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15 May 1996

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Davidson,

I am sorry that the Reports on your various farm buildings have taken so long in preparation. It is the most extensive survey of a group of buildings that I have carried out and I am sure you will appreciate the amount of work involved especially with so many interesting, varied and extensive detail in them.

I am splitting the Reports up with the barns, house etc in the immediate vicinity of your house as one report and outlying barns on others. I enclose the farmstead drawings as a precursor to the others. These will follow shortly. You will receive back from our Secretary the farmstead Report with a number upon it and this should, hopefully not take too long.

I know you have appreciated my efforts by the welcome you have received me on my visits. I have appreciated your time and the opportunity you have given me to complete this most interesting of comprehensive reports.

Should you wish for any further information or have any queries or observations upon my conclusions I welcome this. Do not hesitate to contact me.

Again thank you, on behalf of the Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group for giving us the facility to record your buildings. A copy will be sent to MW Kay

Yours sincerely
Malcolm Birdsall

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Dear Mr & Mrs Davidson,

A Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group recording team were pleased to be allowed to visit your property in July 1995 and again in April of this year. They have now completed their reports and have interpreted the data that they gathered: a copy of the documents are enclosed here. I hope that you find them interesting.

Yours sincerely

Don McLellan

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P.S. You will see from Malcolm's letter (enclosed) that I've had some of these reports for some time so now it is my turn to apologize for the delay.

D.M.

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Modern county (Historic county)

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office use

Newhouses -Horton in Ribblesdale Newhouses Farm
Parish or township Name of building

SD 806 737
National Grid ref.

Mr. & Mrs. Davidson (Barn A converted to house & occupied
Owner or occupier by Mr. Kay-The Old Shippon)

Newhouses, Nr. Horton in Ribblesdale
Address

Postcode

Building Listed? Grade?

Date of record; names of recorders Malcolm Birdsall, John Wood, Sue Southwell, Cathy Small,
Note of major alterations or David Cant. 1st, July 1995. M. Birdsall/A. Pacey May 1996.
demolitions since the survey

DESCRIPTION

1) Building type / purpose Farmstead. Consisting of house with attached Shippon, Courtyard, Shippon (B) detached to far side of courtyard-with attached outbuildings. A freestanding 2) Materials animal enclosure (E) is located closeby to the complex to the south.

Limestone walling. Limestone quoins with some sandstone. Stone slated roofs.

Horton flag divisions to boskins. Ash timberwork to boskins. Areas of stone pebbling.

3) Exterior detail

(especially detail not clear on drawings, e.g. label moulds, sections of mullions)

Limewash or lime render to walls was extensively used (now hardly apparent). Barn B has a heavy plinth to a part of the North and South elevation which is indicative of an earlier building to the site. Also parts of the walling are from an earlier build (see layout plan) as viewed internally and externally. This walling to the North elevation is of larger stones than other parts of the wall and is only roughly brought to course, whereas the rest of the walls are more evenly brought to course and are thinner bedded.

Low level, small, arrow slit ventilators (now blocked) low on the North Elevation wall are indicative of an earlier build, although they could have been inserted in the 18C into, say, a 17C wall.

Barn A South elevation A, A1, have door lintols with a 'picked' dressed finish.
House H South elevation. Some later alterations of heightening to window lintols.

4) Interior detail

(especially detail not clear on drawings, e.g. chamfer stops)

The East wall to the House H has a thickened wall of some 600mm indicative of an earlier 17C building and is exemplified by the remains of a splayed and chamfered window opening that can be viewed from the Scullery. The first floor and roof construction of the House were not inspected.

Former piggery E contains a small stone trough (a similar one has been viewed within the hennery/piggery at Lodge Hall nr. Selside).

Barn A Doors boarded with chamfered battens, strap hinges, pintils bolted through frames.

5) Plan form

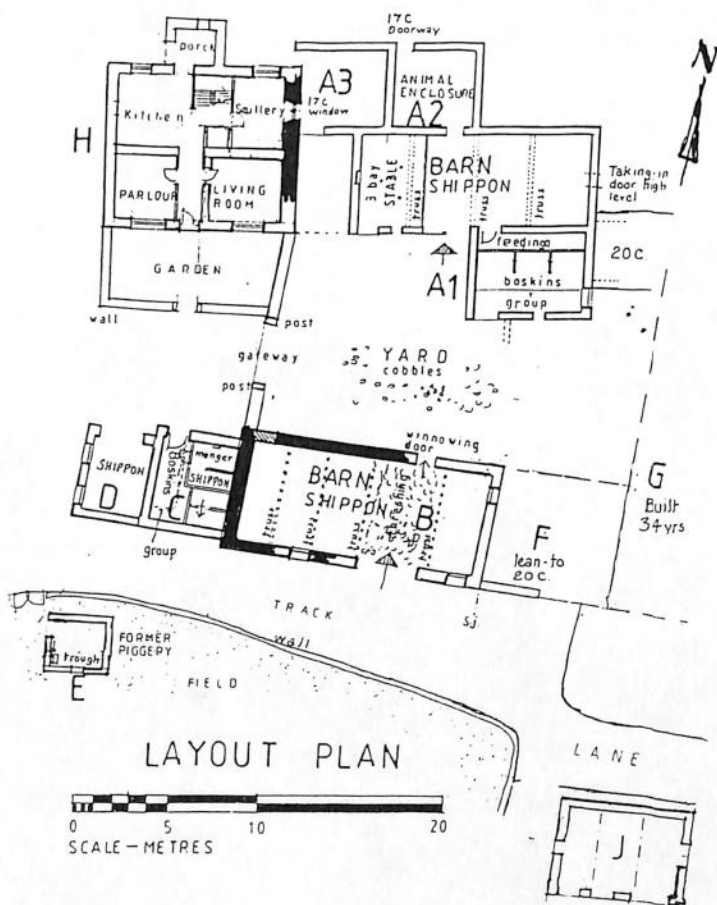
The house has evidence of an older building on the site as does Barn B. This fits with the observation that all the oldest sites in Newhouses hamlet are on the north side of and close to well established lanes. Other examples are the house called Foxwood and Oak Cottage nearby. Also Fawber Cottage to the south of Newhouses Farm. Barn K (see separate report) lies to the east.

