



# Building Record for Manor Farm, Erlestoke, Devizes. SN10 5UE

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background to the recording

Permission to record the buildings on this farm arose from an approach made by Richard Nocton of the Marlborough office of Messrs Woolley & Wallis. The Permission to Survey form is attached at Appendix 1. The building recording was undertaken on 21st March 2013, with photographs taken on other dates. The authors of this report wish to thank the Executors of Mr E G Look for permission to undertake the building recording and also thank Richard Nocton and Charlotte Dines of Woolley & Wallis and Mrs Cox of Newtown Farm Cottages for their assistance with access and background information to this recording

On-site photographs were taken by Caroline Farnes (CF) and Alan Wadsworth (AW), unless otherwise credited: the Photography Record Sheet is presented in Appendix 2.

## 1.2 Location of farm

Manor Farm is located on the outskirts of the village of Erlestoke. The farmland lies at the foot of the northern extent of Salisbury Plain and the underlying geology is as follows:

- For the land to the south of the railway line, a mixture of Gault (marly and sandy) clay, Portland beds (sand and limestone) and Kimmeridge Clay;
- For the land to the north of the railway line, a mixture of Portland beds (sand and limestone) and Kimmeridge Clay.

As at 1974, the agricultural land use classification was as follows:

- For the land to the south of the railway line, Grade 3;
- For the land to the north of the railway line, a mixture of Grade 3 and Grade 4.

Full particulars for the farmstead are presented in Appendix 3.

## 1.3 Description of farm

The farmstead has a large number of buildings, arranged around two courtyards with others dispersed around the site: in addition, the holding includes a number of buildings located at Newtown Farm, approximately 600m to the north of Manor Farm: a site plan is shown in Appendix 4. The farmhouse is detached from, but adjacent to, the farm buildings. At the time of the survey, the farm was not used for agricultural purposes.

## 2. METHODS

### 2.1 Aims and objectives

The objectives of the exercise are:

- To make a record of the farmstead as part of the Wiltshire Farmsteads Project;
- To understand (as far as is possible) the historical, architectural and/or archaeological development and significance of the farmstead.

In order to meet these objectives, the aims of the exercise are:

- To record the farmstead, in particular its plan form and layout, using sketch plans and photography;
- To understand the development of the farmstead in terms of the chronological construction of the buildings;
- To observe the building materials used in its construction, as far as non-destructive survey permits;
- To understand the economic and social development of the farmstead, as far as readily available documentary evidence allows.

### 2.2 Recording Methods

With reference to the site plan in Appendix 4, the farm buildings were surveyed by recording the materials used in construction, the present day usage and, where appropriate, the likely historic usage. Photographs were also taken to record the buildings in general and key features of interest: these are held on disc as part of the archive. An archive has been created and will be located at the Wiltshire Buildings Record, part of the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre.

## 3. DESCRIPTION

There are 24 farm buildings (see site plan in Appendix 4): each building is described below.

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Building description

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Cheese room | **Building ID No:** | 1 |
| **Photographs:** | --, --, 63,62,64,59 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

First floor cheese room, approached via timber ladder through personnel hatch. This forms part of the farmhouse which is Grade II-listed: the listing description is as follows.

*"Farmhouse, early C19, probably on earlier core, red brick with slate roof, ridge and end stacks. 2 storeys and attic. Original front to garden has English bond brickwork, 3 window range with matching bay to left and late C19 projecting addition with pyramid plain tile roof beyond. Main range has glazing bar sashes with cambered heads, the upper windows with gauged brick heads. 6-pane to first floor centre, 8-pane each side. Ground floor 6-panel door flanked by 16-pane sashes. Bay to left has matching 8-pane above and 12-pane below. The road front has door flanked by 16-pane sashes, casement pair over door. Straight joint to right 2-window range; casement pair and 6-pane sash above, C20 matching 16-pane sash and casement pair below, all with cambered heads".* (English Heritage, 2013)

Roof: Lath and plaster ceiling, under pyramid, plain clay-tile roof.

Walls: Brick under whitewash in various bonds, including English Garden Wall and Flemish.

Floor: Timber.

Openings:
NW wall: 2-light window, with one opening casement.
SE wall: 2-light window, with both opening casements.
Floor: smaller hatch for cheeses, larger personnel hatch.

Features:

- Rack and tack for cheese storage – "*moveable planks (the tack) which rested on the arms of the rack"* (Slocombe, 1988:51). Single surviving rack is a 17 inch wide board. Metal arms on rack. Metal rod from tie beam above through cheese room floor for support.
- Cheese hoist (see Figure 4).



**Figure 1:** Building 1 - view of SW and SE elevations with Building 2 to left and farmhouse to right (Photo: Alyson Curtis, taken 21 March 2013)



**Figure 2:** Building 1 - barred window in SE elevation, first floor
(Photo: Alyson Curtis, taken 21 March 2013)



**Figure 3:** Building 1 – trap door below hoist
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 4:** Building 1 - hoist in cheese room
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 5:** Building 1- ladder to cheese room
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 6:** Building 1 - rack and tack
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Wood store | **Building ID No:** | 2 |
| **Photographs:** | 65,68,66,67 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

Brick-built building, currently used as wood store.

Roof: Single truss formed of tie-beam, principal rafters with collar and twin apex plates. Common rafters jointed at top (no plank ridge). On NE side, there are supplementary common rafters above the main rafters to form a pentice to the north-east. Pantiles on exterior, half-hipped at SE end.
Walls:
NE elevation: Brick, part English Garden Wall bond
NW elevation: Brick, part English Garden Wall bond, part stretcher bond (infill where possible chimney had been previously)
SW elevation: Brick, English Garden Wall bond
SE elevation: Brick, bond not determined
Floor: Stone flags
Openings:
NE elevation: Timber plank entry door
SW elevation: Timber plank door to garden
SE elevation: Low-level window.



**Figure 7:** Building 2 - NE elevation showing pentice
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 8:** Building 2 - supplementary rafters forming pentice outside
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 9:** Building 2 - interior view from door
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 10:** Infilled chimney breast between Buildings 2 and 3
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Tack room | **Building ID No:** | 3 |
| **Photographs:** | --, 69,70 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

Brick-built building

Roof: Varnished timber boards covering ceiling of room: no internal access to roof structure. Pantiles on exterior, contiguous with Building 2.
Walls: Brick under whitewash.
Floor: Uneven concrete surface
Features:
SE elevation: (adjacent to Building 2): Evidence of chimney, now removed and replaced with brick in stretcher bond. Harness hooks: 2 sets of two hooks, either side of chimney.
NW wall: Workbench with vices
W corner: Wooden corner cupboard
Openings:
NE elevation: Timber plank entry door, twin casement (3 panes each) window
SW elevation: Single light, 4-pane window.



**Figure 11:** Building 3 - SW elevation, with building 4 to left and Building 2 to right of photo
(Photo: Alyson Curtis, taken 21 March 2013)



**Figure 12:** Building 3 - NE elevation
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 13:** Building 3 - harness hooks on SE wall
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Outside WC | **Building ID No:** | 4 |
| **Photographs:** | 72 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

Lean-to building against Building 3, part of which has been used as an outside toilet facility.

Roof: Single beam supporting purlins, supporting common rafters with closely spaced laths for lipped plain clay tiles.

Walls:
NE elevation: Brick
SE elevation: Brick under whitewash adjacent to Building 3
SW elevation: Brick
NW elevation: Timber-framed and timber-clad.

Floor: Concrete with single step half way along the length of the building, down to toilet area.

Openings:
NE elevation: Timber plank door
SE elevation: Open at east end
SW elevation: Door leading to toilet area.
NW elevation: Timber plank door to garden. Window in toilet area.



**Figure 14:** Building 4 - internal view (WC beyond blue door)
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Tractor shed | **Building ID No:** | 5 |
| **Photographs:** | 76 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

Brick-built tractor shed with corrugated iron roof, no access to interior. Historically, this is possibly the "...*brick & g. iron Trap Ho.*..." described in the 1910 valuation survey.

Roof: corrugated iron.

Walls:
NE elevation: brick built with two double-door openings.
NW elevation: brick built.
SW elevation: against Building 6.
SE elevation: brick built against Building 13.

Floor: Not determined – no access

Openings:
NE wall: two double-door openings for tractor access, doors timber planked.
NW wall: 2-light window.



**Figure 15:** Building 5 - NE elevation
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Stable | **Building ID No:** | 6 |
| **Photographs:** | 20,19,12,18,13,16 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

Brick-built stable with clay tiled roof.

Roof: common rafters, sarking boards, triple Roman tiles.

Walls:
NW elevation: Brick in various bonds, including some English Garden Wall Bond and some English Bond.
SW elevation: Brick in various bonds, including some English Garden Wall Bond and some English Bond.
NE elevation: against Building 5.
SE elevation: against Building 12.

Floor: setts with drainage channel throughout, part concreted over.

Openings:
N corner: blocked doorway.
SE elevation: door to Building 12.
SW elevation: stable door with window either side.
NW elevation: wooden plank door and window.

Features:
Wooden stable division in centre of NE wall of building.
Manger in SE corner.
Two ring ties on NE wall.

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| **Building:** | Stable | **Building ID No:** | 6 |
| **Photographs:** | 20,19,12,18,13,16 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |



**Figure 16:** Building 6 - SW elevation from west
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 17:** Building 6 - interior view from NW
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 18:** Building 6 - detail of stable partition
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 19:** Building 6 - tie-ring on NE wall
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 20:** Building 6 - floor, drainage channel and manger beyond
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 21:** Building 6 - Wooden manger with tie-ring in south corner
(Photo: CF)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Storage building | **Building ID No:** | 7 |
| **Photographs:** | 22,77,78,80,75,81 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

4-bay brick-built building with tiled roof, possibly originally a piggery.

Roof: King bolt truss, raking struts under purlins, common rafters with pantiles on exterior. SW side, bays 2-4, supplementary common rafters above carrying roof out for approx. 6-8 feet into yard area behind building, surrounded by brick walls, forming the pigsties shown on the 1924 OS map. Ashlar pieces from supplementary common rafters to wall plate with timber cladding on pieces. Tie beam supported by jowled posts at NE end and on brick pillars at SW end.
Walls:
SW elevation: brick built in Flemish bond.
NW elevation: brick built in Flemish bond.
SE elevation: brick built in English Garden Wall bond.
NE elevation: Bay 1 brick in Flemish bond, Bay 2 concrete block, Bays 3 & 4 timber framed and timber clad.
Floor: concrete.
Openings:
SW wall: timber-planked door in Bay 1 to field.
NE wall: timber-planked doors to Bays 1, 2 & 3.
Features:
Internal pen formed in Bay 2 from rendered concrete blocks to 4 feet high.
Brick-built feed bin in Bay 1 N corner, with hinges for lid (now missing).
NE external elevation of Bay 1 (see Figure 22) shows roof line / part whitewashed internal wall of demolished building (see OS maps for 1889, 1901 and 1924)



**Figure 22:** Building 7 - NE elevation
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 23:** Building 7 - roof truss
(Photo: AW)

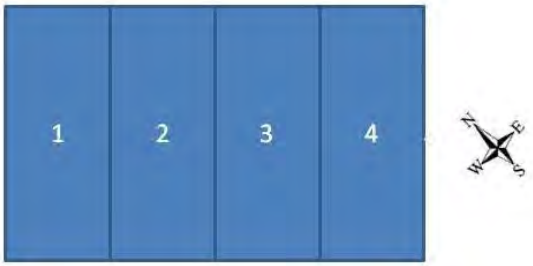


**Figure 24:** Building 7 - layout of bays (not to scale)



**Figure 25:** Building 7 - internal pen, formed of rendered concrete blocks
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 26:** Building 7 - possible brick-built feed chest, lid missing
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 27:** Small building attached to SW elevation of Building 7
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 28:** Building 7 - roof structure showing supplementary rafters for small building to SW
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Former bull building | **Building ID No:** | 8 |
| **Photographs:** | 111,112 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

Small, sub-divided open-fronted building.

Roof: King bolt truss supporting corner gable. Single purlin supporting common rafters, pantiles on exterior.

Walls:
NE wall: timber framed and timber clad, next to Building 9.
NW wall: brick built in English Garden Wall bond.
SW wall: brick built in Flemish bond.
SE wall: open.

Floor: part earth, part brick.

Openings: opening in NE wall into Building 9.

Features: brick-built wall in English Garden Wall bond dividing building into two bays (SW and NE) split ⅓ and ⅔.



**Figure 29:** Building 8 - SE elevation
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 30:** Building 8 - roof truss in NE bay
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Barn | **Building ID No:** | 9 |
| **Photographs:** | 23,33,28,27,26,115,123 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

4-bay threshing barn.

Roof: King bolt truss with inset principal rafters; curved braces between tie beam and jowled post, pegged and tenoned. Raking struts from centre of tie beam to principal rafters. Braces from centre of tie beam to purlins with stretcher between ends of braces on to purlins.
No bracing in Bay 4 – possibly reroofed?
Scarf-jointed purlins trenched into principal rafters supporting common rafters, sarking boards, grey slates and clay ridge.
Walls: All elevations - timber framed and timber clad on brick plinth to 2 feet high, internally lined with timber cladding to 6 feet high.
Floor: concrete.
Openings:
SE wall: full width opening in Bay 2.
NW wall: timber planked personnel entry door in Bay 2, originally wider but less than full width. Pitching hole in Bay 3. 4-pane window in Bay 4.
NE wall: opening to Building 10.
Features:
Existence of timber-clad SW and NE walls (now internal to Buildings 8 and 10 respectively) suggest that they were originally the external walls of Building 9 and therefore that this building was constructed at an earlier date than Buildings 8 and 10.



**Figure 31:** Building 9 - NW elevation
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 32:** Building 9 - SE elevation (with Building 8 to left and Buildings 20 and 19 to right of photo)
(Photo: CF)

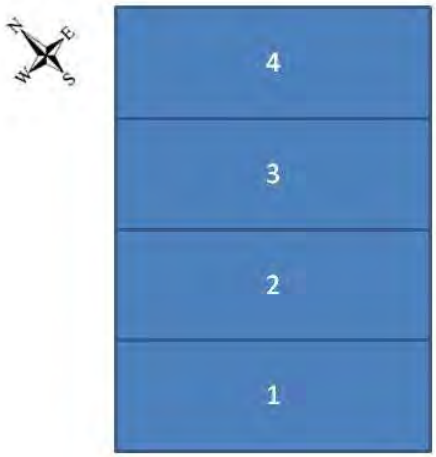


**Figure 33:** Building 9 - layout of bays (not to scale)



**Figure 34:** Building 9 - interior view looking SW
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 35:** Building 9 - view of roof and walls looking SW
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 36:** Building 9 - details of roof structure
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 37:** Building 9 - jowled post and curved brace
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 38:** Building 9 - NE elevation showing pigeon loft above Building 10
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Link building | **Building ID No:** | 10 |
| **Photographs:** | 2,118,119 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

Building linking Buildings 9 and 11.

Roof: single purlin each side, common rafters, laths, triple Roman tiles and clay ridge on exterior.

Walls:
NE wall: against Building 11.
SW wall: against Building 9.
NW wall: brick plinth to 2 feet high, timber framed and timber clad above.
SE wall: brick plinth to 1 foot high, timber framed and timber clad above.

Floor: concrete, inset timbers with bolts as fastenings for a possible stationary engine, used to drive machinery in the adjacent barn (Building 9).

Openings:
NW and SE walls: timber planked door in each.
NE wall: door to Building 11.
SW wall: door to Building 9.



**Figure 39:** Buildings 9, 10, 11 and 12 (from left of photo) – SE elevation
(Photo: AW)

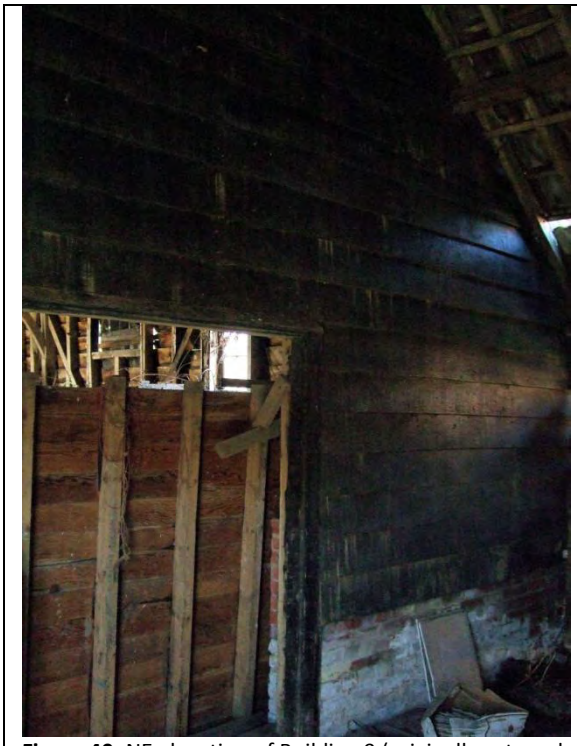

**Figure 40:** NE elevation of Building 9 (originally external wall) viewed from Building 10
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 41:** Building 10 - floor fixings
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Workshop / former cowhouse | **Building ID No:** | 11 |
| **Photographs:** | 120,121,53,122 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

3-bay timber-framed, tiled roof building. Used as workshop, previously used as cowhouse.

