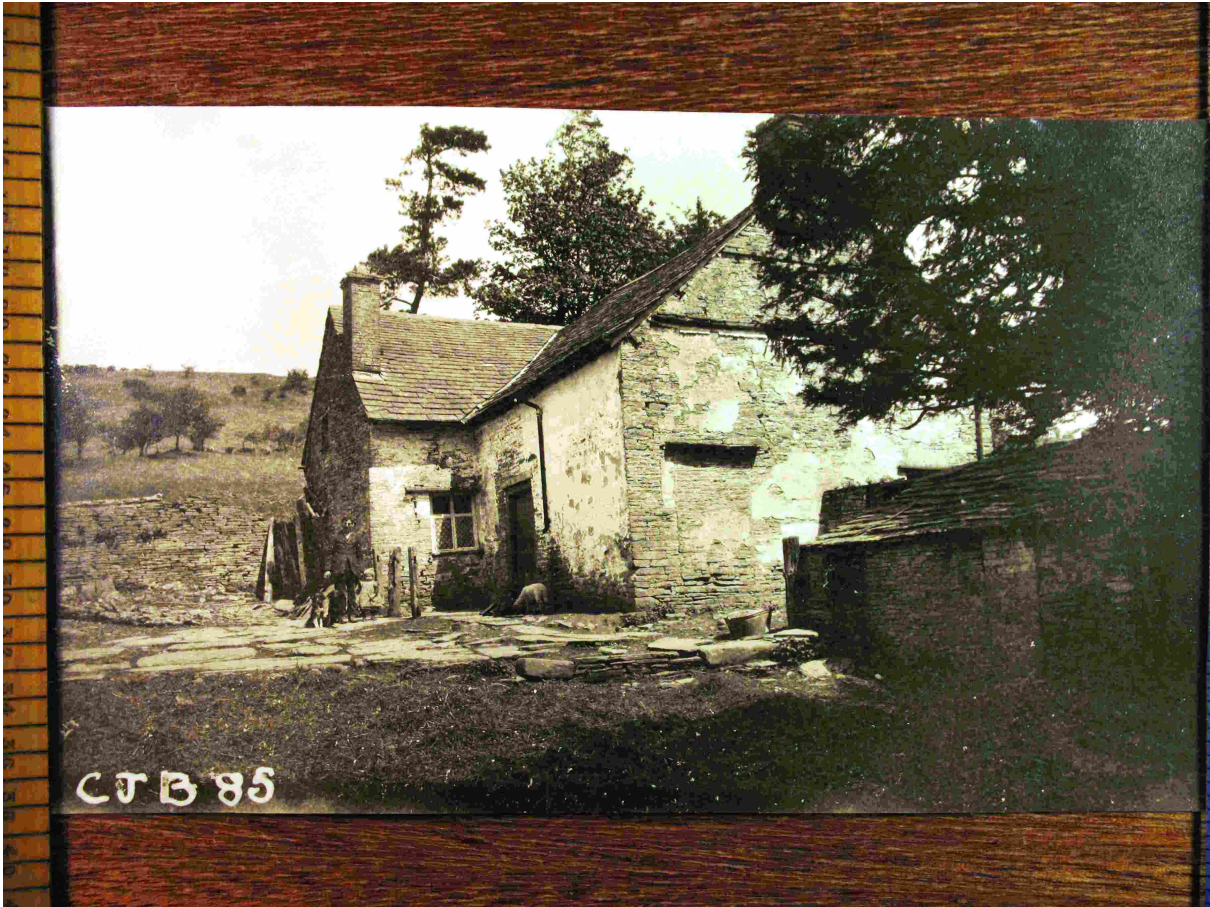
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11. No. of Ordnance Sheet (6-in.): *XXXVII NW*

12. Signature of Investigator: *JW Bloe*

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