The 6"O.S. map of 1850 (enclosed & enlarged) appears to show a building directly to the east of the House/Barn A complex. Also to the south in approx. the position of Barn B is a structure of different proportions to that standing. Barn J appears not to be indicated.

The 6"O.S. 1910 map shows the House/Barn A as similar to that existing, whereas shippons C and D appear in a different alignment, as does the yard enclosing wall. The piggery E is indicated (it does not appear on the 1850 map). Barn J does not appear and this may be a cartographic error, although a photograph taken possibly about the turn of the century also does not show a structure.

DATING

6) Identify the oldest part of the building and indicate a likely date



House H Has a north to south aligned wall of some 700mm with a 17C window the outer wall faces east. This is likely to have been the end gable wall of an earlier house with its front face south facing similar to Oak Cottage and Foxwood.

The house was rebuilt using probably some of the foundations to the earlier house in the mid 19C (see encl) The walling, kneelers, window surrounds, garden wall, and turned staircase balusters are indicative of this date. The walling to the south is well dressed and regularly coursed whereas that elsewhere is unevenly dressed and coursed. The position of the former gutter brackets well below the present gutter line is a puzzle unless the original was a deep stone one.

Barn A The north facade indicates earlier walling around a late 17C doorway that is bonded into the door and west corner quoins. This wall thickness needs to be checked as it may have been part of the earlier house containing the 17C window !

The main body of the existing building is not apparent on the 1850 map and it may be that a late 18C building stood in the proximity of A3 A2 (with the 17C doorway re-used) and heightened in the mid to late 19C incorporating A1.

Barn B Earlier building possibly late 18C with shipon end & upper walls, threshing floor, added early 19C. Reroofed mid 19C.

7) Major extensions or alterations

The Piggery E was built after 1850 and before 1910.

Barn J is a puzzle as it does not appear on an early photograph or the maps. It is likely that the present earlier lower portion of the barn was in a dilapidated state prior to 1850 ! and was rebuilt after 1910 to a stable with hayloft over, although this does appear very late for the type of heightened walling and the roof truss. It is more likely that it was originally built late 18C and heightened mid to late 19C. This was overlooked on the map of 1910.

SETTING

8) Orientation

Newhouses lies north of Horton in Ribblesdale at 825ft. above sea level. The buildings are generally aligned east/west.

9) Relationships

Newhouses Farm apart from the buildings A,B,C,D,E, and J—as described comprises other adjoining 20C farm buildings that are not included in this survey.

Outlying buildings number six barns. L is a short distance to the north, K and L to the east, whilst Middle Barn M is a distance to the north and Barn N at Fawber is beyond that near to Barn Q. All of these barns are described in separate reports. These are mainly a mixture of the Standard Laithe, Gable entry barn, and Long Outshot Barn (see enclosed sheet showing typology). In some cases these have additions (later).

The farmstead buildings are mainly gathered around a courtyard which evolved by additions from the 17C to the 20C. The garden wall posts are of a type observed at Brackenbottom and at Clapham (19C).

OTHER INFORMATION

10) Initials/Datestones

None

11) Oral information from owner/occupier

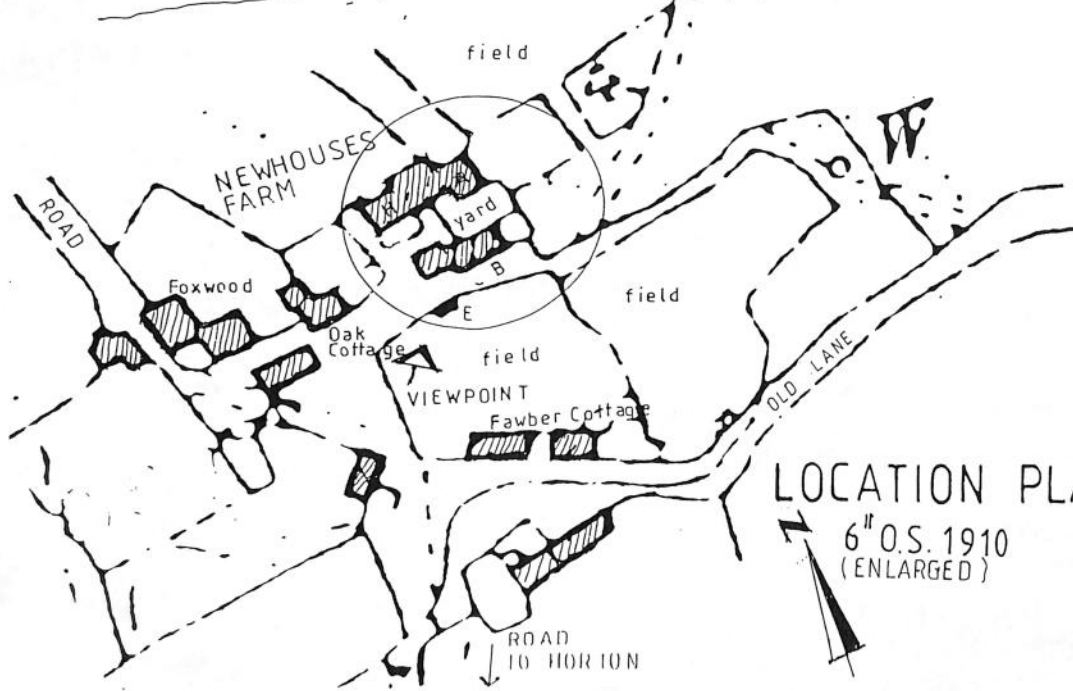
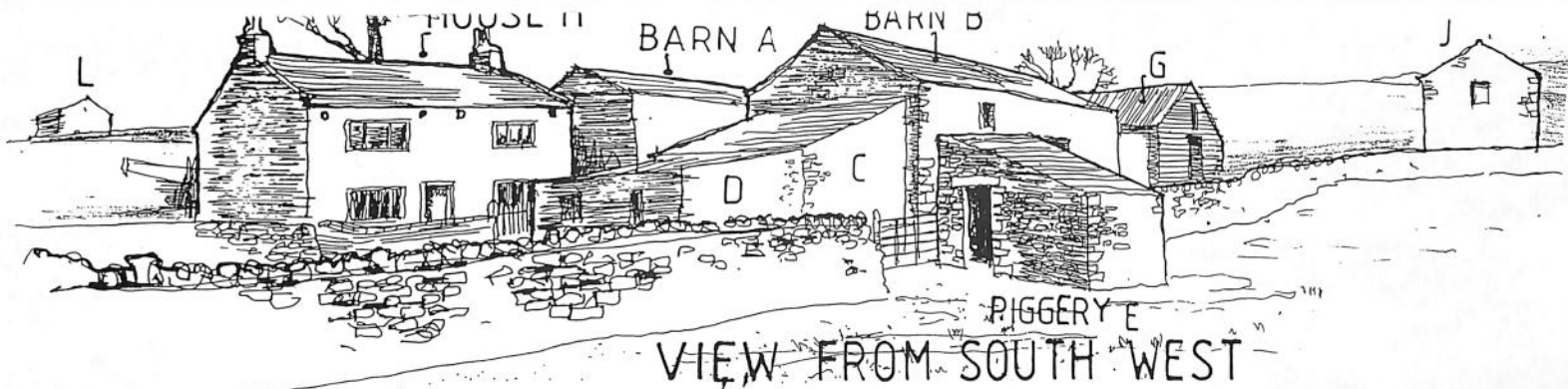
Use of building E⁶ piggery. Barn J as stable. Reference to 'hayfield' nearby as the possible connection with threshing in Barn B..