Roof: principal-less. Tie beam with raking struts supporting scarf-jointed purlins, supporting common rafters, triple Roman tiles and clay ridge on exterior. Triple angular tiles over passageway between Buildings 11 and 12.
Walls: timber framed and timber clad on brick plinth in English bond.
NW and part of NE and SW walls: concrete block on top of brick plinth to 5 feet high, cement rendered.
Floor: concrete.
Openings: SE wall - wooden plank door to yard and two small shuttered openings; SW wall - door to Building 10.
Features: on NW wall manger, water bowls and tie-ups with chains for 5 cattle.



**Figure 42:** Building 11 - cow stalls
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 43:** Building 11 - roof structure
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 44:** Building 11 - hatch in SE elevation
(Photo: CF)

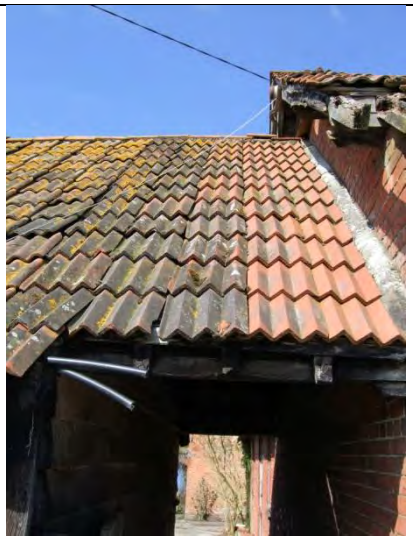

**Figure 45:** Tiles over passageway between Buildings 11 and 12
(Photo: AW)

# Building description

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Stable 2 | **Building ID No:** | 12 |
| **Photographs:** | 84,83,38,42,40,82 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

Carthorse stable for six horses.

Roof: limited visibility. Tie beam, principal rafter, purlins, common rafters, sarking boards with triple Roman tiles and tiled ridge. Lofted over throughout.
Walls:
NE, NW and SE elevations: brick in English bond.
SW elevation: brick in English Garden Wall bond.
Floor: setts throughout with drainage channel to rear of 6 stalls.
Openings:
Door in W corner to Building 6.
SE wall: stable door with window to either side, all under brick-formed segmental heads.
Features:
Passageway along SW wall to Building 6.
Six timber harness hooks of SW wall.
Haydrop along NW wall.



**Figure 46:** Building 12 - SE elevation
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 47:** Building 12 - interior view looking North
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 48:** Building 12 - harness hooks on SW wall
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 49:** Building 12 - hay drop above NW wall
(Photo: CF)

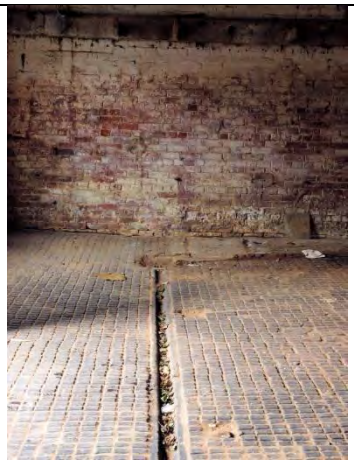

**Figure 50:** Building 12 - drainage channel in floor
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 51:** Building 12 - holes in NW wall for previous partition
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Cowhouse | **Building ID No:** | 13 |
| **Photographs:** | 85,89,46,48,45,49 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

12-bay single-storey building following curve of road. Historically, this is possibly the "... *wood & tile closed cow stall to tie 25* ..." described in the 1910 valuation survey.

Roof: tie beam supporting principal rafters with raking struts to SW and some on NE. Offset purlins, pegged and tenoned, supporting common rafters. Single Roman tiles on exterior. Braces between posts and tie beams.
Alternate trusses have carpenters' marks I-V. Only these trusses have offset tenoned purlins. Some intermediate trusses with curved braces.

Walls:
NE wall: modern concrete block infill throughout.
NW wall: brick in English bond against Building 12.
SW wall: infilled part brick, part concrete block.
SE wall: timber framed and timber clad against Building 14.

Floor:
Bays 1-9: NE half rammed earth, SW half concrete with drainage channel; Bay 10: brick; Bays 11-12: concrete.

Openings: Bay 3: gate; Bays 8 and 10: doors; Bays 2, 6 and 7: ventilators.

Features:
Manger along NE wall of Bays 1-9. Timber partition between Bays 9 and 10. Concrete block partition between Bays 11 & 12.



**Figure 52:** Building 13 - SW elevation
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 53:** Building 13 - interior view looking NW
(Photo: AW)

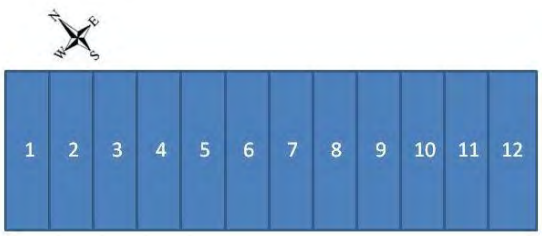


**Figure 54:** Building 13 - layout of bays (Not to scale)



**Figure 55:** Building 13 - curved brace between tie-beam and post on SW side
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 56:** Building 13 - straight brace between tie-beam and post on NE side
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 57:** Building 13 - carpenters marks
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 58:** Building 13 - timber-built manger
(Photo: CF)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Implement shed | **Building ID No:** | 14 |
| **Photographs:** | 90, 91, 92 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

6-bay timber-framed open-fronted shed. Historically, this is possibly the "... *6 bay wood & tile cart shed* ..." described in the 1910 valuation survey.

Roof: tie beam with pegged principal rafters, queen post truss, offset pegged and tenoned purlins. Sarking boards on NE side. Pantiles and clay tile ridge on exterior.
Walls:
NE and NW walls: timber framed and timber clad. NW wall next to Building 13.
SE wall: timber framed, corrugated iron clad.
SW wall: open.
Possibly built in two phases with Bays 1-4 as one phase and Bays 5-6 as a different phase, of reduced width.
Internal partitions: Between Bays 3 and 4 corrugated iron to 6 feet high; between Bays 4 and 5 timber framed and timber clad, possibly originally an external wall at the end of Bay 4.
Floor: Rammed earth.
Openings: Hatch in NW wall through to Building 13.



**Figure 59:** Building 14 - view from west (Photo: AW)

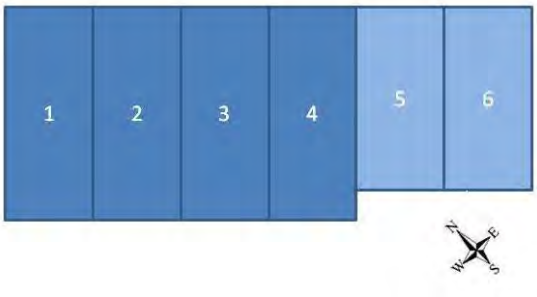


**Figure 60:** Building 14 - layout of bays (not to scale)



**Figure 61:** Building 14 - roof structure (Photo: AW)



**Figure 62:** Building 14 - hatch through to Building 13 (Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Former piggery/cow house | **Building ID No:** | 15 |
| **Photographs:** | 94,98,95,97 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

9-bay modern building following curve of road. Originally built as a cow house with feed passage on NE side, said to have been used more recently as a piggery. Before 1948, a different building existed on the same footprint (This was possibly the "... *Cow Stall to tie 22* ..." described in the 1910 valuation survey)

Roof: pent roof. Joists supporting offset purlins, felt insulation under corrugated iron.
Walls: concrete block throughout, rendered to 5 feet high on E side. Internal concrete dividing walls between Bays 1 & 2 and 8 & 9.
Floor: concrete with step and drainage channel on W side.
Openings: doors in Bays 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9, hinged wooden ventilators in Bays 2, 4, 6 and 8.



**Figure 63:** Building 15 - SW elevation
(Photo: AW)




**Figure 64**: Building 15 - layout of bays (not to scale)



**Figure 65:** Building 15 - blocked doorway from Bay 8 into Bay 9
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 66:** Building 15 - interior view looking NW
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 67:** Building 15 - detail of concrete floor
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Dutch barn 1 | **Building ID No:** | 16 |
| **Photographs:** | 102,31,96 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

6-bay steel framed Dutch barn.

Roof: pre-formed steel trusses with curved corrugated asbestos sheets on timber purlins.
Walls:
S, E and W walls: concrete block to 4 feet high, corrugated iron above.
N wall: open with steel posts on concrete pads.
Floor: rammed earth.
Feature: manufacturer's plate of F.H. Dale of Leominster.

[NOTE: Frank H Dale Ltd continue to design, produce and install structural steelwork from their Leominster base (Dale, 2013)]



**Figure 68:** Building 16 - view from east
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 69:** Building 16 interior looking west
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 70:** Building 16 - East gable end
(Photo: AW)




**Figure 71:** Building 16 - manufacturer's plate on east gable end
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Dutch barn 2 | **Building ID No:** | 17 |
| **Photographs:** | 99,101 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

8-bay steel framed Dutch barn.

Roof: pre-formed steel trusses supporting corrugated asbestos roof. Bracing on east and west sides is arched in Bays 1 to 6, straight in Bays 7 and 8. E-W trusses are curved except for that between Bays 6 and 7, suggesting previous end gable (see Figure 74). On this basis, the building was possibly built in two phases.
Walls:
S and W walls: corrugated iron.
N wall: open to eaves, corrugated iron above in gable end.
E wall: open.
Floor: rammed earth.



**Figure 72:** Building 17 - view from east
(Photo: AW)

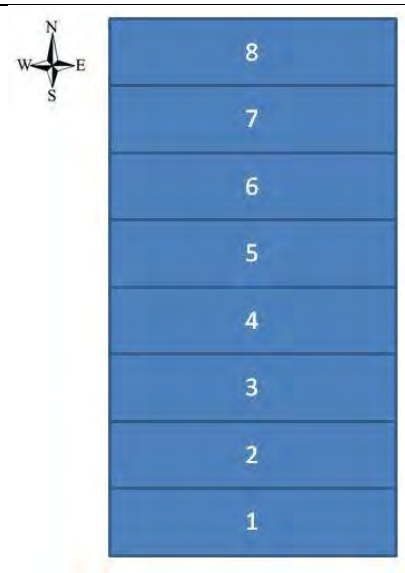


**Figure 73:** Building 17 - layout of bays (not to scale)




**Figure 74:** Building 17 - interior view looking south showing different trusses on west side
(Photo: AW)
A: End gable of first phase of 6 bays
B: Curved bracing
C: Straight bracing

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Dairy | **Building ID No:** | 18 |
| **Photographs:** | 103,104 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

Pre-formed metal framed container. Possibly used as bulk tank room.

Roof: corrugated iron on hardboard on steel braces.
Walls: galvanised steel sheet.
Floor: concrete.
Openings: Sliding door to SW.
Features: dairy equipment including two vacuum pumps.

The above unit is enclosed within a timber-framed corrugated iron clad building.



**Figure 75:** Building 18 - view from SE
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 76:** Building 18 - dairy equipment on SW side of building
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Former milking parlour | **Building ID No:** | 19 |
| **Photographs:** | 108,106,105 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

3-bay building.

Roof: king post trusses supporting 2 purlins on each side, corrugated iron over.
Walls:
SE wall: corrugated iron, adjacent to Building 18.
NW wall: corrugated iron, adjacent to Building 20.
NE and SW wall: concrete block rendered on inside.
Floor: concrete.
Openings:
Three glass roof lights in NE facing roof.
Two metal-framed hopper-opening windows in NE wall.
One timber framed opening window in SE wall.
Features: Gascoigne milking system name plate.



**Figure 77:** Building 19 - NE elevation
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 78:** Building 19 - roof structure
(Photo: AW)




**Figure 79:** Building 19 - parlour equipment manufacturer's plate
(Photo: AW)

# Building description

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Staddle granary | **Building ID No:** | 20 |
| **Photographs:** | 110,25,29,52 | **Name of recorders:** | Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

2-bay timber granary on 4 x 3 staddle stones.

Roof: central truss – tie beam with raking struts supporting purlins. Common rafters with laths, grey slates and slate ridge. Common rafters meet at plank ridge.
Walls: All elevations - timber framed and timber clad, part lined internally with corrugated iron.
Floor: timber boards 10 inches wide.
Openings:
Timber planked door in NE wall.
Door in E corner of SE wall into Building 19.



**Figure 80:** Building 20 - NE elevation
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 81:** Building 20 - interior view showing roof structure
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 82:** Building 20 - failed staddle-stone on SW corner
(Photo: CF)



**Figure 83:** Building 20 - door fastener
(Photo: CF)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Storage shed, Newtown Farm | **Building ID No:** | 21 |
| **Photographs:** | 10,132 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

4-bay building, part of L-shaped range located at Newtown Farm to north, and part, of Manor Farm.

Roof: See Figure 85 below showing position of trusses. All trusses supported by timber posts on concrete pads.
Truss 1: Tie-beam with two vertical struts supporting purlins, with curved brace from tie-beam to post (SE end only).
Truss 2: Tie-beam with principal rafters, one raking strut (SE side) and offset tenoned and pegged purlins, with curved brace from tie-beam to post (SE end) and straight brace from tie-beam to post (NW end)
Truss 3: Tie-beam with two vertical struts supporting purlins.
Truss 4: Tie-beam with principal rafters and offset tenoned and pegged purlins.
Purlins supporting common rafters with sarking boards on NW side only, single Roman and clay ridge tiles on exterior.

Walls:
NW elevation: Timber-framed and timber-clad on brick plinth
SW elevation: Concrete block to eaves, timber-framed and timber-clad above.
NE elevation: Timber partition between Buildings 21 and 22 on concrete plinth
SE elevation Originally open, Bays A and D now infilled with concrete blocks, each of Bays B and C infilled with double doors formed of corrugated iron on timber frames.

Floor: Part concrete, part brick, part rammed earth.

Openings: Timber door to Building 22 in NE wall.

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Storage shed, Newtown Farm | **Building ID No:** | 21 |
| **Photographs:** | 10,132 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |



**Figure 84:** Building 21 - SE elevation
(Photo: AW)

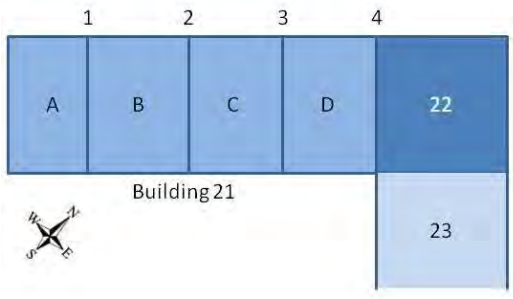


**Figure 85:** Building 21 - showing position of roof trusses
(not to scale)



**Figure 86:** Building 21 - interior looking SW
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Small storage shed, Newtown Farm | **Building ID No:** | 22 |
| **Photographs:** | 131 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

Corner building, part of L-shaped range located at Newtown Farm to north, and part, of Manor Farm. Historically, this is possibly the "... cowhouse in angle ..." described in the 1910 valuation survey.

Roof: Single purlin running along NE and NW sides, tenoned into truss 4, Building 21 and truss 1, Building 23. Purlins supporting common rafters, sarking boards with single Roman and clay ridge tiles on exterior.

Walls:
NE elevation: Timber-framed and timber-clad on partial brick plinth
NW elevation: Timber-framed and timber-clad on partial brick plinth
SW elevation: Timber partition between Buildings 22 and 21 on concrete plinth
SE elevation: Timber partition between Buildings 22 and 23 on timber sill

Floor: Concrete

Openings:
NW elevation: Timber plank door to field
SW elevation: Timber door to Building 21
SE elevation: Timber door to Building 23

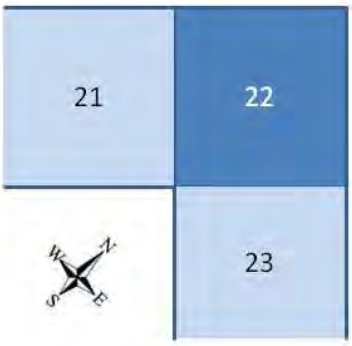


**Figure 87:** Building 22, showing position relative to Buildings 21 and 23 (not to scale)



**Figure 88:** Building 22 - roof looking towards north corner
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Open-fronted shed, Newtown Farm | **Building ID No:** | 23 |
| **Photographs:** | 124,129 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

6-bay open-fronted shed, part of L-shaped range located at Newtown Farm to north, and part, of Manor Farm. Originally used for milking cows. Historically, this is possibly the "... 6-bay cob on brick & tile Cowstall ..." described in the 1910 valuation survey.

