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Historic Building Survey**

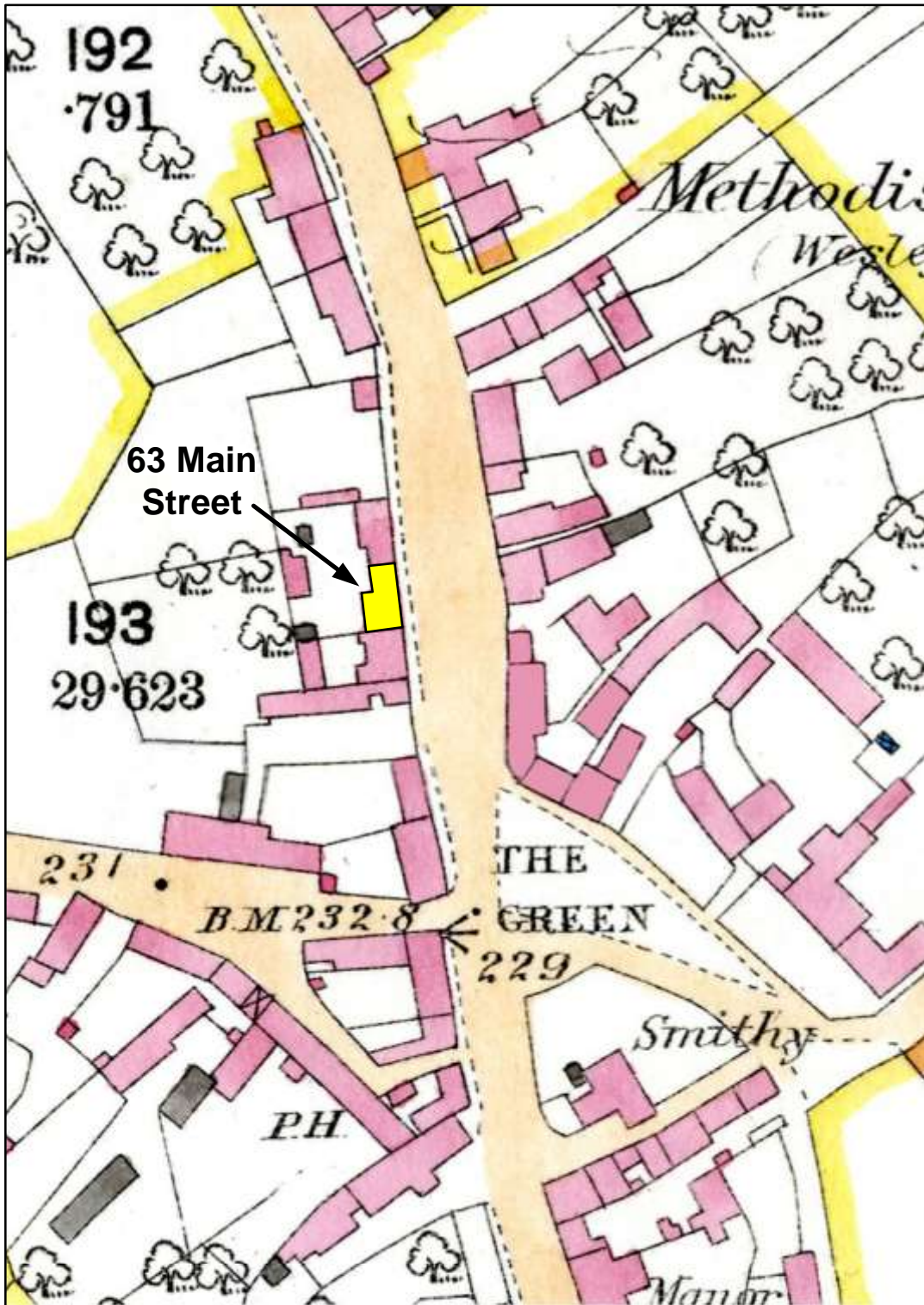
**Slievenanee, 63 Main St
Lyddington, Rutland**



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Location Map – Slevenanee, 63 Main Street, Lyddington
(OS First Edition 1886)

HISTORIC BUILDING SURVEY REPORT

SLIEVENANEE, 63 MAIN ST, LYDDINGTON

Survey

Date of survey: 3rd December 2011 & 5th August 2012
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Summary

This house, double-fronted with a central doorway, is built of very finely jointed ironstone ashlar and has a date-stone of 1763. The rear wall, however, has the remains of a stone window dating from the earlier 17th century, indicating that the building, although much reconstructed in the 18th century, has earlier origins.