12) Documentation: maps, inventories, etc.

6" first edition Ordnance Survey map 1850 and the O.S. map of 1910.

13) Plans, etc., annexed (please tick)

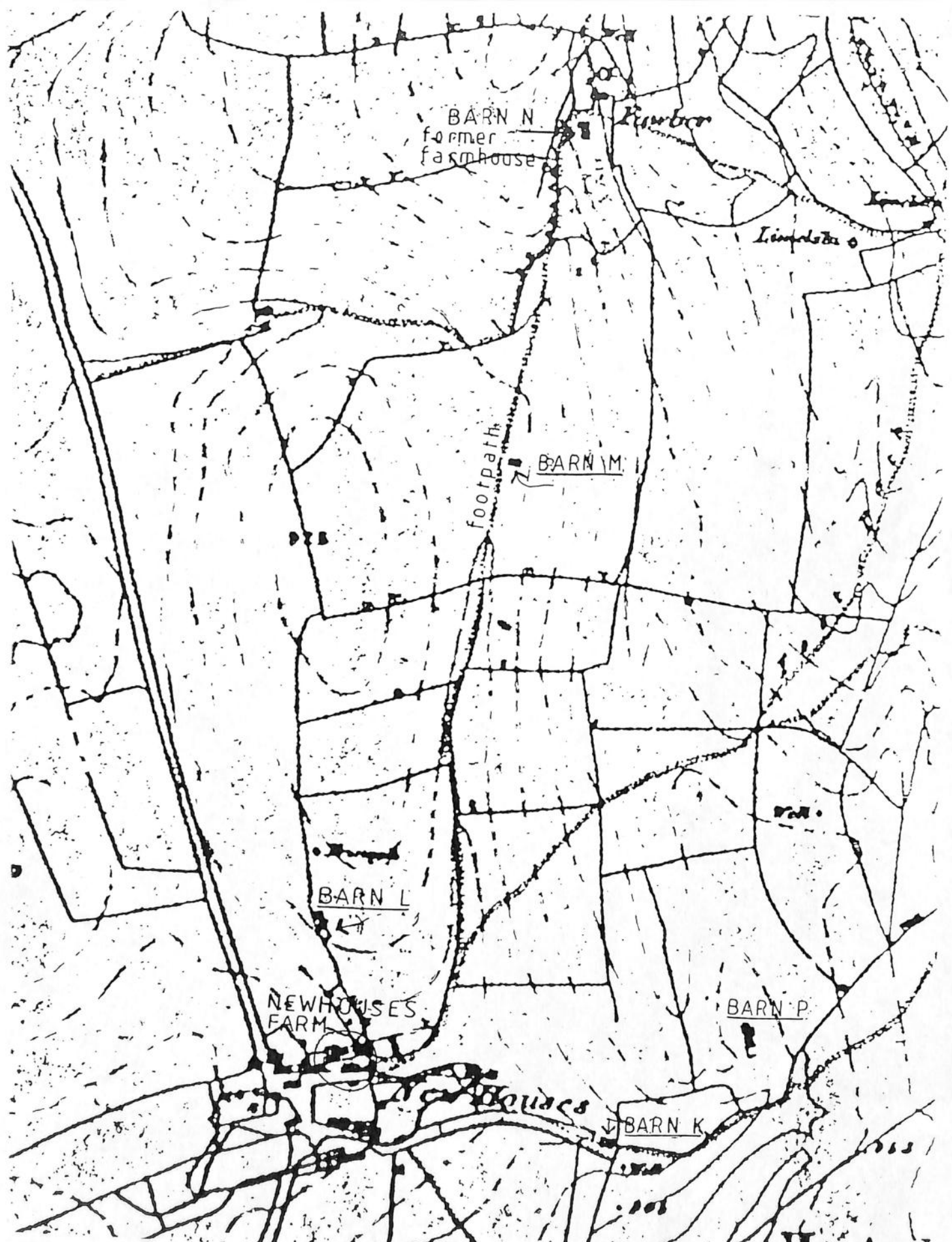
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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| - block plan of site | - sections |
| - ground floor plan | - elevations |
| - first floor plan | - detail drawings |
| - analytical plan | - photographs |
| - copies of inventories, maps, etc. | |