Roof:
Trusses 1, 3 and 5: Tie-beam supporting principal rafters with offset pegged & tenoned purlins. Collar (Truss 3 only). Apex plates either side of principal rafters.
Trusses 2, 4 and 6: Tie-beam with vertical struts supporting purlins.
Purlins supporting common rafters meeting at plank ridge, with sarking boards (NE side only) and single Roman tiles & clay ridge tiles above.

Walls:
NE elevation: Shuttered concrete
SE elevation: Shuttered concrete
SW elevation: Bays A-E: Open with posts on concrete pads; Bay 6: Shuttered concrete
NW elevation: Timber partition between Buildings 23 and 22 on timber sill.

Floor: Concrete with standing step for cattle

Openings: NW elevation – timber plank door to Building 22.

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Open-fronted shed, Newtown Farm | **Building ID No:** | 23 |
| **Photographs:** | 124,129 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |



**Figure 89:** Building 23 - SW elevation
(Photo: AW)

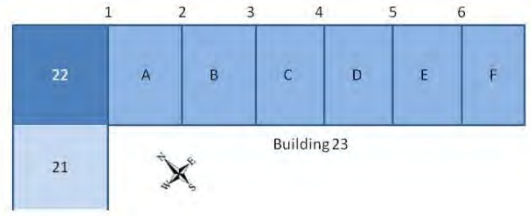


**Figure 90:** Building 23 - showing position of trusses (not to scale)



**Figure 91:** Building 23 - roof looking SE
(Photo: AW)

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| **Name of farm:** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **Grid ref:** | ST 962 549 |
| **Building:** | Grain silos | **Building ID No:** | 24 |
| **Photographs:** | 125,126,128 | **Name of recorders:** | Celia Denee<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth |

**Description**

Three steel grain silos arranged around a common elevator.

Roof: Galvanised steel sheet in conical form.
Walls: Curved corrugated steel sheets forming circular silos.
Floor: Not determined – no internal access.
Features: Common elevator feeding grain from discharge hopper in yard floor to top of any one of the three silos.



**Figure 92:** Building 24 - view from SW
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 93:** Building 24 - detail of grain elevator
(Photo: AW)



**Figure 94:** Building 24 - grain discharge hopper
(Photo: AW)

## 4. HISTORY

Records were searched in the Wiltshire and Swindon Archive (WSA) located at the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre (WSHC) at Chippenham and at The National Archives (TNA) at Kew. A list of references is given in Section 7.

The village of Erlestoke in situated on a spring-line that runs along the north western edge of Salisbury Plain. The B3098 road from Westbury to West Lavington goes through the village and links it to other villages on the edge of the Plain. Departing north on Lower Road from the centre of the village, Manor Farm is situated approximately a quarter of a mile along this minor road with Newtown Farm a similar distance further on. Both farms are in the parish of Erlestoke.

The ecclesiastical parish of Erlestoke was a chapelry of Melksham until 1877, and probably for this reason the village was not referred to by name in the Domesday Survey. Ownership of the manor is first recorded in the twelfth century and over the following centuries the holder changed many times, but before the eighteenth century, very few of the Lords of the Manor resided in Erlestoke (Pugh & Crittall, 1953).

On the Andrews & Dury's 1773 map of Wiltshire, just north of the village of Erlestoke, a property called Dog Kennel is shown where Manor Farm is now situated. Peter Delme held the lordship at that time and his name is written on the map by his property in the village. Joshua Smith, the MP for Devizes, took the title in 1780 and between 1786 and 1791 he demolished the old manor house and built Erlestoke House further out of the village. The Erlestoke Enclosure Awards had been granted in 1782: many small farmers tending unenclosed strips of downland and marsh were replaced by larger areas of land in private ownership. Joshua Smith was able to create a fine landscaped park including woodland and water features and his property became the centre of a large agricultural estate (Pugh & Crittall, 1953).

Joshua Smith died in 1819 and the Erlestoke Estate was purchased by George Watson Taylor. He was born George Watson, the son of a West Indian proprietor, and married Anna Susanna Taylor. Her family also had properties in Jamaica and she inherited the family's wealth on the death of her brother Sir Simon Taylor in 1815, after which George Watson took the name Taylor by Royal Licence. He became an MP for a number of constituencies, the last being Devizes from 1826 to 1832. George Watson Taylor had continued to build up the estate, but depreciation of the West Indian property and his own extravagance led to financial ruin in 1832. The contents of the house were sold at auction, the family moved away and the house and park were let (Hampton, 2013; History of Parliament Online, 2013).

A large bound volume entitled 'Maps of the Wiltshire Estate of George Watson Taylor Esq.' dated 1832 illustrates how large the family's estate had become. The map for 'Parts of the Parish of East Coulston and the Chapelry of Erlestoke' shows that Manor Farm farmhouse, illustrated in red (see Figure 96), had been constructed by this date together with two large and one smaller farm buildings. Manor Farm was therefore part of the Erlestoke Estate, but as yet there were no buildings at the site of Newtown Farm (WSA: 323/8).

The farmhouse at Manor Farm is now Grade II listed, and the description states that it was constructed in the early nineteenth century, with probably an earlier core (British Listed Buildings, 2013). The tithe awards for Erlestoke were confirmed in 1838, listed under Melksham, but no tithes were payable as they had been extinguished under the Enclosure

Award in 1782 (Sandell, 1985). Newtown Farm appears for the first time on the OS map dated 1889. In the same year, Samuel Bourne is shown as a farmer at Manor Farm in the Kelly's Directory, and is listed again in 1895.

The estate had been inherited, on the death of his mother, by Simon Watson Taylor who had returned to live in Erlestoke House (Pugh & Crittall, 1953). In 1897, he was one of the parties involved in the conveyance of land to the Great Western Railway Company for the construction of a line running east from Westbury through the estate. The Second Schedule in the conveyance document (WSA: 323/6) lists the land to be affected in Erlestoke, as follows:

**Table 1:** Land affected by railway at Erlestoke

| No. on Railway map | No. on Plans in Estate Book | Description | Acreage | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Acres | Roods | Perches |
| 15 | 278 | Yonder part of great mead | 1 | 0 | 33 |
| 14 | 279 | Lower part, paddock | 1 | 1 | 30 |
| 7 | 291 | Lower part, paddock | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 5 | | | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| 9 | 293 | Part of mead | 0 | 2 | 39 |
| 10 | 295 | Part of mead | 1 | 2 | 25 |
| 2 | | | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 1 | 308 | Fernham ground | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | 302 | | | | |
| 3 | 303 | Part fields | 2 | 1 | 37 |
| | 309 | | | | |
| | | **TOTAL** | **8** | **2** | **5** |

The 'Plans in Estate Book' heading refers to the maps in the volume dated 1832 and the same field numbers are shown on the 'Railway Maps' attached to the conveyance document. From the railway maps concerning Erlestoke, it can be seen that the fields affected by the proposed construction of the line lay between Manor and Newtown Farms (WSA:323/6). This is confirmed in the next OS map published in 1901, which includes the railway line.

The Sixth Schedule in the conveyance document relates to the farmer's tenancy agreement. Samuel Bourne's agreement had commenced in 1883, for which he paid an annual rent of £500 (WSA: 323/6). Samuel Bourne continued to be listed at Manor Farm in Kelly's Directories in 1899, 1903 and 1907.

In 1909, Messrs T Lavington, Auctioneers, Valuers and Estates Agents in Marlborough, carried out a 'Valuation of live and dead farming stock, hay, tillages etc, from Mr J Bourne to Mr H Bourne'. The livestock consisted of a bull, 52 dairy cows of which 15 had calves, 11 heifer and 2 bull calves, four grazers, 7 horses and a donkey. Equipment in the barn included a root pulper, chaff cutter, winnowing van, a binder, corn drill, swath turner, sprung milk van with brake, a donkey trap, sprung donkey cart and dog cart with cushions. Listed under the heading of implements were 35 cow chains, 8 milk pails, 3 ploughs, 2 harrows, a cultivator and two single horse hoers. Troughs were listed in the pigsties and there was a brew house with a copper with grate. The tillages included growing mangolds and turnips, along with grass seeds which included rye and clover (WSA: 2623/148).

The Erlestoke Estate had now been passed to G.S.A. Watson Taylor on the death of his father, Simon Watson Taylor, in 1902. Between 1907 and 1910 George Watson Taylor began to sell off parts of the estate (Pugh & Crittall, 1953).

The Inland Revenue Land Valuation, carried out in 1910, listed Harry Bourne as the farmer occupying Manor Farm, agricultural land, house and buildings (see Figure 103 in Appendix 7). Four cottages with gardens are also listed with different occupants. The total acreage was 261 acres, 1 rood and 7 perches for the farm with a gross annual value of £330 10s 0d and a rateable value of £297 10s 0d. Manor Farm was entry number 322 in the register and the accompanying map (Figure 104) shows that Newtown Farm, which had two farm cottages (entry numbers 325 and 326) and buildings, was included as part of Manor Farm.

The field book for entry number 322 (Figures 105 and 106) provides the following description of the house and buildings:

"*Wood & slate Porch.2 Dairies & Cooling House (copper), Store Place, E.C., Back Kitchen, Washhouse & covered way. Kitchen, pantry, larder, hall, Dining & Drawing Rooms & 5 Bedrooms & 3 Attic Rooms. Garden & Lawn. Buildings comprise Bk. & tile Stable & loft over with brick & g. iron Trap Ho. in rear (A). Brick & tile stable & loft over (B). Wood & tile closed cow stall to tie up 25 (C). 6 bay wood & tile Cart Shed (D). Cob on bk. & slate closed Cow Stall to tie up 22 (E). 4 bay bk.& tile Piggery with Mixing House at end, and cob and tile stall in rear (F). Bk. & tile Coalhouse & wood and tile lean-to shed (G). Bk. & tile Fowlhouse & Trap Shed adjg. (H) wood & tile Granary on stone staddles (I) (The wood & galv. iron Cart Shed erected since 1909) Cob on brick and slate barn (J). Two cob on brick & slate Cowhouses adjg. Barn (K). Enclosed Yards. 5-bay wood & galvd. Iron open stall (closed since 1909) (L). In 54, there is a range of buildings comprising 4-bay wood & tile Pig Stye on brick foundations. 6-bay cob on brick & tile Cowstall with Cowhouse in angle & also at end enclosed yard. Water supply very fair. Sporting is fair."*

The capital letters in the above description would appear to refer to a plan of the buildings: however, it is understood that such plans have not been retained by the National Archives or any other repository. The buildings described as "in 54" refer to the buildings at Newtown Farm: overall the condition of the house and buildings is described as fair.

The following table presents a transcribed schedule of the land associated with Manor Farm at the time of the valuation: the vast majority of the land is described as pasture with only 64.45 acres as Arable (24% of the total)

**Table 2**: Schedule of land contained in Field Book (Entry Number 322)

| Field No | Description | Acreage | Field No | Description | Acreage |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | Arable | 11.864 | 52 | Pasture | 7.552 |
| 21 | Pasture | 6.637 | 57 | Pasture | 6.534 |
| 30 | Pasture | 10.855 | 58 | Pasture | 0.200 |
| 22 | Pasture | 7.735 | 46 | Pasture | 6.958 |
| 29 | Pasture | 23.966 | 45 | Pasture | 3.218 |
| 31 | Pasture | 12.549 | 72 | Pasture | 8.377 |
| 32 | Pasture | 2.059 | 73 | Pasture | 4.875 |
| 34 | Pasture | 4.846 | 70 | Pasture | 21.143 |
| 38 | Pasture | 10.405 | 71 | Pasture | 8.277 |
| 39 | Pasture | 7.390 | 76 | Pasture | 8.522 |
| 40 | Pasture | 5.725 | 78 | Pasture | 2.944 |

| Field No | Description | Acreage | Field No | Description | Acreage |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | Arable | 46.333 | 69 | Homestead | 2.149 |
| 52 | Pasture | 1.557 | 66 | 2 Cotts & gdns. | 0.160 |
| 53 | 2 Cotts & gdns | 0.630 | 61 | Pasture | 1.228 |
| 54 | Bldgs & yd. | 0.470 | Pt.65 | Pasture | 7.035 |
| 76 | Pasture | 7.535 | Pt.65 | Arable | 6.253 |
| 50 | Pasture | 7.319 | | **TOTAL** | **263.300** |

In 1914 Edward Stanford Ltd. produced a map of the Erlestoke Estate based on the 6" OS map. The field numbers, as on the Inland Revenue valuation map, have been handwritten and a boundary (in yellow) has been drawn round a parcel of land which includes both Manor and Newtown Farms (WSA:323/9 MS). Harry Bourne continued to be listed as the farmer at Manor Farm in the Kelly's Directories of 1911 and 1915, and in that year Mr. E. H. Look took the tenancy.

Five years later, George Watson Taylor sold the remainder of the Erlestoke Estate, consisting of properties, farms and land of approximately 3,415 acres in total. Messrs Knight Frank & Rutley held an auction at The Bear Hotel in Devizes on 6th May 1920 and Lot 10, described as: "*An excellent dairy and grazing holding adjoining the Great Western Railway in the Parish of Erlestoke, known as The Manor Farm. Within easy reach of the village and extending to about 275a 3r 28p. Held by Mr. E. H. Look on a Yearly Michaelmas Tenancy*".

Across the sales particulars was stamped SOLD in red, and underneath printed "Sold to the Tenant" (WSA:F2/2215/36). Coloured and numbered lots are marked on Plan Number 1, issued with the sales particulars, but Manor and Newtown Farms are unmarked, indicating their previous sale (WSA:1530/11).

E. H. Look, who had come from Somerset, following his purchase of the farms, became one of the principal landowners in Erlestoke (Pugh & Crittall, 1953). The farm was still primarily a dairy farm, producing milk and cheese to be taken by horse and cart to the station to catch the daily milk train to London. Butter was also made, cabbages and swedes grown and after haymaking, the ricks were thatched in the fields to keep them dry (Woolley & Wallis, 2013).

Appendix 9 contains the agricultural return for the 4th June 1941 (TNA: MAF32/36/73) for the holding and the key points are as follows:

- The land was described as 267.5 acres of permanent grass (115.5 acres for mowing, 152 acres for grazing), 24.5 acres of wheat, 6 acres of oats and 6 acres of clover or temporary grasses, making a total of 304 acres;
- There were 129 cattle on the holding, including 67 in milk: there were also 21 pigs and 120 poultry;
- Five horses were kept for agricultural purposes: there were no tractors;
- The annual rental value was estimated at £400 and the current owner (Mr.E.H.Look) had been at the farm for 26 years;
- The farm employed five male and one female full-time workers: of these one male and one female were family members;
- As at this date, there were 50 tons of hay and 6 tons of straw on the holding.

The actual Farm Survey recording was carried out on 16th July 1942 – the following points are of note:

- The owner was Mr.E.H.Look and he was recorded as a full-time farmer;
- The condition of the farmhouse and cottages was described as good, whilst the farm buildings were described as fair: there were four cottages on the farm, let on service tenancies;
- There were no infestations of pests or weeds and no derelict fields;
- Water supply was by pipe to the farmhouse and buildings, by stream to the fields: there was no electricity supply;
- Management of the farm was classified as A – the highest rating possible;
- The arable land and pasture was described as good with the use of fertilisers adequate on both types of land;
- No grass fields had been ploughed up for the 1940 harvest, but some 18.5 acres had been ploughed up and put down to wheat for the 1941 harvest.

Mr. E. H. Look's widow died in 1971 and one of their eight children, Mr E.G. (Eddie) Look, continued to run Manor Farm as a livestock farm. When he died in March 2012, aged 100, his wish was for it to continue as such, until sold at public auction.

Messrs. Woolley & Wallis held the auction, on behalf of the Executors of E. G. Look, at the Bear Hotel, Devizes on 1st May 2013. The farm was offered in two lots: Lot 1 comprised the farmhouse, buildings and two cottages at Manor Farm with 93.30 acres at a guide price of £1,150,000, whilst Lot 2 comprised the farm buildings and two cottages at Newtown Farm along with land totalling 183.38 acres at a guide price of £1,100,000. The latter was sold to Mr Sam Johnston of Coulston, a local farmer, for £1,625,000, an average price of £8,870 per acre. Lot 1 did not sell at auction, but was sold soon afterwards, at the guide price to Mr Nigel Grist from Devizes (Nocton, 2013; Woolley & Wallis, 2013).

## 5. INTERPRETATION

### 5.1 Map regression analysis

On basis of the map extracts in Appendices 5 and 6, this section considers the development of the buildings over time at both Manor Farm and Newtown Farm.

Although there is a single building marked "Dog Kennel" on the site of Manor Farm, the first farm buildings are shown on the 1832 estate map. The farmhouse is shown as a simple rectangle in plan at this point and the larger buildings, forming a T-shape plan, probably represent Buildings 6, 11 and 12: the smaller building shown on this map does not exist today. There are no buildings at Newtown Farm at this date.