Site

OS Ref: SP875972

Orientation: For report purposes, the main front is taken as facing E.

The house fronts directly onto the main street of the village, with adjoining houses to N and S.

Materials

The front is of finely jointed ironstone ashlar, while the rear has coursed ironstone rubble. Roof of concrete tiles.

External features

The front has a central doorway with windows set to either side. The main facing is generally of orange Lyddington ironstone ashlar, with a plain platband course of purple Uppingham ashlar at first floor level. The upper storey used to have eyebrow dormers with a thatched roof, but the wall has been built up in ironstone. The doorway has a plain ironstone surround with bead moulding, and a triple keystone to the head, the central part with fluting. Over the door is a limestone date-stone with a cyma-moulded ironstone cornice over. Within an inscribed diamond lozenge, the date-stone has the lettering: DRA MDCCLXIII in well-cut script, dating the front to 1763. The last part of the lettering is somewhat squashed together, so that the toe of the L runs past the base of the X; it is however definitely an L, with a well-cut serif, not a I.

The ground floor windows now have small multiple panes, but an early photograph shows that the windows were formerly of 2-pane casement type. The S window is wider and taller than that to the N. There is now a parapet type coping at the junction of the roof slope with the adjoining house to the S, but this was absent when the roofs were thatched. Three brick chimneystacks, to either end and the centre. To the N is a modern garage, with a bedroom above.

The rear wall has coursed ironstone where not covered by later extensions or render. The N part has a single storey flat-roofed modern extension, with ironstone above. A

straight joint between the two first floor windows indicates some previous alteration. The S half projects outwards, and also has a modern bay window to the ground floor.

Internal features

Ground floor

The entrance door leads into a small central stair hall. The N room has a former window to rear W wall, with a splayed reveal to the N and a cavetto-moulded cornice still in situ on the outer W face. The wall here is very thick, at 790mm; this contrasts with the rebuilt front wall, which is only 500mm thick.. Spine beam, rather roughly shaped (probably re-used), with squared oak joists. Fireplace on N gable, set flush to the wall, with projecting modern surround

The larger S room has a big spine beam, ogee moulded but without stops. Squared oak joists. Shallow projecting chimneybreast to S, with modern fireplace front. To the W side are two altered beams supported on a modern post, representing a removed partition.

First floor

The N bedroom has a shallow projecting chimneybreast, for a former bedroom fireplace (with two-flue chimneystack to the gable). On the N side of this gable wall, in the modern bedroom over the garage, it can be seen that the stonework of the gable is 140mm thicker up to c.500mm above floor level, after which the wall thins. This suggests that this wall was not built as an exposed gable end, but was internal.

The S bedroom has a shallow chimneybreast and some corbelled brickwork just below ceiling, indicating that a brick flue was inserted into the stone wall here, to provide a bedroom fireplace. The shallow chimneybreast on the S wall must serve only the ground floor fireplace.

In the roof void, the roof structure has been fully replaced in the late 20th century. A brick chimneystack is built into the N gable, and a single flue brick stack rises from the central stone cross wall. An earlier plaster ceiling line is visible on the cross wall, around 300mm higher than the modern ceiling. At the S gable there is the remains of a well-built stone chimneybreast, the upper part replaced in brick.