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FARM
NEWHOUSES

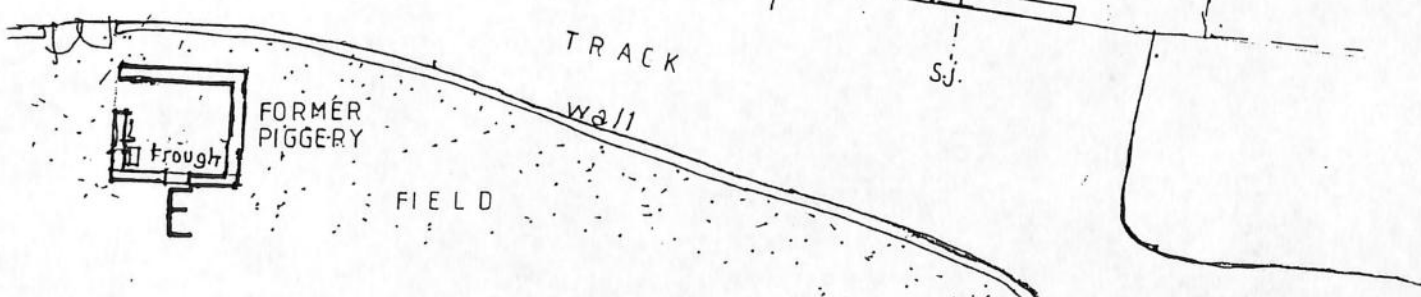
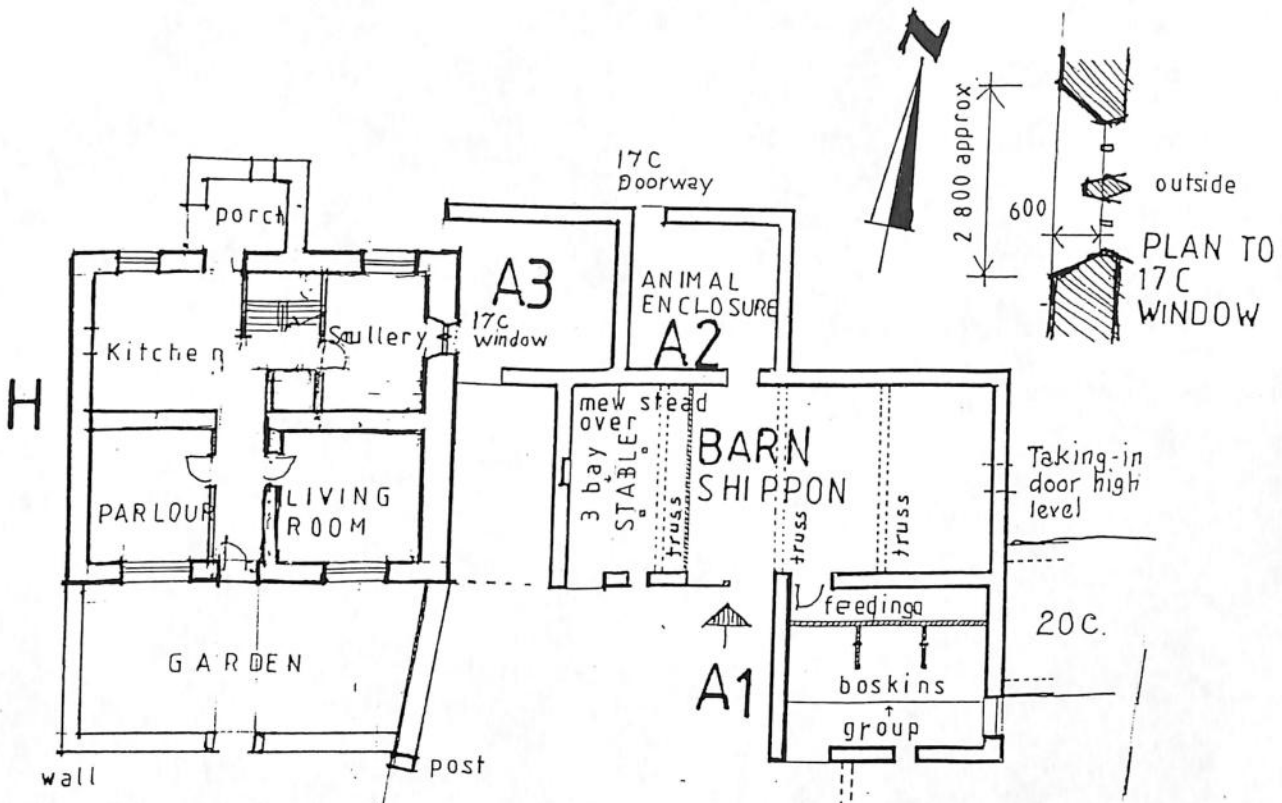
LOCATION PLAN
6" O.S. 1910
(ENLARGED)

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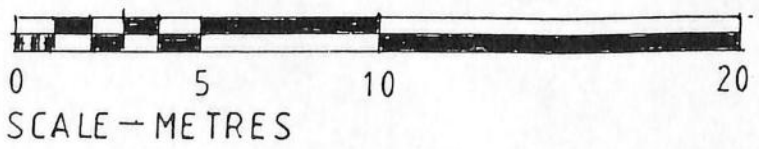


NEWHOUSES FARM
NEWHOUSES

LOCATION OF FARMSTEAD
& ASSOCIATED BARN
FROM 6" O.S. MAP 1850 [enlarged]