By the time of the 1889 Ordnance Survey map, a substantial number of buildings have been added at Manor Farm. The farmhouse has been extended into a L-shaped plan to provide the building in which the cheese room (1) is located: there is also a range of connected outbuildings (2 and 3) to the south-west. An additional building exists in the north-west corner between Buildings 6 and 12 – this is Building 5 and is probably the trap house (later tractor shed) referred to in the 1910 Inland Revenue Land Valuation.

Buildings 7, 8 and 9 have been added which along with a range of pigsties on the north-west side form a three-sided courtyard arrangement. The link building (10) also exists at this point between the barn (9) and the cowhouse (11). The long cowhouse (13) following the curve of the road has been built, along with the implement shed (14) and a further building beyond in the position of building 15. This latter building is not the one on-site at the time of this recording, given the modern materials of the current building, but rather is probably one of the larger cowhouses referred to in the 1910 valuation. The granary (20) is also shown on the 1889 map.

As for Newtown Farm, an L-shaped range of buildings (21, 22, 23) is shown: the south-west arm of the range includes a group of pigsties with yards, beyond Building 21 up to the road. There is also a small building in the yard, adjacent to the road.

Moving forward to 1901, the map shows that the farmhouse has been extended further with the addition of the porch, garage and store to the north-west and the outside WC (4) to the north-west of Buildings 2 and 3. The 1901 map presents a more clearly-defined view of the buildings and the following are of note:

- The small building shown on the estate map of 1832 appears to be a greenhouse (although this has been demolished by 1924);
- There is a range of three pigsties on the north-west side of the courtyard opposite the barn (9);
- The varying width of the implement shed (14) is shown;
- The pentice in front of buildings 2 and 3 is shown.

However, there is no change to the buildings at Newtown Farm, except that there are four pig-sties marked in the range.

As at the time of the 1924 OS map, the pigsty yards have been removed at Manor Farm and the building extended to the north-east. A further range of four pig-sties with yards

has been built to the south-west of Building 7 and there is a small building in the north-west corner between Buildings 7 and 9 (which did not exist at the time of recording). There is also a building in the position of the former milking parlour (19). There also appear to be small porch-like extensions to the south-west of Buildings 13 and 15: a similar small extension is marked to the south-west of Building 23 at Newtown Farm. Given that these three buildings were all in use as cowhouses at this time, it is possible that these provided some form of store or shelter. The only other change at Newtown was the demolition of the building in the yard, adjacent to the road.

Although the 1948 OS map extract presents the buildings in a schematic way due to the smaller scale, it is noted that Building 15 has been demolished. However, by the time of the 1982 OS map, a building has been erected on a similar footprint. The two Dutch barns have also been constructed between these two dates. However, the range of buildings, opposite the barn (9) on the north-west side of the previous courtyard, have all been demolished. Similarly, the range of pigsties at Newtown Farm have been removed: however, it is of note that the three grain silos are still not shown on the map.

### 5.2 Phasing of buildings

Using the information from the survey and the documentary sources described above, the following phased development of buildings on site is proposed.

**Table 3:** Suggested dating for buildings

| Building Number | Description | Date of construction |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cheese Room | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 2 | Wood store | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 3 | Tack room | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 4 | Outside WC | Between 1889 and 1901 |
| 5 | Tractor shed | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 6 | Stable 1 | Before 1832 |
| 7 | Storage building | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 8 | Former bull building | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 9 | Barn | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 10 | Link building | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 11 | Workshop / former cowhouse | Before 1832 |
| 12 | Stable 2 | Before 1832 |
| 13 | Cowhouse | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 14 | Implement shed | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 15 | Former piggery / cowhouse | Original: Between 1832 and 1889<br>Current: Between 1948 and 1982 |
| 16 | Dutch barn 1 | Between 1948 and 1982 |
| 17 | Dutch barn 2 | Between 1948 and 1982 |
| 18 | Dairy | After 1924 |
| 19 | Former milking parlour | Between 1901 and 1924 |
| 20 | Staddle granary | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 21 | Storage shed | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 22 | Small storage shed | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 23 | Open-fronted shed | Between 1832 and 1889 |
| 24 | Grain silos | After 1982 |

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

From a single farmhouse built possibly by 1773 and certainly built before 1832, Manor Farm developed into a thriving dairy farm between the period 1832 and 1889 when a large range of buildings were constructed along with a further range at Newtown Farm. The two farms appear to have been managed as a single holding throughout their existence, although marked separately on maps since 1889. Although two modern Dutch barns were erected in recent years, along with the grain silos at Newtown, the majority of the historic buildings were still in place at the time of the recording.

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## WILTSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD
## FARMSTEAD PROJECT

### Permission to Survey

Please complete the following details;

Owner or Tenant's Name: THE EXECUTORS OF MR E.G. HOOK

Farmstead address and postcode: MANOR FARM, LOWER ROAD, ERLESTOKE, DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE SN10 5UE

Telephone number: PLEASE CONTACT MRS ANTHEA PRINCE ON 01373 823791

I hereby grant permission to Volunteers from the Wiltshire Buildings Record to enter the above premises by appointment for the purpose of a historical building survey. I understand all recordings made will be the property of the Wiltshire Buildings Record and that copies can be supplied on request.

Signed by Owner/Tenant: Pinniger Finch & Co.

Print name: .....

Date: 25 January 2013

Name of Volunteer: ..... Tel no/email.....

Wiltshire Buildings Record, The Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, Cocklebury Rd, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 3QN
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Please return the form to the Volunteer or to the Wiltshire Buildings Record. Thank you.

**Appendix 2.** Photography record sheets

## WILTSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD FARMSTEAD PROJECT
## Photography Record Sheet

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Farmstead** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **WBR Accession No** | B6288 |
| **Photographer's name** | | Alan Wadsworth | |
| **Date of photography** | | 14 February 2013 | |

| Photo number | Building ID No(s) | Camera filename | Figure in report | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 14,15,16,18 | DSCF3763 | Not used | View across yard looking SE |
| 2 | 10,11 | DSCF3764 | 39 | SE elevation |
| 3 | 12,13 | DSCF3765 | Not used | View from SE |
| 4 | 19,20,10,11 12,13 | DSCF3766 | Not used | View from SE |
| 5 | 17 | DSCF3767 | Not used | View from NE |
| 6 | 9,7 | DSCF3768 | Not used | View from N |
| 7 | 6 | DSCF3769 | Not used | SW elevation |
| 8 | 21,22,23 | DSCF3770 | Not used | View from S |
| 9 | 24 | DSCF3771 | Not used | View from SW |
| 10 | 21,22,23,24 | DSCF3772 | 84, Front cover | View from S |

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| **Farmstead** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **WBR Accession No** | B6288 |
| **Photographer's name** | | Caroline Farnes | |
| **Date of photography** | | 21 March 2013 | |

| Photo number | Building ID No(s) | Camera filename (prefixed _3215) | Figure in report | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 6 | 819 | Not used | Wooden partition and floor |
| 12 | 6 | 821 | 18 | Wooden partition (close-up) |
| 13 | 6 | 822 | 20 | Drainage channel in floor |
| 14 | 6 | 823 | Not used | Drainage channel in floor (close-up) |
| 15 | 6 | 824 | Not used | Manger |
| 16 | 6 | 826 | 21 | Manger |
| 17 | 6 | 827 | Not used | Wall tie-ring on NE wall |
| 18 | 6 | 828 | 19 | Wall tie-ring on NE wall |
| 19 | 6 | 829 | 17 | View of interior from door in NW wall |
| 20 | 6 | 830 | 16 | View of SW elevation from west |
| 21 | 7 | 831 | Not used | Exterior view – NE elevation |
| 22 | 7 | 832 | 22 | Exterior view – NE elevation |

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| **Date of photography** | | 21 March 2013 | |

| Photo number | Building ID No(s) | Camera filename (prefixed _3215) | Figure in report | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | 9 | 834 | 31 | NW elevation |
| 24 | 20 | 835 | Not used | Interior view |
| 25 | 20 | 836 | 81 | View of roof structure |
| 26 | 9 | 837 | 36 | View of roof structure |
| 27 | 9 | 838 | 35 | View of roof and walls |
| 28 | 9 | 839 | 34 | View of roof, walls and floor |
| 29 | 20 | 840 | 82 | Failed staddle-stone – SW corner |
| 30 | 20 | 841 | Not used | Staddle-stone – SE corner |
| 31 | 16 | 843 | 69 | Interior view looking west |
| 32 | 8,9,20,19,18 | 844 | Not used | View from SE |
| 33 | 8,9,20,19 | 845 | 32 | View from SE |
| 34 | 18,11,12,13 | 846 | Front cover | View across yard from south |
| 35 | 18,11,12,13 | 847 | Not used | View across yard from south |
| 36 | 13,14 | 848 | Not used | View from SW |
| 37 | 13,14 | 849 | Not used | View from SW |
| 38 | 12 | 850 | 48 | Harness hooks |
| 39 | 12 | 851 | Not used | Harness hooks (close-up) |
| 40 | 12 | 852 | 50 | Drainage channel |
| 41 | 12 | 853 | Not used | Modern water bowl |
| 42 | 12 | 854 | 49 | Ceiling showing hay-drop against NW wall |
| 43 | 12 | 855 | Not used | Boarded-up doorway to Building 6 |
| 44 | 13 | 856 | Not used | Carpenters marks IIII |
| 45 | 13 | 857 | 57 | Carpenters marks III |
| 46 | 13 | 858 | 55 | Brace between tie-beam and post on SW side |
| 47 | 13 | 859 | Not used | Manger on NE wall |
| 48 | 13 | 860 | 56 | Brace between tie-beam and post on NE side |
| 49 | 13 | 861 | 58 | Manger on NE wall (timber) |
| 50 | 13 | 862 | Not used | Manger on NE wall (steel) |
| 51 | 13 | 863 | Not used | Roof and door to loft |
| 52 | 20 | 864 | 83 | Door fastener |
| 53 | 11 | 865 | 44 | Hatch in SE elevation |
| 54 | 1 | 866 | Not used | Cheese rack and tack |

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| **Date of photography** | | 21 March 2013 | |

| Photo number | Building ID No(s) | Camera filename | Figure in report | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 20 | DSCF4096 | Not used | Roof structure |
| 56 | 20 | DSCF4097 | Not used | Saw marks on boards |
| 57 | 20 | DSCF4098 | Not used | Saw marks on boards |
| 58 | 20 | DSCF4099 | Not used | Saw marks on boards |
| 59 | 1 | DSCF4100 | 6 | Rack and tacks |
| 60 | 1 | DSCF4101 | Not used | Rack and tacks (showing central support bolt) |
| 61 | 1 | DSCF4103 | Not used | Hoist handle |
| 62 | 1 | DSCF4104 | 4 | Hoist |
| 63 | 1 | DSCF4105 | 3 | Hoist and trap doors |


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| **Farmstead** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **WBR Accession No** | B6288 |
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| **Photographer's name** | | Alan Wadsworth | |
| **Date of photography** | | 2 April 2013 | |

| Photo number | Building ID No(s) | Camera filename | Figure in report | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | 1 | DSCF4179 | 5 | Ladder to cheese loft |
| 65 | 2 | DSCF4180 | 7 | NE elevation |
| 66 | 2 | DSCF4181 | 9 | Interior view |
| 67 | 2 | DSCF4182 | 10 | Chimney |
| 68 | 2 | DSCF4183 | 8 | Supplementary rafters |
| 69 | 3 | DSCF4184 | 12 | NE elevation |
| 70 | 3 | DSCF4185 | 13 | Harness hooks |
| 71 | 3 | DSCF4186 | Not used | Workbench and cupboard |
| 72 | 4 | DSCF4187 | 14 | Interior view |
| 73 | 2,3,4 | DSCF4188 | Not used | Exterior view viewed from east |
| 74 | 2,3,4 | DSCF4189 | Not used | SW elevation |
| 75 | 7 | DSCF4190 | 27 | Small attached building to SW of Building 7 |
| 76 | 5 | DSCF4191 | 15 | NE elevation |
| 77 | 7 | DSCF4192 | 23 | Roof trusses |
| 78 | 7 | DSCF4193 | 25 | Internal pen |
| 79 | 7 | DSCF4194 | Not used | Churn washer |
| 80 | 7 | DSCF4195 | 26 | Feed chest |
| 81 | 7 | DSCF4196 | 28 | Supplementary rafters for small building to SW |
| 82 | 12 | DSCF4197 | 51 | Holes in NW wall for partition |

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| **Date of photography** | | 2 April 2013 | |

| Photo number | Building ID No(s) | Camera filename | Figure in report | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 83 | 12 | DSCF4198 | 47 | General internal view looking north |
| 84 | 12 | DSCF4199 | 46 | SE elevation |
| 85 | 13 | DSCF4200 | 52 | SW elevation |
| 86 | 13 | DSCF4201 | Not used | SW elevation |
| 87 | 13 | DSCF4202 | Not used | Carpenters marks II |
| 88 | 13 | DSCF4203 | Not used | Curved brace |
| 89 | 13 | DSCF4204 | 53 | General interior view looking NW |
| 90 | 14 | DSCF4205 | 59 | General exterior view from west |
| 91 | 14 | DSCF4206 | 61 | Roof truss |
| 92 | 14 | DSCF4207 | 62 | Hatch into Building 13 |
| 93 | 14 | DSCF4208 | Not used | Hay sweep |
| 94 | 15 | DSCF4209 | 63 | SW elevation |
| 95 | 15 | DSCF4210 | 66 | Internal view looking NW |
| 96 | 16 | DSCF4211 | 70,71 | Nameplate on E gable end |
| 97 | 15 | DSCF4212 | 67 | Floor |
| 98 | 15 | DSCF4213 | 65 | Blocked door |
| 99 | 17 | DSCF4214 | 72 | General view from east |
| 100 | 17 | DSCF4215 | Not used | Phased trusses |
| 101 | 17 | DSCF4216 | 74 | Phased trusses |
| 102 | 16 | DSCF4217 | 68 | External view from east |
| 103 | 18 | DSCF4218 | 75 | General external view from SE |
| 104 | 18 | DSCF4219 | 76 | Dairy equipment |
| 105 | 19 | DSCF4221 | 79 | Manufacturer nameplate |
| 106 | 19 | DSCF4222 | 78 | Interior view showing roof trusses |
| 107 | 19 | DSCF4223 | Not used | Window in NE wall |
| 108 | 19 | DSCF4224 | 77 | NE elevation |
| 109 | 20 | DSCF4225 | Not used | Interior view |
| 110 | 20 | DSCF4226 | 80 | NE elevation |
| 111 | 8 | DSCF4227 | 29 | SE elevation |
| 112 | 8 | DSCF4228 | 30 | Roof truss |
| 113 | -- | DSCF4229 | Not used | General view across yard looking east towards buildings 14 and 15 |
| 114 | 7 | DSCF4230 | Not used | Yard wall to SW of building |
| 115 | 9 | DSCF4231 | 37 | Roof trusses – curved brace and jowled post |
| 116 | 9 | DSCF4232 | Not used | Roof trusses – bracing |
| 117 | 9 | DSCF4233 | Not used | Roof trusses – stretchers between brace ends |
| 118 | 10 | DSCF4234 | 40 | Dividing wall between Buildings 9 and 10 |
| 119 | 10 | DSCF4235 | 41 | Floor fixings |
| 120 | 11 | DSCF4236 | 42 | Cow stalls |
| 121 | 11 | DSCF4237 | 43 | Roof structure |

# WILTSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD FARMSTEAD PROJECT
## Photography Record Sheet

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Farmstead** | Manor Farm, Erlestoke | **WBR Accession No** | B6288 |
| **Photographer's name** | | Alan Wadsworth | |
| **Date of photography** | | 2 April 2013 | |

| Photo number | Building ID No(s) | Camera filename | Figure in report | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 122 | 11, 12 | DSCF4238 | 45 | Tiles over passageway |
| 123 | 9 | DSCF4239 | 38 | Roof ridge and pigeon loft |
| 124 | 21,22,23 | DSCF4240 | 89 | Exterior view from yard |
| 125 | 24 | DSCF4241 | 92 | View of three silos |
| 126 | 24 | DSCF4242 | 93 | Grain discharge equipment |
| 127 | 24 | DSCF4243 | Not used | Grain receiving hopper |
| 128 | 24 | DSCF4244 | 94 | Grain receiving hopper |
| 129 | 23 | DSCF4245 | 91 | Roof structure |
| 130 | 23 | DSCF4246 | Not used | Floor |
| 131 | 22 | DSCF4247 | 88 | Roof structure |
| 132 | 21 | DSCF4248 | 86 | Internal view looking SW |