Outbuildings

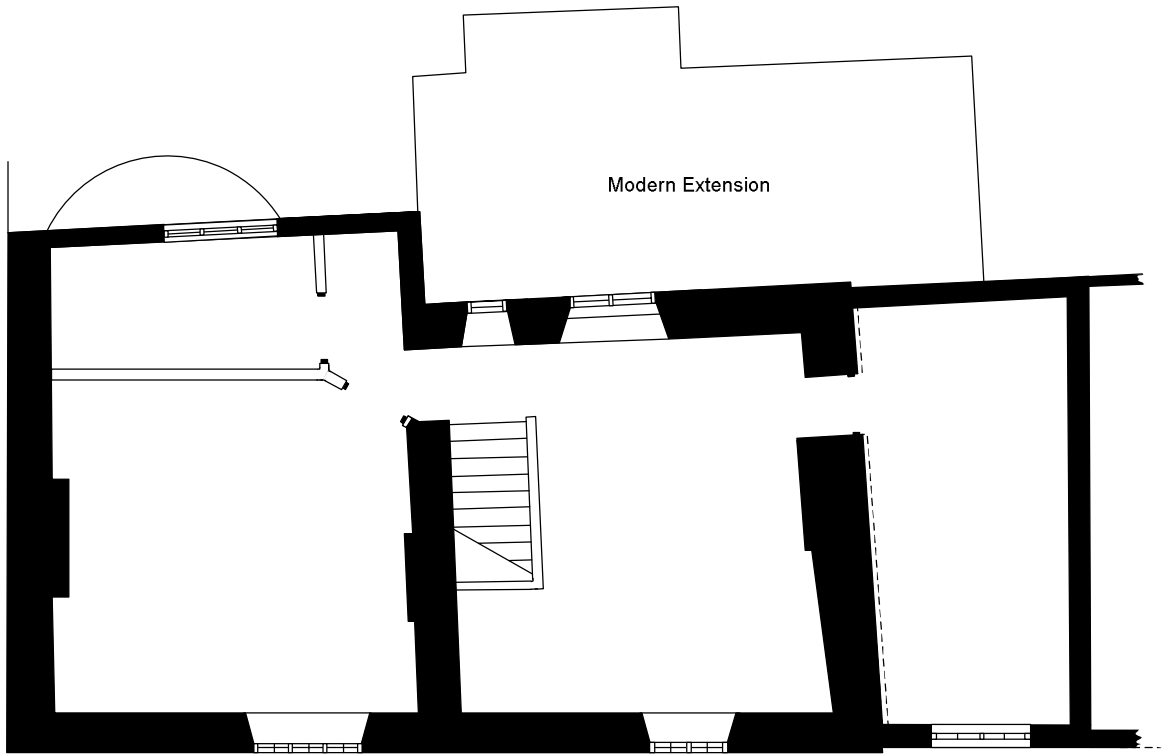
The small rear garden now has no outbuildings, but the 1886 and 1904 maps show a rectangular building against the W boundary, with a small square building to its N. The rectangular outbuilding is also indicated on the 1800 enclosure map. In the boundary wall, quoins survive which appear to mark the NE and SE corners of the rectangular building, indicating that the plot boundary has moved E since 1904. In the NW corner of the plot are the remains of a brick-built copper, which is likely to have been the small square building shown on the maps. It is said that this house was used as a laundry for Uppingham School. It is also noticeable that there is no dividing

wall between No 63 and No 65 to its N. It seems that these two plots were managed as a single property in the 19th and earlier 20th century.