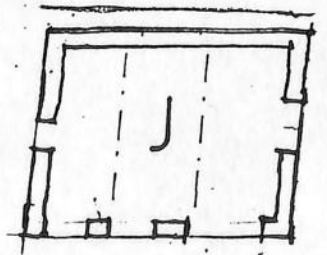


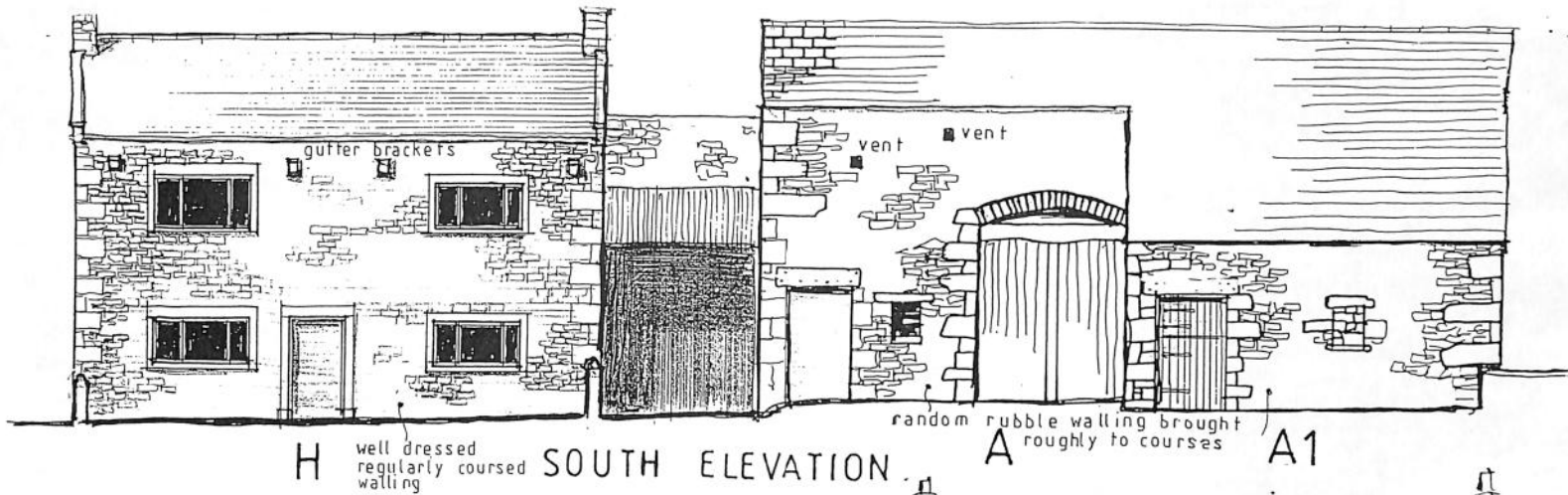
LAYOUT PLAN



NEWHOUSES FARM
NEWHOUSES

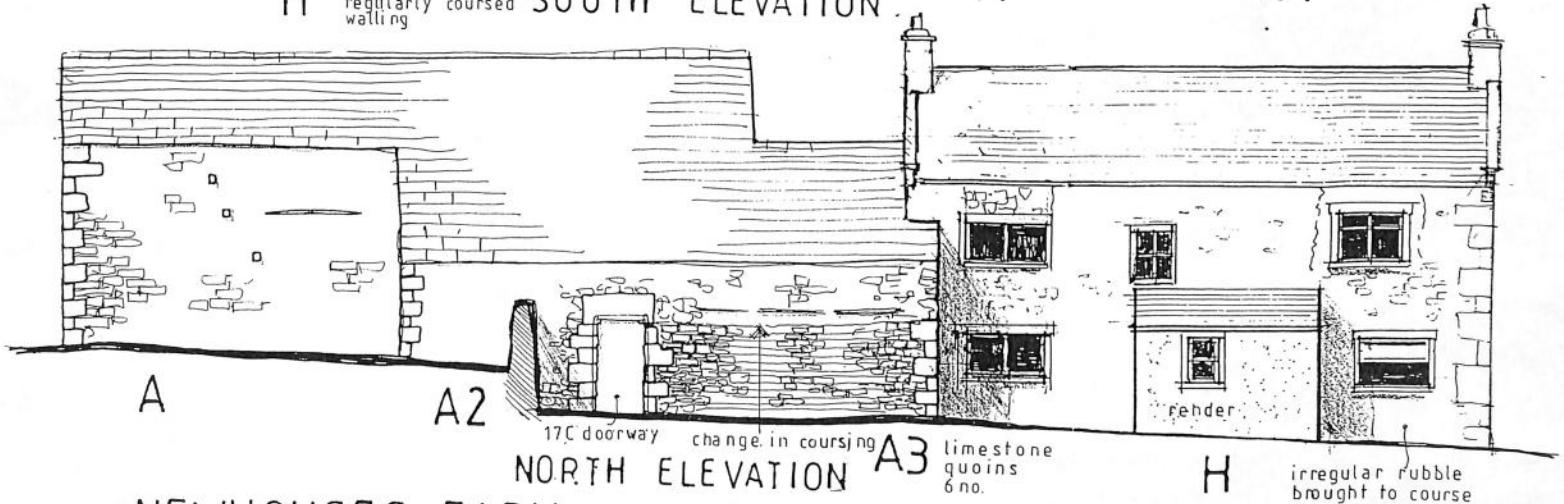
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H well dressed regularly coursed walling SOUTH ELEVATION

A random rubble walling brought roughly to courses A1



A A2

17C doorway change in coursing NORTH ELEVATION

A3 limestone quoins 6 no.

H irregular rubble brought to course

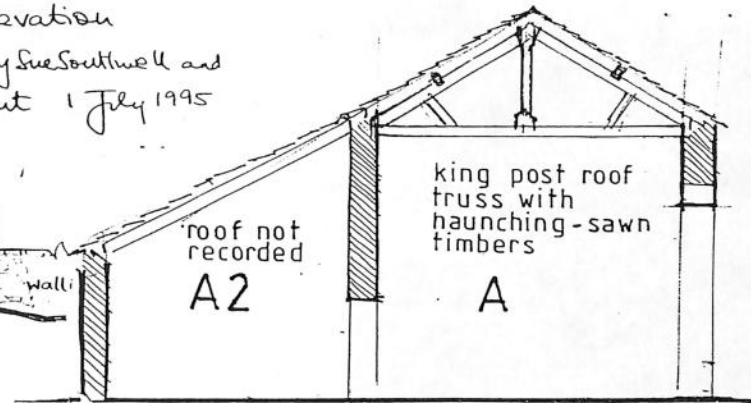
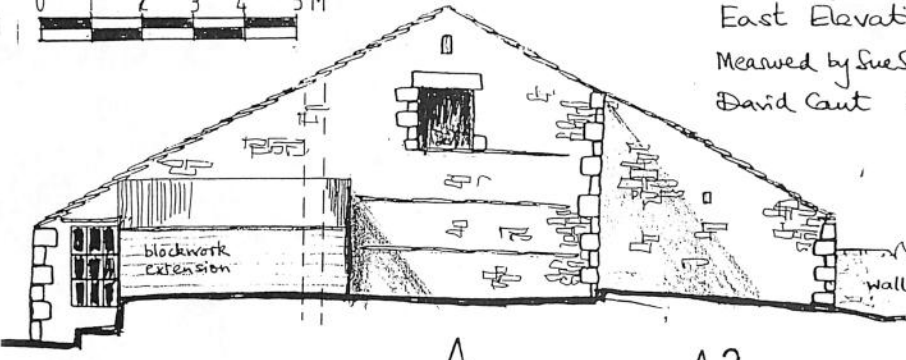
NEWHOUSES FARM
NEWHOUSES