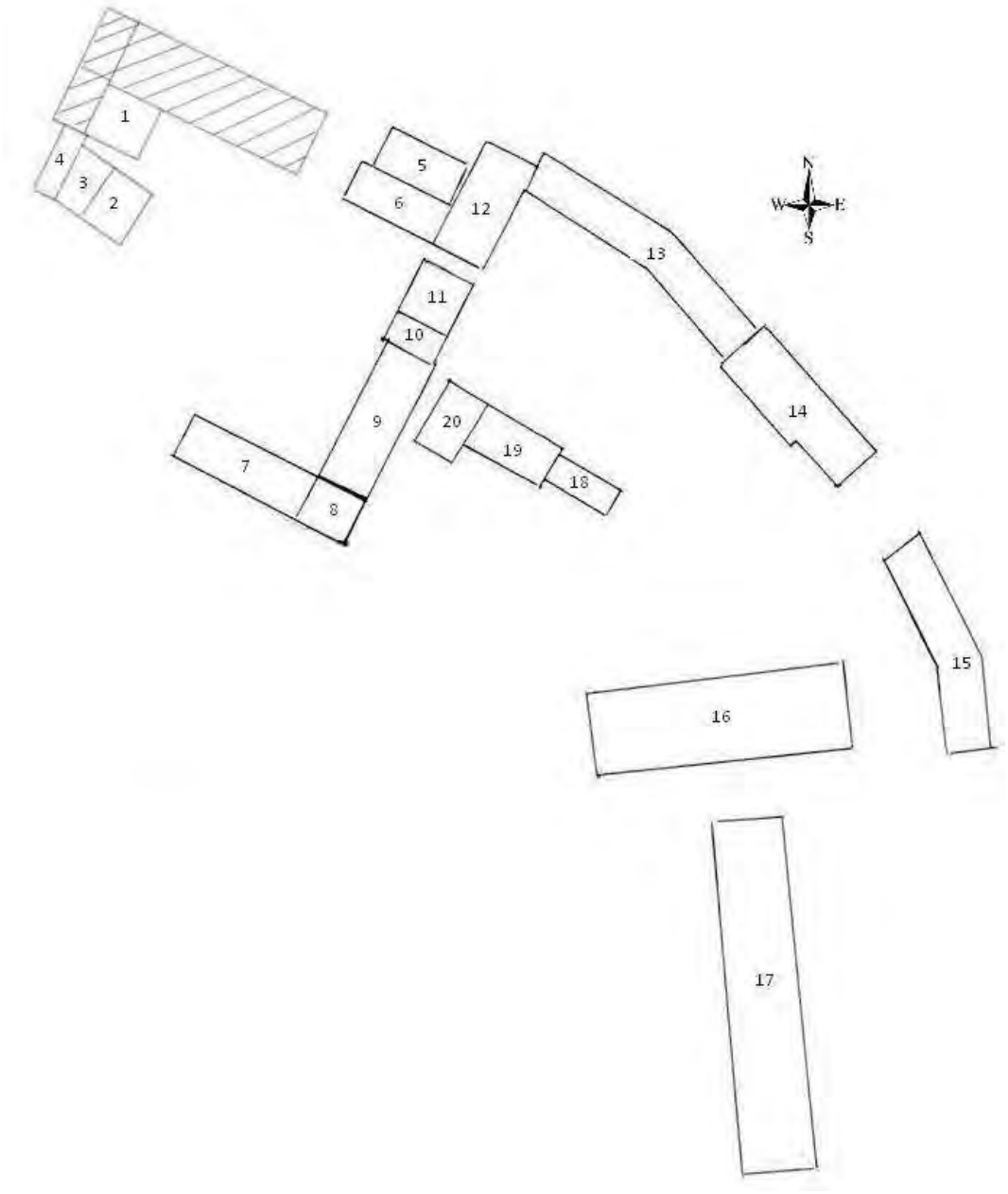
**Appendix 3.** Farmstead Particulars

## WILTSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD FARMSTEAD PROJECT
## Farmstead particulars

| FARM NAME, ADDRESS AND POST CODE | OWNER'S NAME | WBR ACCESSION NO. |
|---|---|---|
| Manor Farm<br>Lower Road<br>Erlestoke<br>Devizes<br>SN10 5UE | The Executors of Mr E G Look | B 6288 |
| PARISH | SIZE OF FARM IN HECTARES | LOCATION e.g. in Village with compact Green |
| Erlestoke | 280 acres (113 ha) | On outskirts of village |
| GRID REFERENCE | LAYOUT e.g. U-shaped | FARMHOUSE e.g. detached, part of yard, on road |
| ST 962 549 | Multiple courtyard | Detached from farm buildings, on road side |
| WATER SUPPLY e.g. fed by springs | STATE e.g. individual working farm | SURVEYOR'S NAMES and DATE OF SURVEY |
| Private water supply | Farm not in use at present: for sale by auction at time of recording | Celia Denee<br>Caroline Farnes<br>Alison Goodall<br>Alan Wadsworth<br>21 March 2012<br>Sally Wadsworth<br>Alan Wadsworth<br>02 April 2013 |

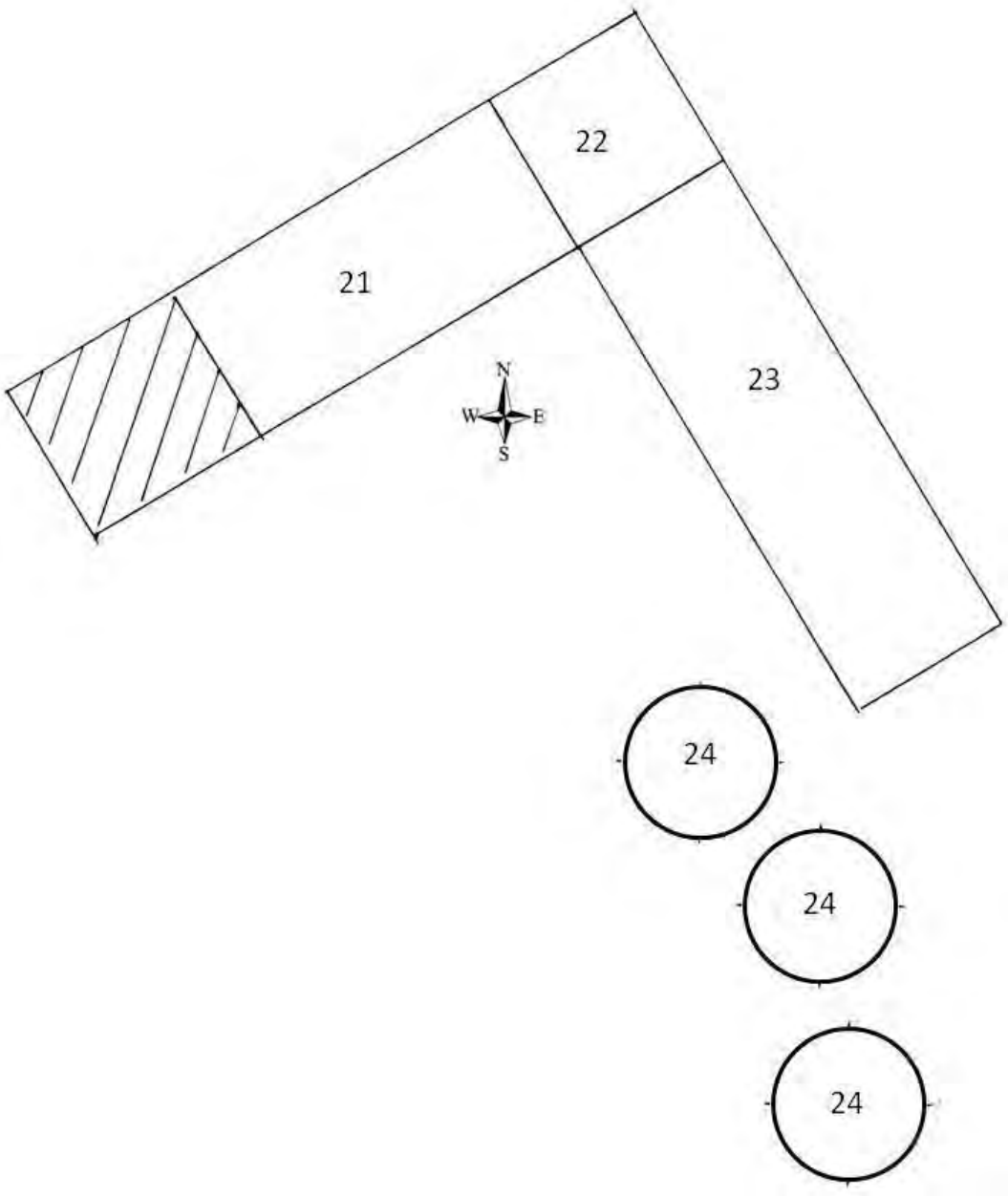
**Appendix 4.** Site Plan

**Manor Farm buildings**




| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cheese Room | 11 | Workshop / former cowhouse |
| 2 | Wood store | 12 | Stable 2 |
| 3 | Tack room | 13 | Cowhouse |
| 4 | Outside WC | 14 | Implement shed |
| 5 | Tractor shed | 15 | Former piggery / cowhouse |
| 6 | Stable 1 | 16 | Dutch barn 1 |
| 7 | Storage building | 17 | Dutch barn 2 |
| 8 | Former bull building | 18 | Dairy |
| 9 | Barn | 19 | Former milking parlour |
| 10 | Link building | 20 | Staddle granary |

**Newtown Farm buildings**




| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | Storage shed | 23 | Open-fronted shed |
| 22 | Small storage shed | 24 | Grain silos |