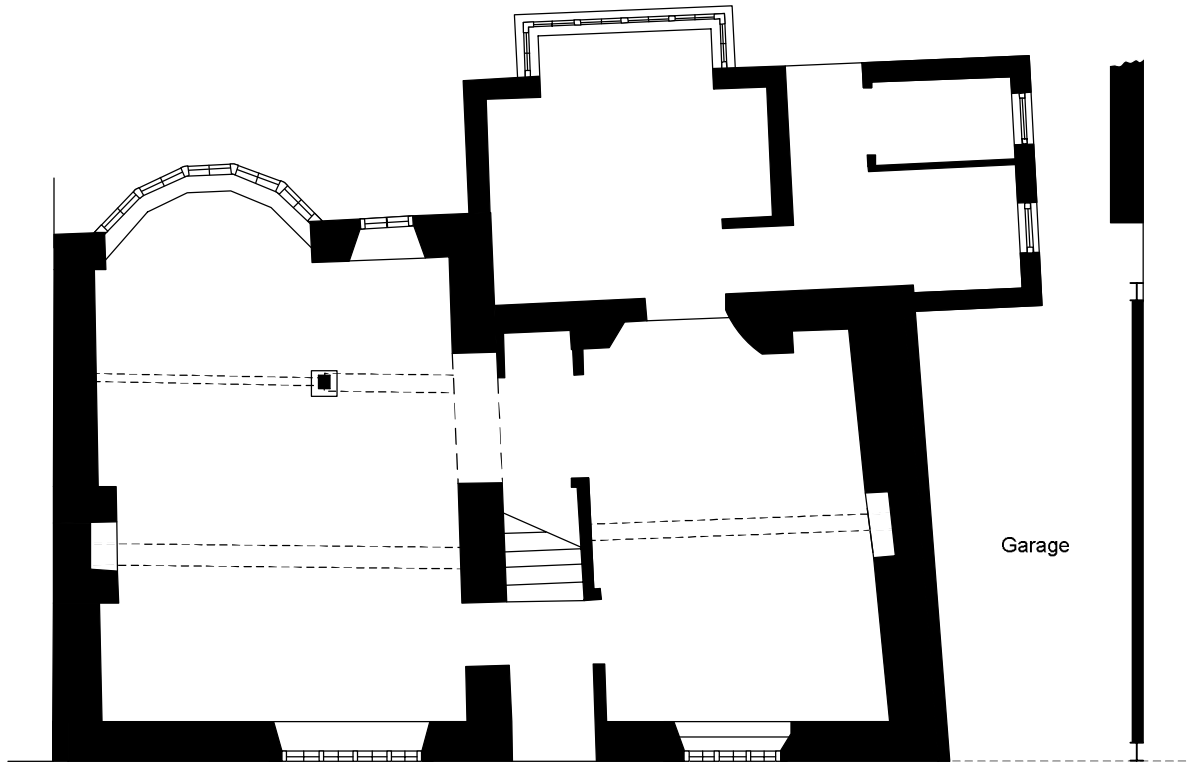
Date and development

The thick wall to the rear and surviving cavetto-moulded window cornice indicate that there was an earlier house here, dating from around 1620-50. The form of this house cannot be deduced, but it may have extended N into no 65 or S into No 61. The building was later re-fronted, and probably much reconstructed in 1763, taking its current basic form of a two-room house. The first floor had dormer windows under a thatched roof until its replacement in the later 20th century.

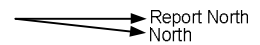
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FIRST FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR



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Undated old photograph of the east front



View from north-east



The rear west side



Front doorway and date-stone



Fluted keystone to the front doorway



The date-stone:
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R A
MDCCLXIII



The south room



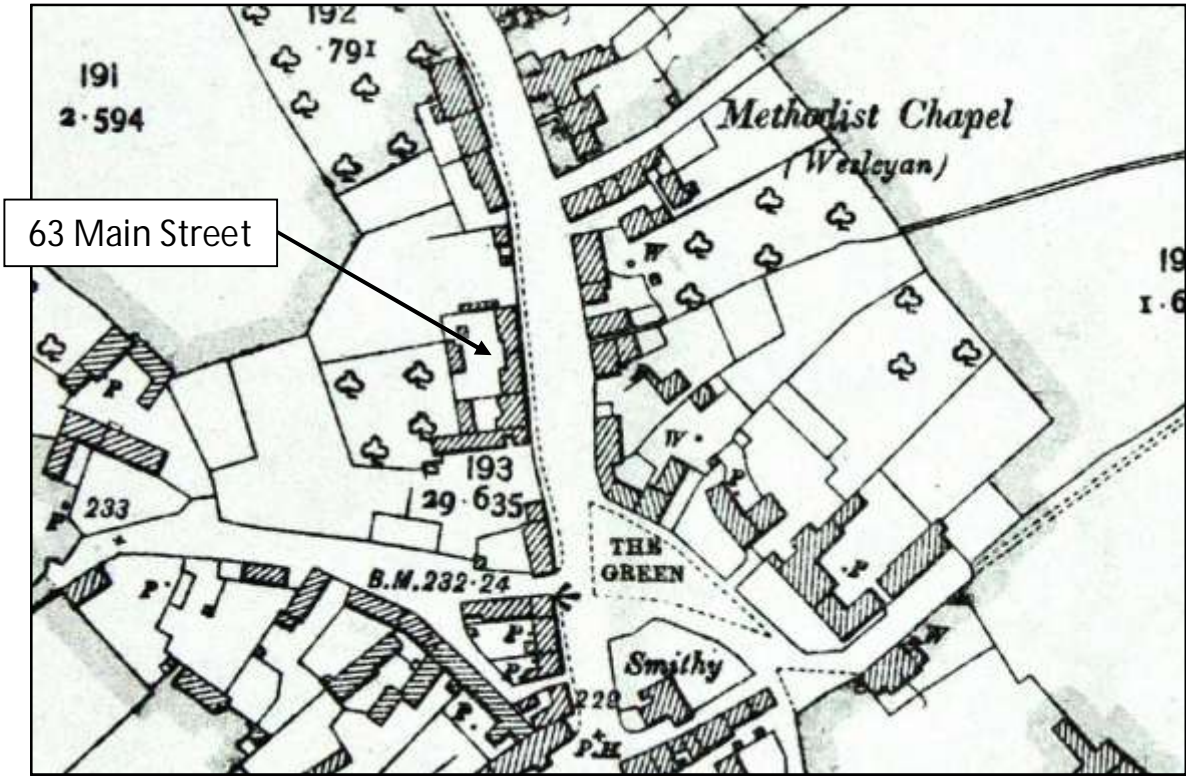
17th century moulded cornice over former window in west wall of north room



Lyddington Enclosure Map - 1804



Lyddington Estate Map, 1848 (Burghley Archives)



Ordnance Survey 2nd Series, 1904