A, A1, A2, A3 D. Cant - S Southwell 1.7.95
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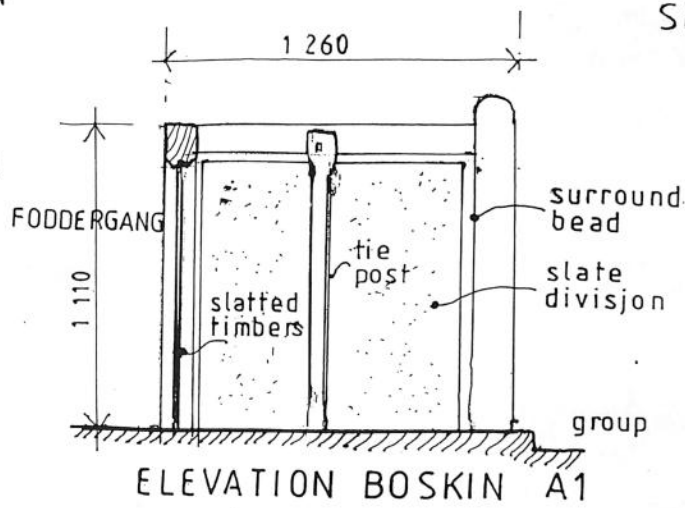
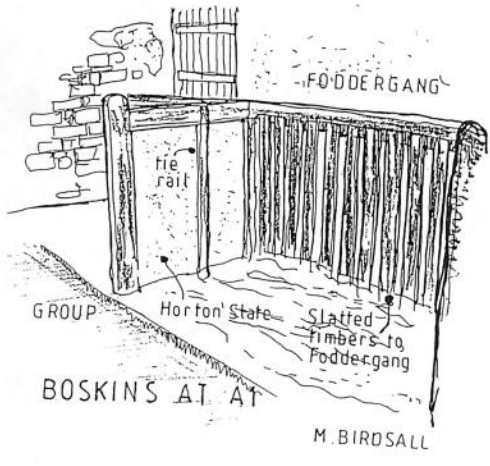
East Elevation
 Measured by Sue Southwell and
 David Cant 1 July 1995



A1 EAST ELEVATION

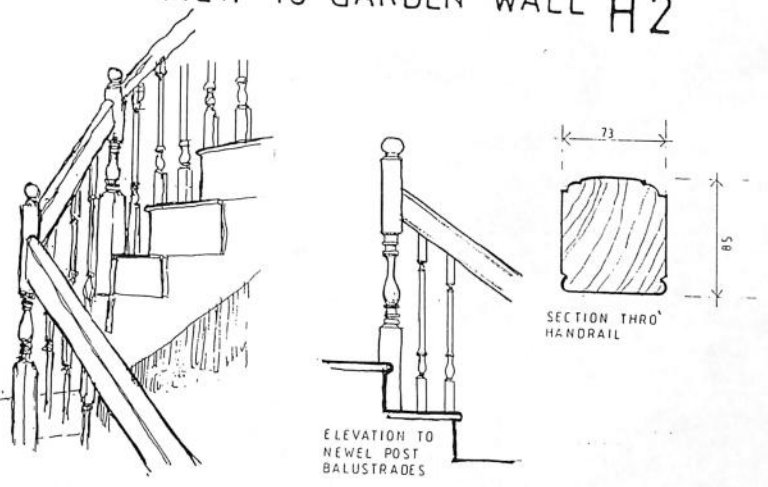
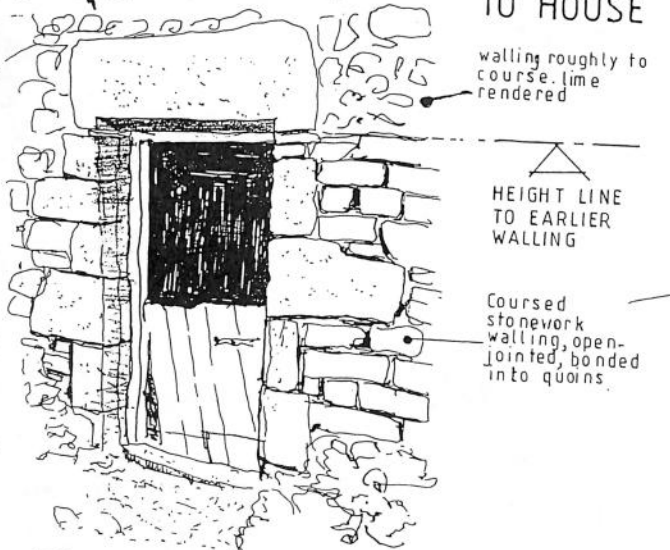
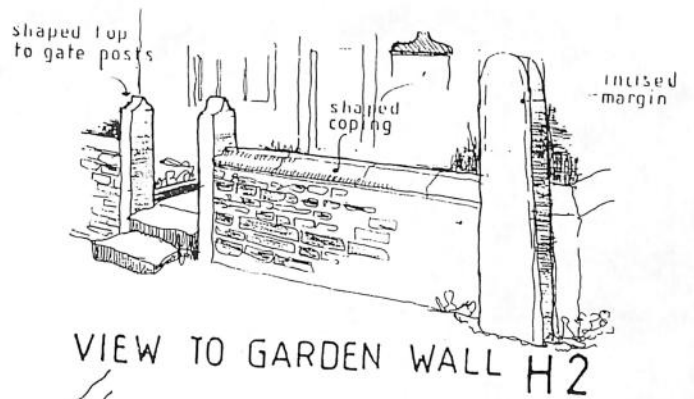
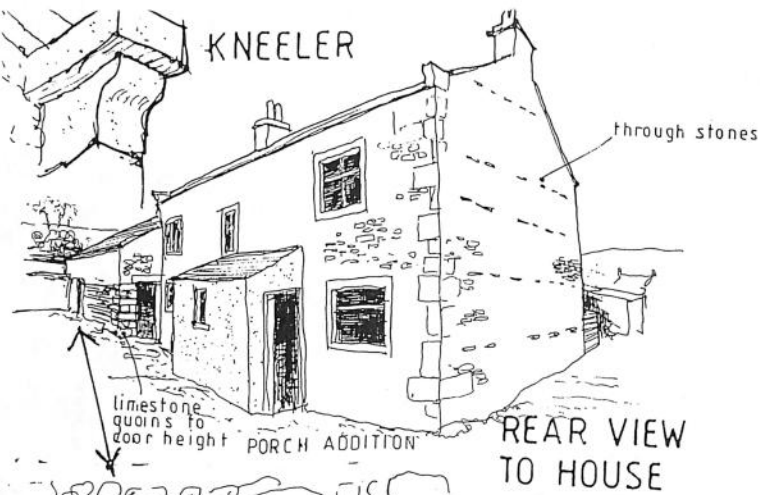
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SECTION