**Appendix 5:** Historic maps




**Figure 95:** Andrews & Dury's map of Wiltshire, 1773




**Figure 96:** Extract from Erlestoke estate map of 1832 (WSA: 323/8)




**Figure 97:** Extract from Ordnance Survey, First edition, 1889

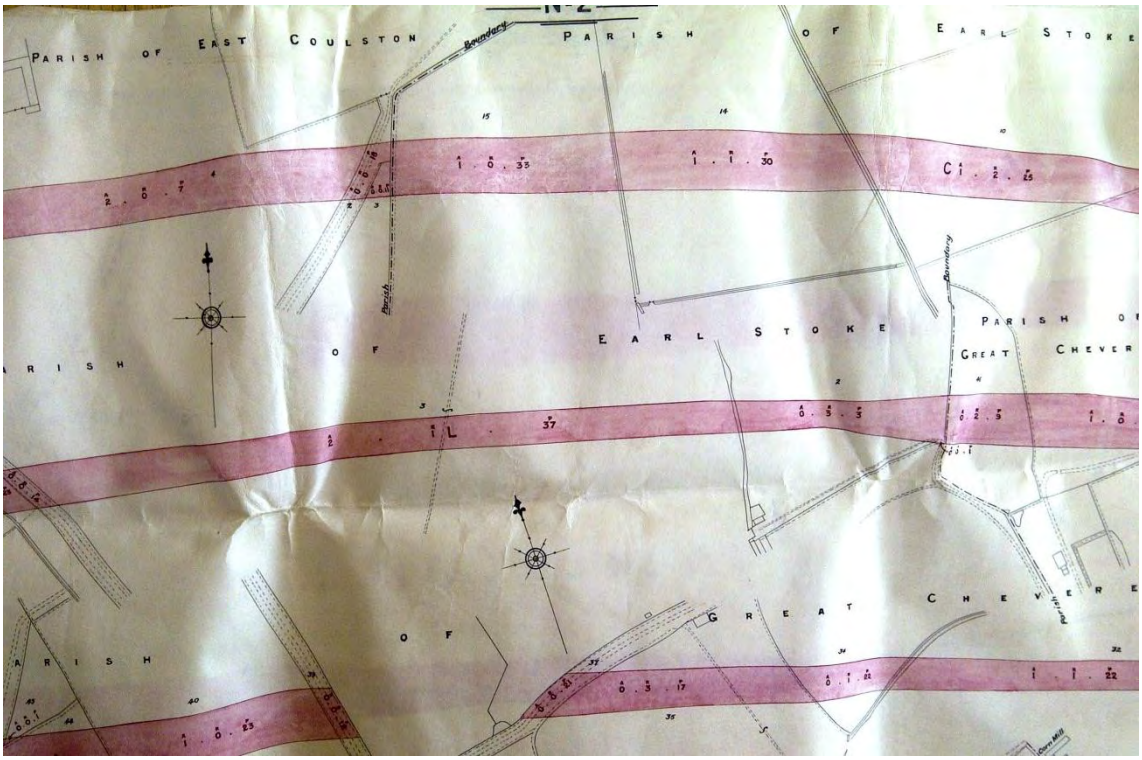



**Figure 98:** Extract from Great Western Railways map of 1897

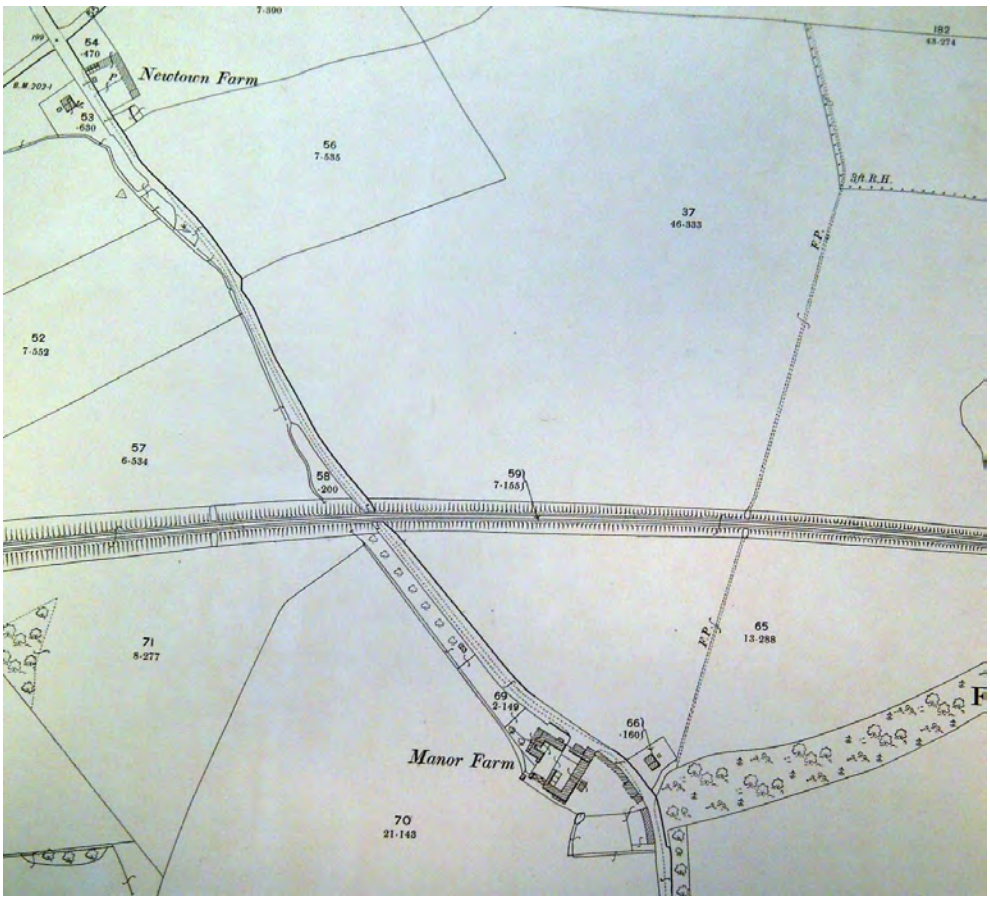



**Figure 99:** Extract from Ordnance Survey, First edition, first revision, 1901




**Figure 100:** Extract from 1914 estate map (WSA: 323/9MS)

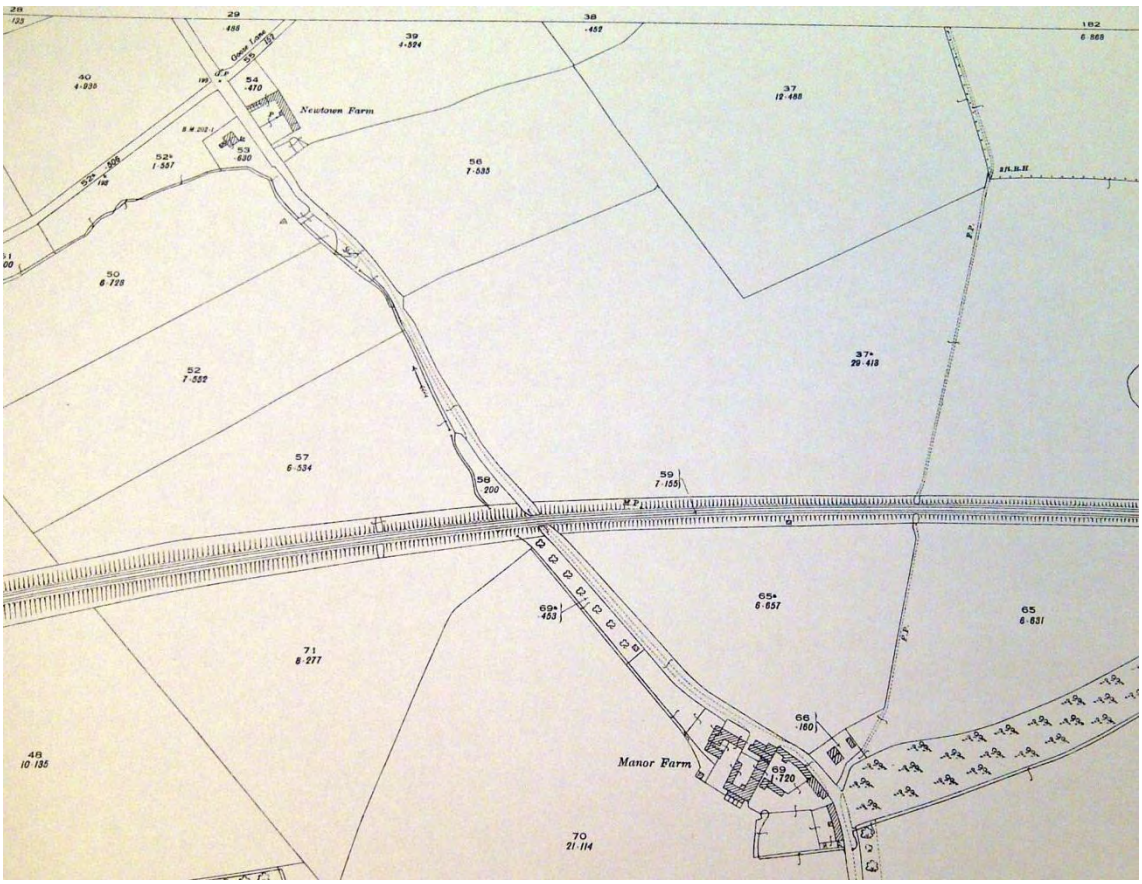



**Figure 101:** Extract from Ordnance Survey, First edition, second revision, 1924

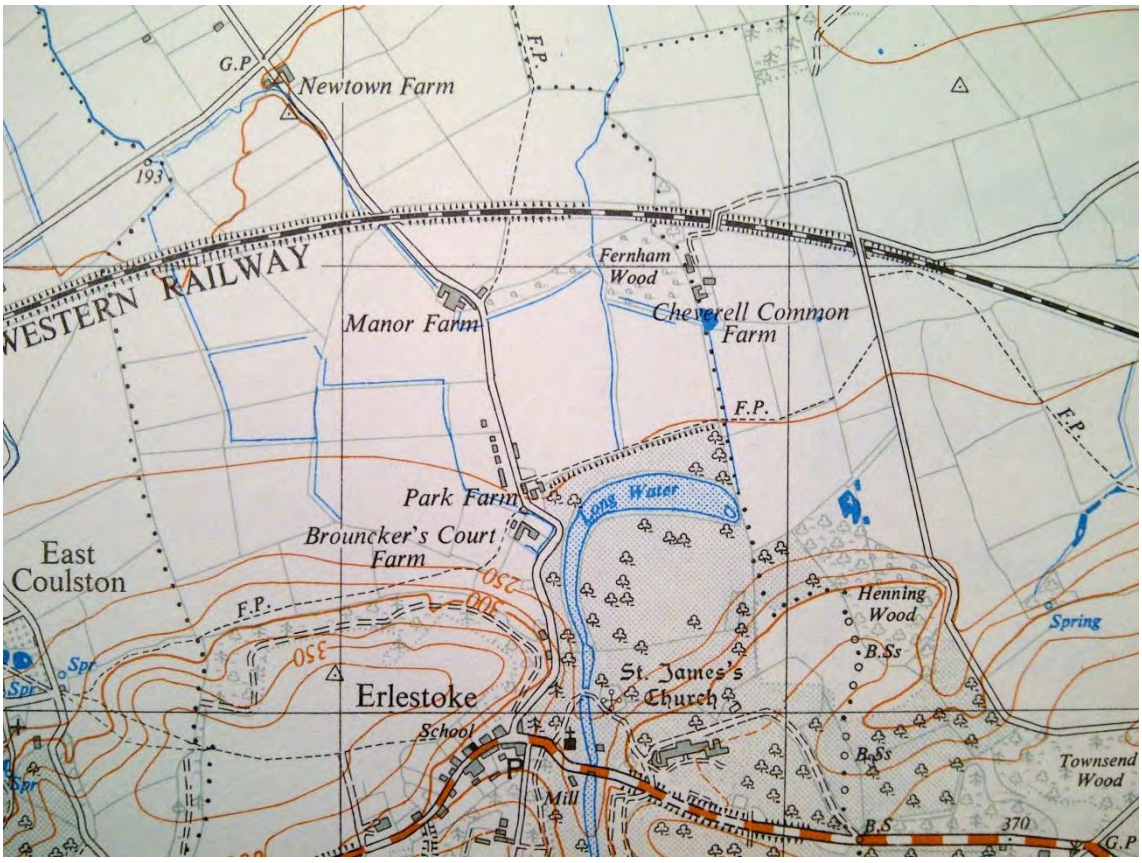
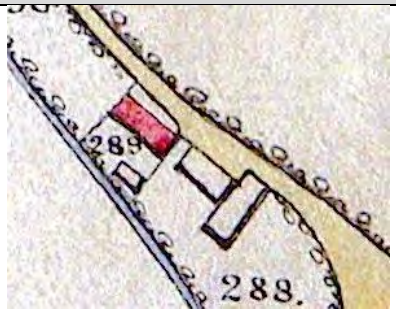
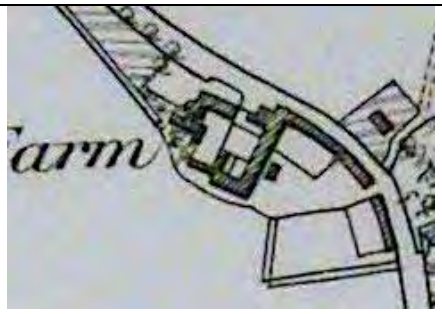
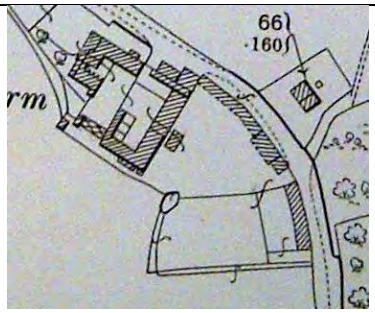
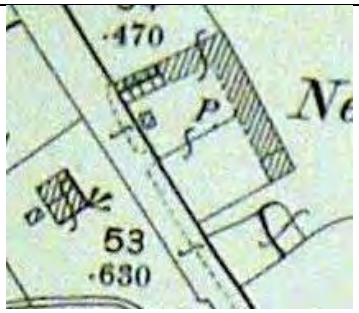
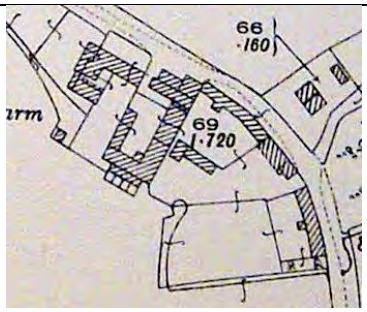
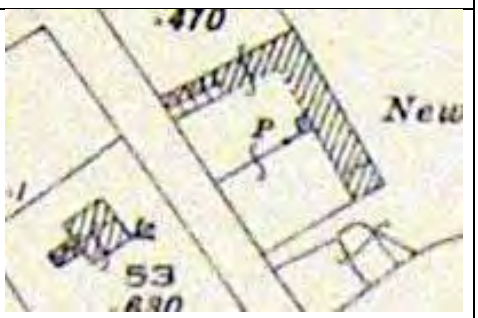
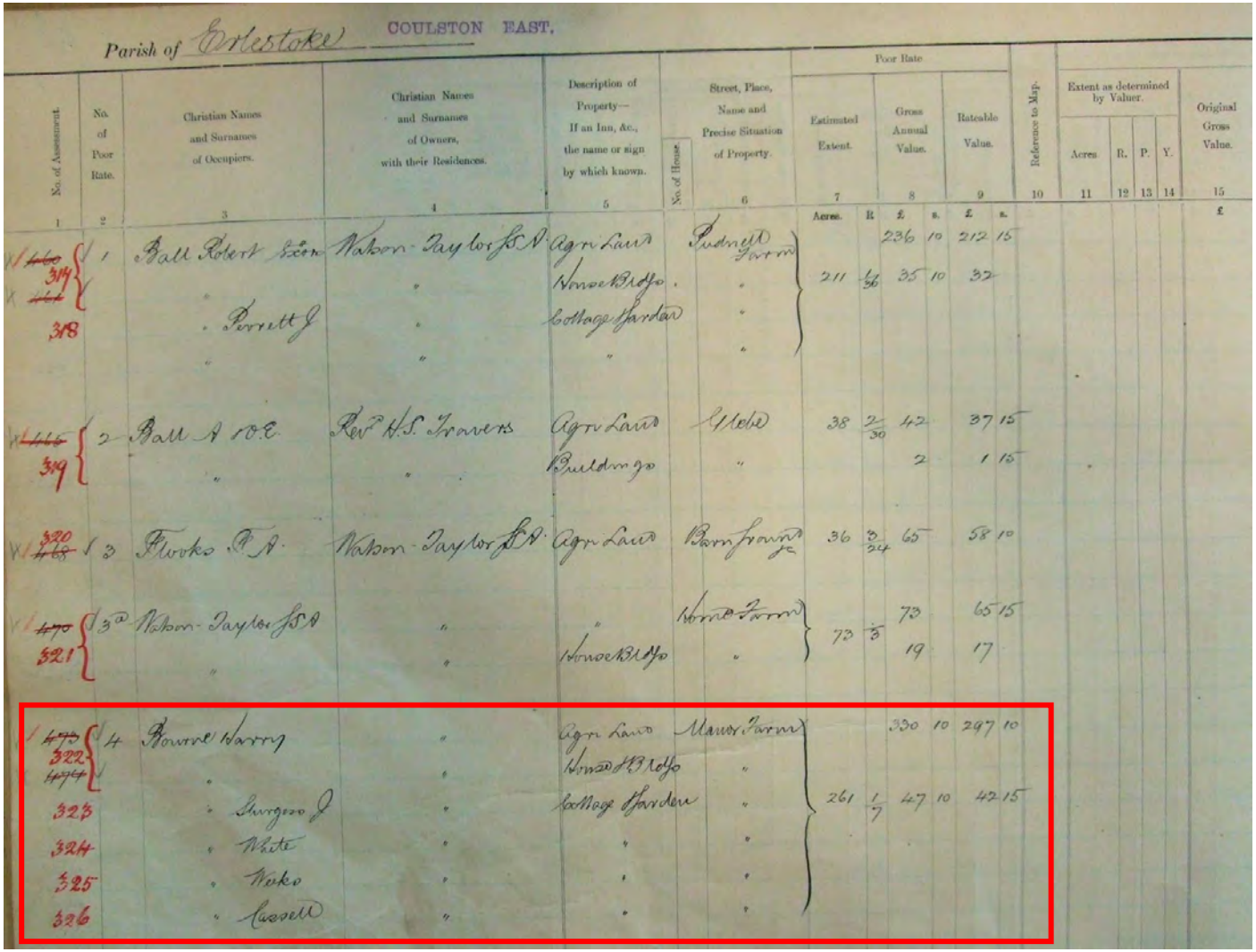



**Figure 102:** Extract from 1948 OS 1:25000 map

**Appendix 6:** Building layouts as shown on historic maps

| Source | Manor Farm | Newtown Farm |
|---|---|---|
| 1832 Estate map |  | |
| 1889 OS Map |  |  |
| 1901 OS Map |  |  |
| 1924 OS Map |  |  |
| 1948 OS Map |  |  |

**Appendix 7.** 1910 Inland Revenue Land Valuation



Parish of Erlestoke COULSTON EAST.

| No. of Assessment. | No. of Poor Rate. | Christian Names and Surnames of Occupiers. | Christian Names and Surnames of Owners, with their Residences. | Description of Property—If an Inn, &c., the name or sign by which known. | No. of House. | Street, Place, Name and Precise Situation of Property. | Poor Rate: Estimated Extent. | | Poor Rate: Gross Annual Value. | | Poor Rate: Rateable Value. | | Reference to Map. | Extent as determined by Valuer. Acres | R. | P. | Y. | Original Gross Value. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | 6 | 7 | | 8 | | 9 | | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | | | | | | | Acres. | R | £ | s. | £ | s. | | | | | | £ |
| ~~460~~ 314 | 1 | Ball Robert Exor | Watson-Taylor J.S.A. | Agri Land | | Pudnett Farm | | | 236 | 10 | 212 | 15 | | | | | | |
| ~~461~~ | | " | " | House Bldgs | | " | 211 | 1/36 | 35 | 10 | 32 | | | | | | | |
| 318 | | " Perrett J | " | Cottage & Garden | | " | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | " | " | " | | " | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ~~465~~ 319 | 2 | Ball A & O.E. | Revd H.S. Travers | Agri Land | | Glebe | 38 | 2/30 | 42 | | 37 | 15 | | | | | | |
| | | " | " | Buildings | | " | | | 2 | | 1 | 15 | | | | | | |
| 320 ~~468~~ | 3 | Flooks F.A. | Watson-Taylor J.S.A. | Agri Land | | Barn Ground Jc | 36 | 3/24 | 65 | | 58 | 10 | | | | | | |
| ~~470~~ 321 | 3a | Watson-Taylor J.S.A. | " | " | | Home Farm | 73 | 1/3 | 73 | | 65 | 15 | | | | | | |
| | | " | " | House Bldgs | | " | | | 19 | | 17 | | | | | | | |
| ~~473~~ 322 | 4 | Bourne Harry | " | Agri Land | | Manor Farm | | | 330 | 10 | 297 | 10 | | | | | | |
| ~~474~~ | | " | " | House & Bldgs | | " | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 323 | | " Sturgess J | " | Cottage & Garden | | " | 261 | 1/7 | 47 | 10 | 42 | 15 | | | | | | |
| 324 | | " White | " | " | | " | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 325 | | " Weeks | " | " | | " | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 326 | | " Cassell | " | " | | " | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**Figure 103:** 1910 Land Valuation summary for Manor Farm. Erlestoke (Entry number 322. WSA: L8/1/121)

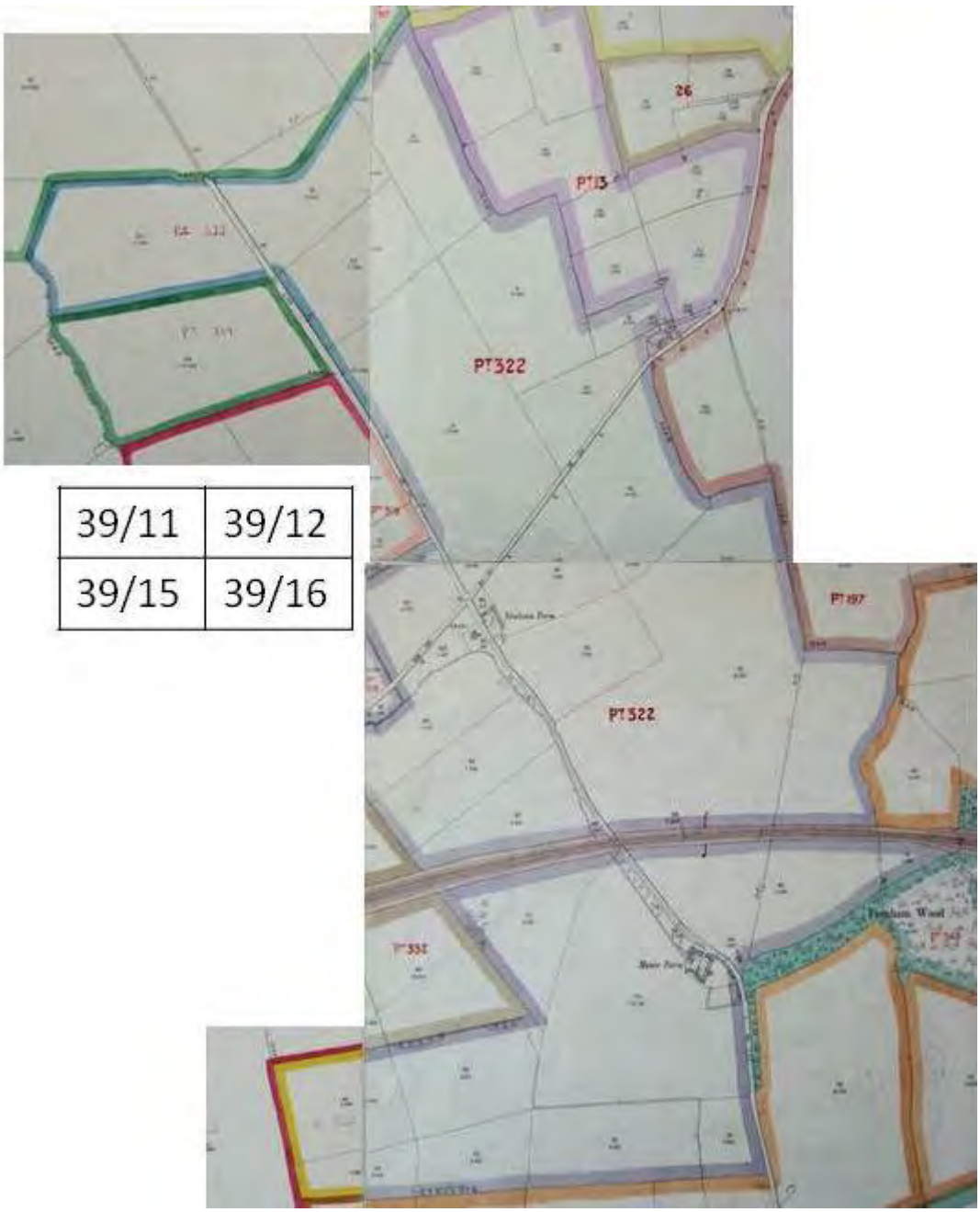
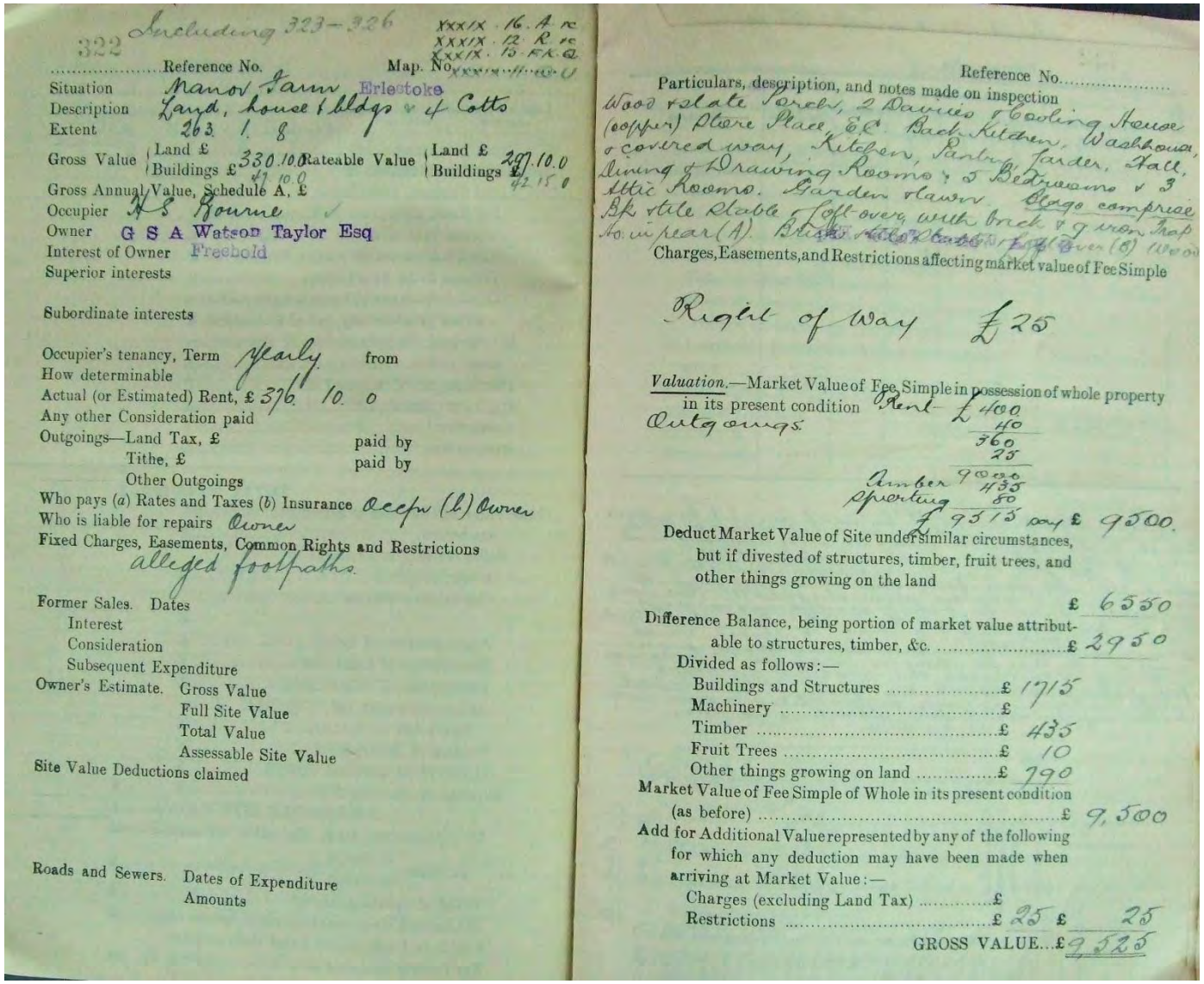



**Figure 104:** 1910 Land Valuation record map for Manor Farm
based on OS Map Sheets XXXIX 11, XXXIX 12, XXXIX 15 and XXXIX 16 (Entry number 322. TNA: IR125/11/447, IR125/11/448, IR125/11/606 and IR125/11/449)



322 Including 323–326

XXXIX. 16. A. rc
XXXIX. 12. R. rc
XXXIX. 15. F.K.Q.

.....Reference No. Map. No. XXXIX. 11. [illegible]

Situation Manor Farm Erlestoke
Description Land, house & bldgs & 4 Cotts
Extent 263. 1. 8

Gross Value { Land £ / Buildings £ 330.10.0 / 47.10.0 } Rateable Value { Land £ / Buildings £ 297.10.0 / 42.15.0 }

Gross Annual Value, Schedule A, £
Occupier H S Bourne
Owner G S A Watson Taylor Esq
Interest of Owner Freehold
Superior interests

Subordinate interests

Occupier's tenancy, Term yearly from
How determinable
Actual (or Estimated) Rent, £ 376. 10. 0
Any other Consideration paid
Outgoings—Land Tax, £ paid by
Tithe, £ paid by
Other Outgoings
Who pays (a) Rates and Taxes (b) Insurance Occpr (b) Owner
Who is liable for repairs Owner
Fixed Charges, Easements, Common Rights and Restrictions
alleged footpaths.

Former Sales. Dates
Interest
Consideration
Subsequent Expenditure
Owner's Estimate. Gross Value
Full Site Value
Total Value
Assessable Site Value
Site Value Deductions claimed

Roads and Sewers. Dates of Expenditure
Amounts

Reference No.....

Particulars, description, and notes made on inspection
Wood & slate Porch, 2 Dairies & Cooling House (copper) Store Place, E.C. Back Kitchen, Washhouse, & covered way, Kitchen, Pantry, Larder, Hall, Dining & Drawing Rooms & 5 Bedrooms & 3 Attic Rooms. Garden & lawn. Bldgs comprise Bk & tile Stable & Loft over, with brick & g. iron Trap No. in rear (A). Brick & tile Stable & Loft over (B) Wood

Charges, Easements, and Restrictions affecting market value of Fee Simple

Right of Way £25

*Valuation.*—Market Value of Fee Simple in possession of whole property in its present condition Rent £400
Outgoings 40
360
25
9000
Timber 435
Sporting 80
£9515 say £ 9500.

Deduct Market Value of Site under similar circumstances, but if divested of structures, timber, fruit trees, and other things growing on the land £ 6550

Difference Balance, being portion of market value attributable to structures, timber, &c. .....£ 2950

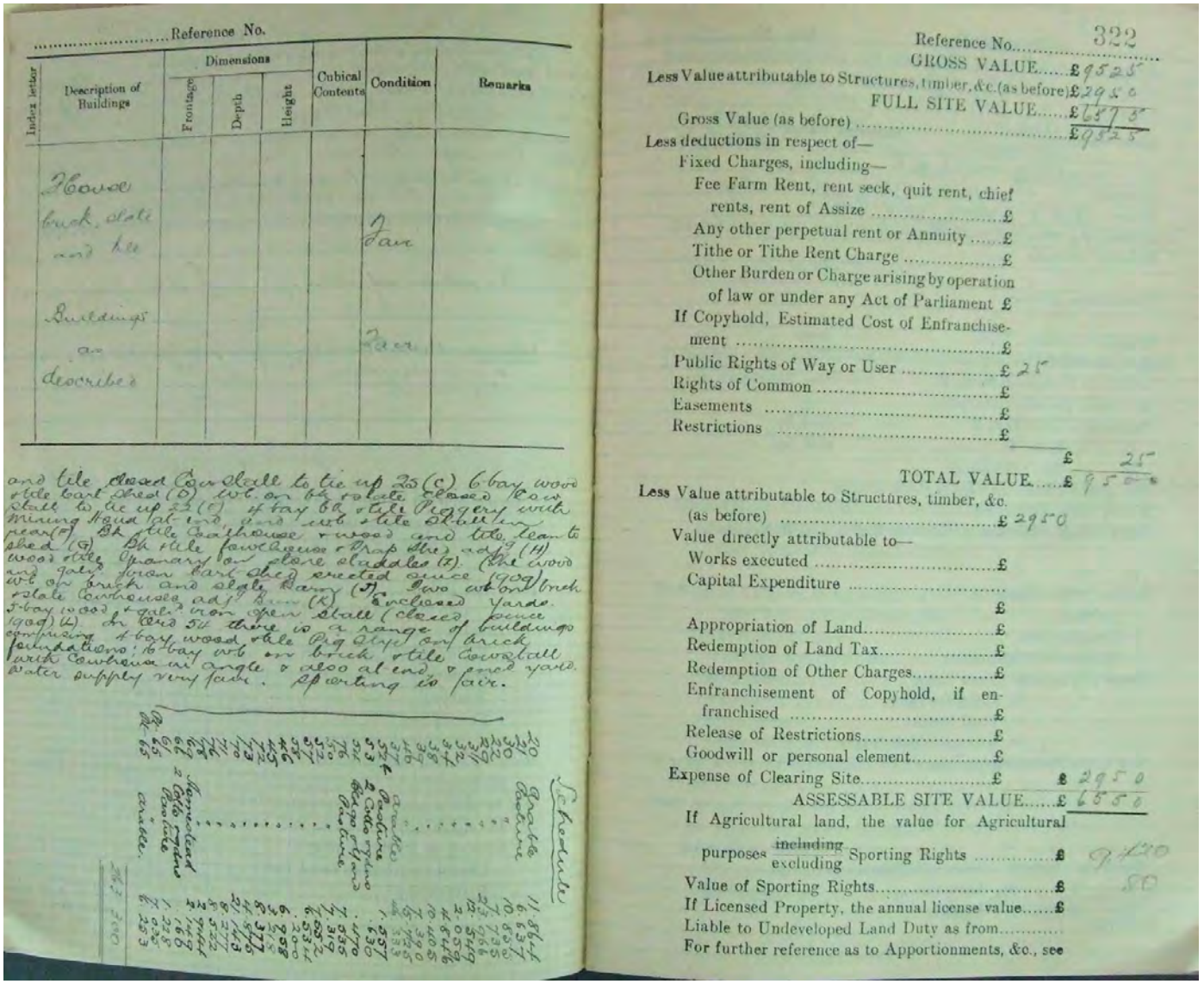
Divided as follows:—
Buildings and Structures .....£ 1715
Machinery .....£
Timber .....£ 435
Fruit Trees .....£ 10
Other things growing on land .....£ 790

Market Value of Fee Simple of Whole in its present condition (as before) .....£ 9,500

Add for Additional Value represented by any of the following for which any deduction may have been made when arriving at Market Value:—
Charges (excluding Land Tax) .....£
Restrictions .....£ 25 £ 25

GROSS VALUE...£ 9,525

**Figure 105:** 1910 Land Valuation Erlestoke (East Coulston) Parish, Entry Number 322, Pages 1 and 2 (TNA: IR58/73412)



.....Reference No.

| Index letter | Description of Buildings | Dimensions: Frontage | Dimensions: Depth | Dimensions: Height | Cubical Contents | Condition | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | House brick, slate and tile | | | | | Fair | |
| | Buildings as described | | | | | Fair | |

and tile closed Cowshed to tie up 25 (E) 6 bay wood & tile part shed (D) wb. on brick & slate closed Cow stall to tie up 23 (F) 4 bay bk & tile Piggery with mixing Liquid Tank, and wb slate Shelter (G) Bk tile Coalhouse & wood and tile lean to shed (H) Bk tile Fowlhouse & Trap Shed adj (I) wood & tile Granary on stone staddles (J). (the wood and galv. iron part shed erected since 1909) wb on brick and slate Barn (K) Two wb on brick & slate Cowhouses adj Barn (L) Enclosed Yards. 5 bay wood & galv. iron open Stall (closed since 1909) (M). In this Yard there is a range of buildings comprising 4 bay wood & tile Pig Style on brick foundations; 6 bay wb on brick & tile Cowstall with Cowhouse in angle & shed at end & pond yard. Water supply very fair. Repairing is fair.

Reference No. 322

GROSS VALUE..... £ 9525

Less Value attributable to Structures, timber, &c. (as before) £ 2950

FULL SITE VALUE..... £ 6575

Gross Value (as before) ..... £ 9525

Less deductions in respect of—

Fixed Charges, including—

Fee Farm Rent, rent seck, quit rent, chief rents, rent of Assize ..... £

Any other perpetual rent or Annuity ..... £

Tithe or Tithe Rent Charge ..... £

Other Burden or Charge arising by operation of law or under any Act of Parliament £

If Copyhold, Estimated Cost of Enfranchisement ..... £

Public Rights of Way or User ..... £ 25

Rights of Common ..... £

Easements ..... £

Restrictions ..... £

£ 25

TOTAL VALUE..... £ 9500

Less Value attributable to Structures, timber, &c. (as before) ..... £ 2950

Value directly attributable to—

Works executed ..... £

Capital Expenditure .....

£

Appropriation of Land..... £

Redemption of Land Tax..... £

Redemption of Other Charges..... £

Enfranchisement of Copyhold, if enfranchised ..... £

Release of Restrictions..... £

Goodwill or personal element..... £

Expense of Clearing Site..... £ £ 2950

ASSESSABLE SITE VALUE..... £ 6550

If Agricultural land, the value for Agricultural purposes ~~including~~ excluding Sporting Rights ..... £ 9420 80

Value of Sporting Rights..... £

If Licensed Property, the annual license value..... £

Liable to Undeveloped Land Duty as from.....

For further reference as to Apportionments, &c., see

**Figure 106:** 1910 Land Valuation Erlestoke (East Coulston) Parish, Entry Number 322, Pages 3 and 4 (TNA: IR58/73412)

**Appendix 8.** 1920 sale of Erlestoke Estate – Sales particulars (WSA: F2/2215/36) and map (WSA: 1530/11)

For other plans see 1530/11

# WILTSHIRE

8 miles from Devizes, Trowbridge and Westbury. 18 miles from Bath and Salisbury, and within a short drive of Lavington and Edington Stations (Great Western Railway).

## Illustrated Particulars, Plans and Conditions of Sale

OF THE ATTRACTIVE, RESIDENTIAL,
AGRICULTURAL AND SPORTING ESTATE

KNOWN AS

# ERLESTOKE PARK

INCLUDING

THE STONE-BUILT GEORGIAN MANSION
seated in a beautifully wooded Deer Park and
containing ample accommodation.

TEN DAIRY, GRAZING AND CORN-GROWING FARMS
SMALL HOLDINGS
Allotments. Building Sites. Private Residences.

THREE LICENSED HOUSES. VALUABLE WOODLANDS

And the greater portion of the
VILLAGES OF ERLESTOKE AND GREAT CHEVERELL

THE WHOLE EMBRACING AN AREA OF

**ABOUT 3,415 ACRES**

WHICH

*Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY*

*(Sir Howard G. Frank, K.C.B., John Frederick Knight, Alfred J. Burrows, and Arthur Horace Knight)*

*Will Sell by Auction at "The Bear" Hotel, Devizes*
*on Thursday, the 6th May, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.*

***Solicitors :***

Messrs. JANSON, COBB, PEARSON & CO., 22, College Hill, Cannon Street, London, E.C. 4

***Auctioneers :***

Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, 20, Hanover Square, London, W. 1 ;
100, Princes Street, Edinburgh ; 78, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow ;
and 41, Bank Street, Ashford, Kent.

**LOT 9**

(Coloured Grey on Plan No. 1)

# FIVE GRAZING ENCLOSURES

situated in the Parish and within easy access of the Village of MARSTON and extending to about

not sold 500

**20 a. 3 r. 38 p.**

Let to the Wiltshire County Council on a lease expiring Michaelmas, 1925.

OUTGOINGS:—
Commuted Tithe Rent Charge ... ... ... £3 14 6
Land Tax (as assessed).