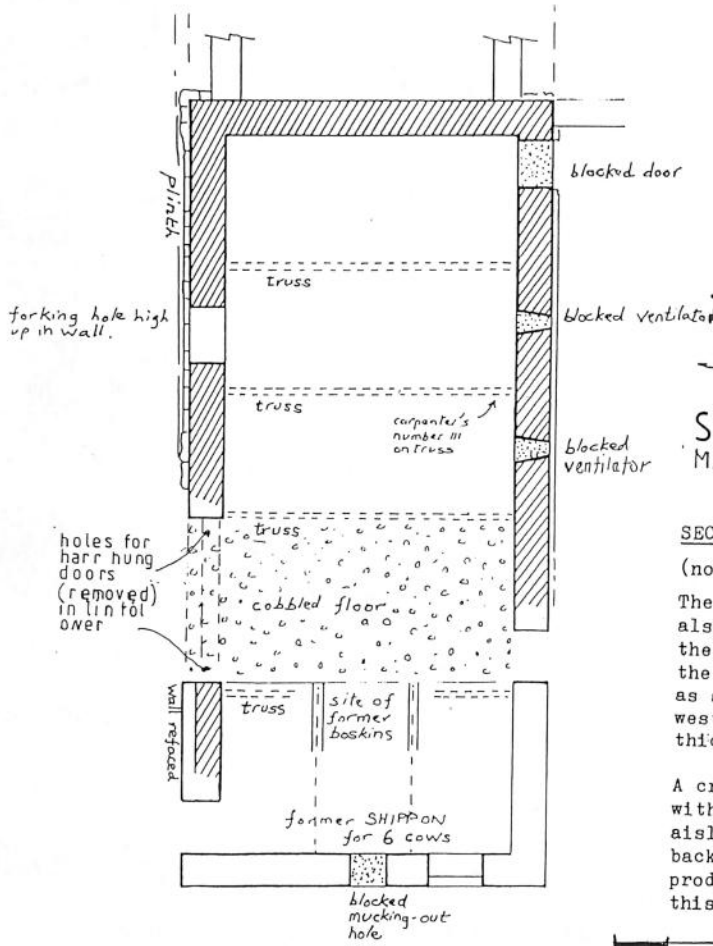
NEWHOUSES FARM
 SD 806 737 MAY 1996

NEWHOUSES HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE



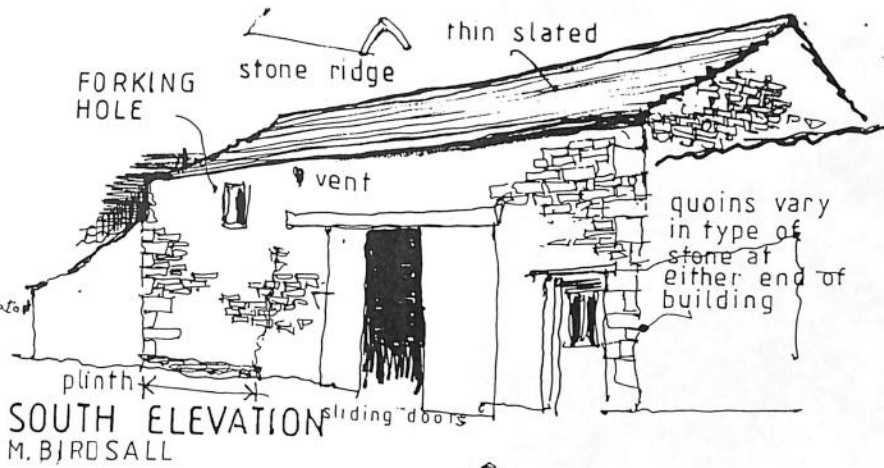
NEWHOUSES FARM
 NEWHOUSES
 FEATURES TO THE HOUSE (H)

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PLAN A. PACEY

Early walling hatched.

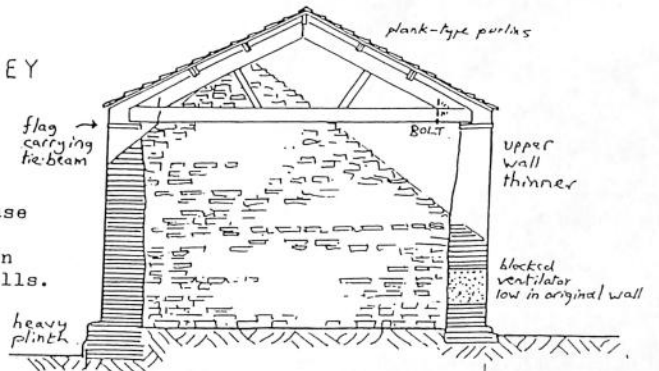


SOUTH ELEVATION
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SECTION A. PACEY
(not to scale)