SCHEDULE

| No. on Plan | Description | Area |
|---|---|---|
| | PARISH OF MARSTON | |
| Pt. 132a | Lane ... ... ... ... ... ... | ·235 |
| 161 | Pasture ... ... ... ... ... ... | 5·456 |
| 163 | Do. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 6·762 |
| 164 | Do. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2·288 |
| 176 | Do. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2·938 |
| 177 | Do. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3·306 |
| | TOTAL A. | 20·985 |

The estimated value of the marked Timber on this Lot is £15 17s. 10d.

This Lot is sold subject to a Right of Way between the points A and B (No. pt. 132a) for the benefit of the purchasers of Lots 6 and 8.

See Stipulation No. 16 as to Cattle water supply.

**LOT 10**

AN EXCELLENT

# DAIRY AND GRAZING HOLDING

adjoining the Great Western Railway in the Parish of ERLESTOKE, known as

# THE MANOR FARM

within easy reach of the Village and extending to about

**275 a. 3 r. 28 p.**

Held by Mr. E. H. Look on a Yearly Michaelmas Tenancy.

**Sold to the Tenant**

SOLD

**Lots 11 and 65 will be offered together and not separately.**

SUMMARY

| Lot | Description | Area | Timber |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | A. R. P. | £ s. d. |
| 11 | Erlestoke Park ... ... ... ... | 613 1 6 | 2,183 13 8 |
| 65 | The Home Farm ... ... ... | 1 0 16 | |
| | TOTAL A. | 614 1 22 | £2,183 13 8 |


GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY
(WEYMOUTH BRANCH)
East Coulston
See Plan No 4
See Plan No 3
Erlestoke
EAST COULSTON
Erlestoke Park
Hunning Wood
Twowood Wood
Pt 3
Pt 16
Pt 19
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**Appendix 9.** 1941-43 National Farm Survey

Fill in both Forms 392/S.S. (Green) and C 47/S.S.Y. (Blue).

# MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS, 1939, AND THE AGRICULTURAL RETURNS ORDER, 1939.

## RETURN WITH RESPECT TO AGRICULTURAL LAND ON 4th JUNE, 1941.

### CROPS AND GRASS

| | | Statute Acres |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Wheat | 24½ |
| 2 | Barley | — |
| 3 | Oats | 6 |
| 4 | Mixed Corn with Wheat in mixture | — |
| 5 | Mixed Corn without Wheat in mixture | — |
| 6 | Rye | — |
| 7 | Beans, winter or spring, for stock feeding | — |
| 8 | Peas, for stock feeding, not for human consumption | — |
| 9 | Potatoes, first earlies | — |
| 10 | Potatoes, main crop and second earlies | — |
| 11 | Turnips and Swedes, for fodder | — |
| 12 | Mangolds | — |
| 13 | Sugar Beet | — |
| 14 | Kale, for fodder | — |
| 15 | Rape (or Cole) | — |
| 16 | Cabbage, Savoys, and Kohl Rabi, for fodder | — |
| 17 | Vetches or Tares | — |
| 18 | Lucerne | — |
| 19 | Mustard, for seed | — |
| 20 | Mustard, for fodder or ploughing in | — |
| 21 | Flax, for fibre or linseed | — |
| 22 | Hops, Statute Acres, not Hop Acres | — |
| 23 | Orchards, with crops, fallow, or grass below the trees | — |
| 24 | Orchards, with small fruit below the trees | — |
| 25 | Small Fruit, not under orchard trees | — |
| 26 | Vegetables for human consumption (excluding Potatoes), Flowers and Crops under Glass | — |
| 27 | All Other Crops not specified elsewhere on this return or grown on patches of less than ¼ acre | — |
| 28 | Bare Fallow | — |
| 29 | Clover, Sainfoin, and Temporary Grasses for Mowing this season | 6 |
| 30 | Clover, Sainfoin, and Temporary Grasses for Grazing (not for Mowing this season) | — |
| 31 | Permanent Grass for Mowing this season | 115½ |
| 32 | Permanent Grass for Grazing (not for Mowing this season), but excluding rough grazings | 152 (304) |
| | TOTAL OF ABOVE ITEMS, 1 to 32 (Total acreage of Crops and Grass, excluding Rough Grazings) | 286 |
| | Rough Grazings—Mountain, Heath, Moor, or Down Land, or other rough land used for grazing on which the occupier has the sole grazing rights | — |

### LABOUR actually employed on holding on 4th June. The occupier, his wife, or domestic servants should not be entered.

| | | Number (in figures) |
|---|---|---|
| WHOLETIME REGULAR WORKERS — If none, write "None" | Males, 21 years old and over | 4 |
| | Males, 18 to 21 years old | — |
| | Males, under 18 years old | 1 |
| | Women and Girls | 1 |
| CASUAL (SEASONAL or PART-TIME) WORKERS | Males, 21 years old and over | — |
| | Males, under 21 years old | — |
| | Women and Girls | — |
| | TOTAL WORKERS | 5 6 |

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### LIVE STOCK on holding on 4th June, including any sent for sale on that or previous day

| | | | Number (in figures) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | Cows and Heifers in milk | | 67 |
| 44 | Cows in Calf, but not in milk | | 2 |
| 45 | Heifers in Calf, with first Calf | | 9 |
| 46 | Bulls being used for service | | 2 |
| 47 | Bulls (including Bull Calves) being reared for service | | — |
| 48 | OTHER CATTLE — 2 years old and above | Male | — |
| 49 | | Female | — |
| 50 | OTHER CATTLE — 1 year old and under 2 | Male | — |
| 51 | | Female | 28 |
| 52 | Under 1 year old:— (a) For rearing (excluding Bull Calves being reared for service) | | 16 |
| 53 | (b) Intended for slaughter as Calves | | 5 |
| 54 | TOTAL CATTLE and CALVES | | 129 |
| 55 | Steers and Heifers over 1 year old being fattened for slaughter before 30th November, 1941 | | — |
| 56 | SHEEP OVER 1 YEAR OLD — Ewes kept for further breeding (excluding two-tooth Ewes) | | — |
| 57 | Rams kept for service | | — |
| 58 | Two-tooth Ewes (Shearling Ewes or Gimmers) to be put to the ram in 1941 | | — |
| 59 | Other Sheep over 1 year old | | — |
| 60 | SHEEP UNDER 1 YEAR OLD — Ewe Lambs to be put to the ram in 1941 | | — |
| 61 | Ram Lambs for service in 1941 | | — |
| 62 | Other Sheep and Lambs under 1 year old | | — |
| 63 | TOTAL SHEEP and LAMBS | | — |
| 64 | Sows in Pig | | — |
| 65 | Gilts in Pig | | — |
| 66 | Other Sows kept for breeding | | 2 |
| 67 | Barren Sows for fattening | | — |
| 68 | Boars being used for service | | — |
| 69 | ALL OTHER PIGS (not entered above) — Over 5 months old | | — |
| 70 | 2—5 months | | — |
| 71 | Under 2 months | | 19 |
| 72 | TOTAL PIGS | | 21 |
| 73 | POULTRY — If none, write "None" — Fowls over 6 months old | | 120 |
| 74 | Fowls under 6 months old | | — |
| 75 | Ducks of all ages | | — |
| 76 | Geese of all ages | | — |
| 77 | Turkeys over 6 months old | | — |
| 78 | Turkeys under 6 months old | | — |
| 79 | TOTAL POULTRY | | 120 |
| 80 | GOATS OF ALL AGES | | — |

### HORSES on holding on 4th June

| | | | Number (in figures) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 81 | Horses used for Agricultural Purposes (including Mares kept for breeding) or by Market Gardeners | (a) mares | 1 |
| 82 | | (b) geldings | 4 |
| 83 | Unbroken Horses of 1 year old and above | (a) mares | — |
| 84 | | (b) geldings | — |
| 85 | Light Horses under 1 year old | | — |
| 86 | Heavy Horses under 1 year old | | — |
| 87 | Stallions being used for service in 1941 | | — |
| 88 | All Other Horses (not entered above) | | — |
| 89 | TOTAL HORSES | | 5 |

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# MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

## AGRICULTURAL RETURN, 4th JUNE, 1941.

## LABOUR ON 4th JUNE (Supplementary Questions).

| | | | Number |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Of the **REGULAR** workers returned on page 1 (Questions 73—76) how many are:— | | |
| 129 | WHOLE TIME FAMILY WORKERS (father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister of occupier or his wife, but **not** other relations) | male | 1 |
| 130 | | female | 1 |
| | Of the **CASUAL** workers returned on page 1 (Questions 77—79) how many are:— | | |
| 131 | EMPLOYED ON THE HOLDING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BUT FOR ONLY PART OF THEIR TIME | male | |
| 132 | | female | |

## MOTIVE POWER ON HOLDING ON 4th JUNE.

| | FIXED OR PORTABLE ENGINES (Excluding Motor Tractors) | Number in figures | Horse Power of each |
|---|---|---|---|
| 133 | Water Wheels or Turbines in present use | none | |
| 134 | Water Wheels **not** in use, but easily repairable | none | |
| 135 | Steam Engines | none | |
| 136 | Gas Engines | none | |
| 137 | Oil or Petrol Engines | 2 Petrol | 4½ 1½ |
| 138 | Electric Motors | | |
| 139 | Others (state kinds) | | |

| | TRACTORS | Number in figures | Horse Power of each | Make or Model of Tractor |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 140 | Wheel Tractors for field work | | None | |
| 141 | Wheel Tractors for stationary work only | | | |
| 142 | Track laying Tractors | | | |

*NOTE.*—Subject to the special Question No. 134 engines or tractors that have been discarded or worn out should not be included.

## RENT

### ANNUAL RENT PAYABLE FOR THE HOLDING TO WHICH THIS RETURN RELATES.

| | | £ | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 143 | State the actual rent payable during the current year (*i.e.*, the contract rent **less** any abatements but **including** any interest payable on improvements) | | |
| 144 | If the holding is **owned** by you, give the best estimate you can of the annual rental value | 400 | |
| 145 | If the holding is partly owned and partly rented by you, state:— Acreage of land which you own and its estimated rental value | Acres | £ |
| | **and** | | |
| 146 | Acreage of land which you hold as tenant and the rent payable (for definition of rent see Question No. 143) | | |

## LENGTH OF OCCUPATION OF HOLDING.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 147 | How many years have you been the occupier of the holding to which this Return relates? | Years 26 |
| | **or** | |
| 148 | If you have occupied parts of the holding for different periods, give length of occupation for each | Part 1.....acres.....years<br>Part 2.....acres.....years<br>Part 3.....acres.....years |

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Parish. ERLESTOKE

Parish Number. 73/4

| | SMALL FRUIT | Statute Acres |
|---|---|---|
| 81 | Strawberries | |
| 82 | Raspberries | |
| 83 | Currants, black | |
| 84 | Currants, red and white | |
| 85 | Gooseberries | |
| 86 | Loganberries and Cultivated Blackberries | |
| 87 | Total Acreage of Small Fruit (This total should equal the total of Nos. 24 and 25) | |

## VEGETABLES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. FLOWERS. CROPS UNDER GLASS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 88 | Brussels Sprouts | |
| 89 | Cabbage, Savoys, Kale, and Sprouting Broccoli | |
| 90 | Cauliflower or Broccoli (Heading) | |
| 91 | Carrots | |
| 92 | Parsnips | |
| 93 | Turnips and Swedes (not for fodder) | |
| 94 | Beetroot | |
| 95 | Onions | |
| 96 | Beans, Broad | |
| 97 | Beans, Runner and French | |
| 98 | Peas, Green, for Market | |
| 99 | Peas, Green, for Canning | |
| 100 | Peas, Harvested dry | |
| 101 | Asparagus | |
| 102 | Celery | |
| 103 | Lettuce | |
| 104 | Rhubarb | |
| 105 | Tomatoes, growing in the open | |
| 106 | Tomatoes, growing in GLASSHOUSES | |
| 107 | Other Food Crops growing in GLASSHOUSES | |
| 108 | Flower Crops growing in GLASSHOUSES | |
| 109 | Crops growing in FRAMES (fruit, vegetables, flowers, and plants) | |
| 110 | Hardy Nursery Stock | |
| 111 | Daffodils and Narcissi, not under glass | |
| 112 | Tulips, not under glass | |
| 113 | Other Bulb Flowers, not under glass | |
| 114 | Other Flowers, not under glass | |
| 115 | TOTAL (this total should equal No. 26) | |

## STOCKS OF HAY AND STRAW ON HOLDING ON 4th JUNE

| | | Tons |
|---|---|---|
| 125 | Hay | 50 |
| 126 | Straw | 6 |

Name of Farm or Farms:—

Name and Address of Occupier:—

E. H. Look

Manor Farm, Erlestoke

Devizes

Prepared Mr Brian

Form No. C51 SSY.

Checked

286 acres

# FARM SURVEY

County Wilts
District No 4 Code No. 73/4
Parish Earlstoke WL/261/73/4
Name of holding Manor Farm Name of farmer Look. E.H.
Address of farmer Manor Farm Earlstoke Devizes
Number and edition of 6-inch Ordnance Survey Sheet containing farmstead XXXIX. S.E. 1926 ed.

## A. TENURE.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Is occupier tenant ... ... ... ... | |
| owner ... ... ... ... | X |
| 2. If tenant, name and address of owner :— | |
| 3. Is farmer full time farmer ... ... ... | X |
| part time farmer ... ... ... | |
| spare time farmer ... ... ... | |
| hobby farmer ... ... ... | |
| other type ... ... ... ... | |
| Other occupation, if any :— | |

| | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| 4. Does farmer occupy other land ? | | X |

| Name of Holding | County | Parish |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

| | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| 5. Has farmer grazing rights over land not occupied by him ? ... ... ... ... | | X |

If so, nature of such rights—

## B. CONDITIONS OF FARM.

| | Heavy | Medium | Light | Peaty |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Proportion (%) of area on which soil is | | 100 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| 2. Is farm conveniently laid out ? Yes ... ... | X |
| Moderately | |
| No ... ... | |

| | Good | Fair | Bad |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3. Proportion (%) of farm which is naturally ... ... ... ... | 100 | | |
| 4. Situation in regard to road ... | X | | |
| 5. Situation in regard to railway ... | X | | |
| 6. Condition of farmhouse ... ... | X | | |
| Condition of buildings ... ... | | X | |
| 7. Condition of farm roads ... ... | none | | |
| 8. Condition of fences ... ... | | X | |
| 9. Condition of ditches ... ... | | X | |
| 10. General condition of field drainage | X | | |
| 11. Condition of cottages ... ... | X | | |

| | No. |
|---|---|
| 12. Number of cottages within farm area ... | 4 |
| Number of cottages elsewhere ... ... ... | none |
| 13. Number of cottages let on service tenancy ... | 4 |

| | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| 14. Is there infestation with :— | | |
| rabbits and moles ... ... | | X |
| rats and mice ... ... ... | | X |
| rooks and wood pigeons ... | | X |
| other birds ... ... ... | | X |
| insect pests ... ... ... | | X |
| 15. Is there heavy infestation with weeds ? | | X |

If so, kinds of weeds :—

| | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| 16. Are there derelict fields ? ... ... | | X |
| If so, acreage ... ... ... ... | | |

## C. WATER AND ELECTRICITY.

| | Pipe | Well | Roof | Stream | None |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Water supply :— | | | | | |
| 1. To farmhouse ... | X | | | | |
| 2. To farm buildings ... | X | | | | |
| 3. To fields ... ... | | | | X | |

| | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| 4. Is there a seasonal shortage of water ?... | | X |
| Electricity supply :— | | |
| 5. Public light ... ... ... ... | | X |
| Public power ... ... ... ... | | X |
| Private light ... ... ... ... | | X |
| Private power ... ... ... ... | | X |
| 6. Is it used for household purposes ? ... | | X |
| Is it used for farm purposes ? ... ... | | X |

## D. MANAGEMENT.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Is farm classified as A, B or C ? ... ... | A |
| 2. Reasons for B or C :— | |
| old age ... ... ... ... ... | |
| lack of capital ... ... ... ... | |
| personal failings ... ... ... | |

If personal failings, details :—

| | Good | Fair | Poor | Bad |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3. Condition of arable land ... | X | | | |
| 4. Condition of pasture ... | X | | | |

| | Adequate | To some extent | Not at all |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5. Use of fertilisers on :— arable land ... | X | | |
| grass land ... | X | | |

Field information recorded by R T Stratton

Date of recording 16/7/42

This primary record completed by [signature]

Date 7 AUG 1942

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## E. GENERAL COMMENTS.

## F. GRASS FIELDS PLOUGHED UP.

| Field Ordnance Survey Number and edition | Parish | Crops Sown | Under W.A.E.C.'s direction | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Yes | No |
| **For 1940 harvest** | | | | |
| | | | | |
| **For 1941 harvest** | | | | |
| 38 | Estate | 9.953 acres Wheat | X | |
| 188 | | 8.633 acres Wheat | X | |
| 1924 | | | | |




**Figure 107:** 1941-43 National Farm Survey map
based on OS Map Sheets XXXIX 11, XXXIX 12, XXXIX 15 and XXXIX 16 (Entry number 73/4. TNA: MAF73/45/39)