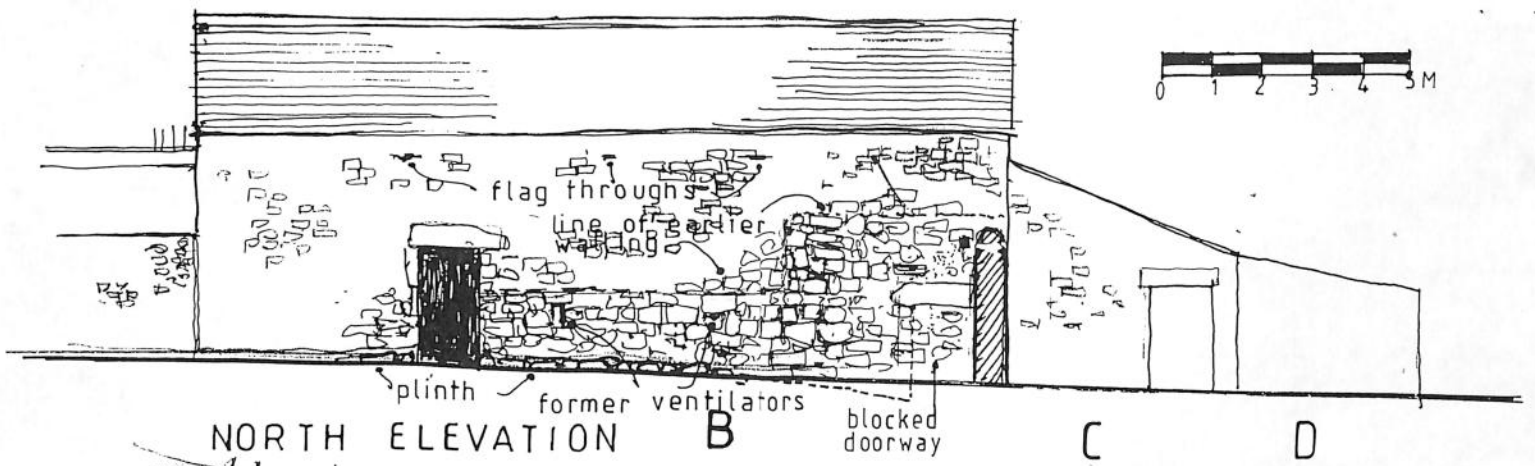
The drawing also shows the profile of the earliest phase as seen in the west gable and in thicker lower walls.

A cruck frame with narrow aisle at the back could produce this profile.

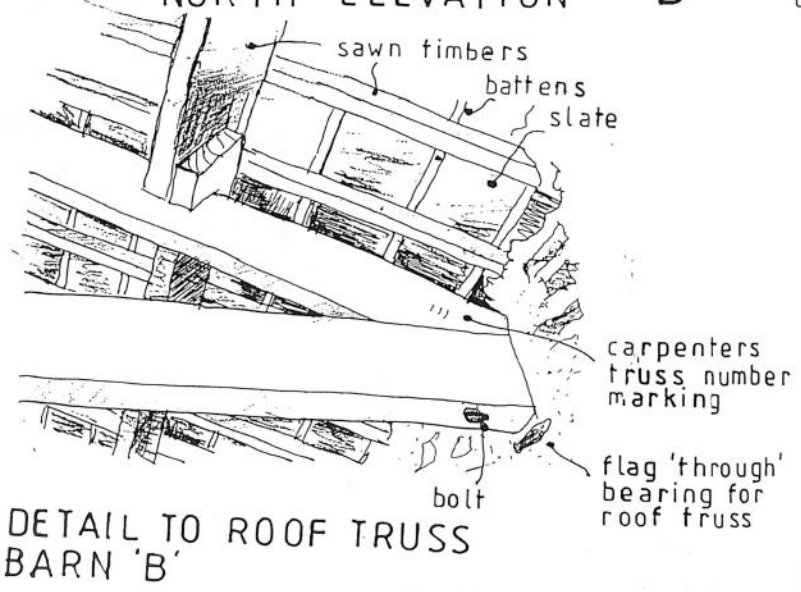


NEWHOUSES FARM
NEWHOUSES
BARN 'B'

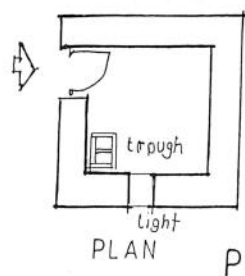
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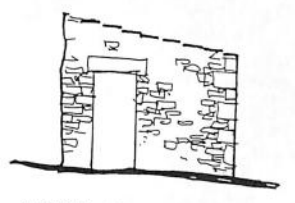
NORTH ELEVATION



DETAIL TO ROOF TRUSS
BARN 'B'



PLAN

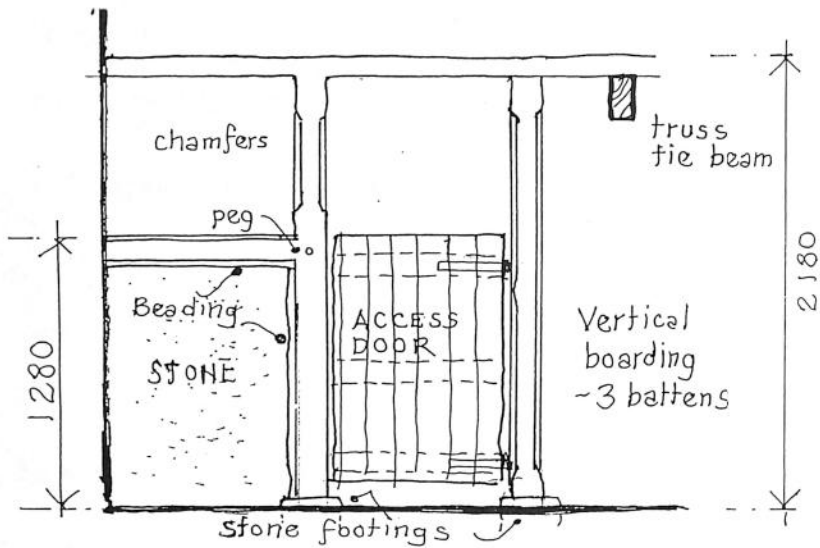


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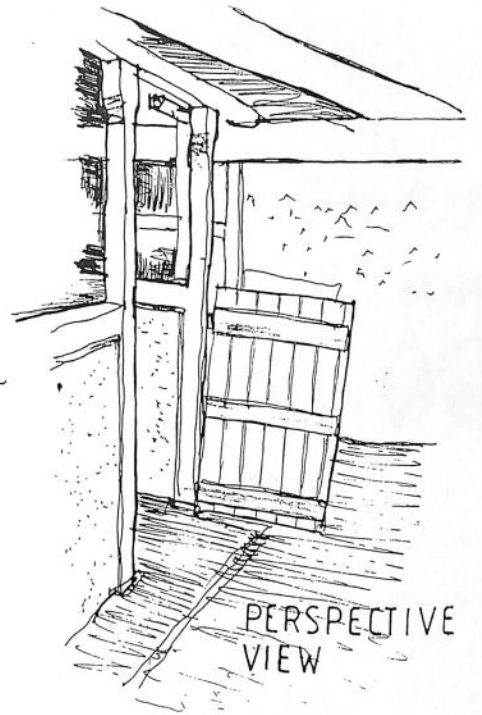
PIGGERY 'E'

NEWHOUSES FARM
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PART ELEVATION



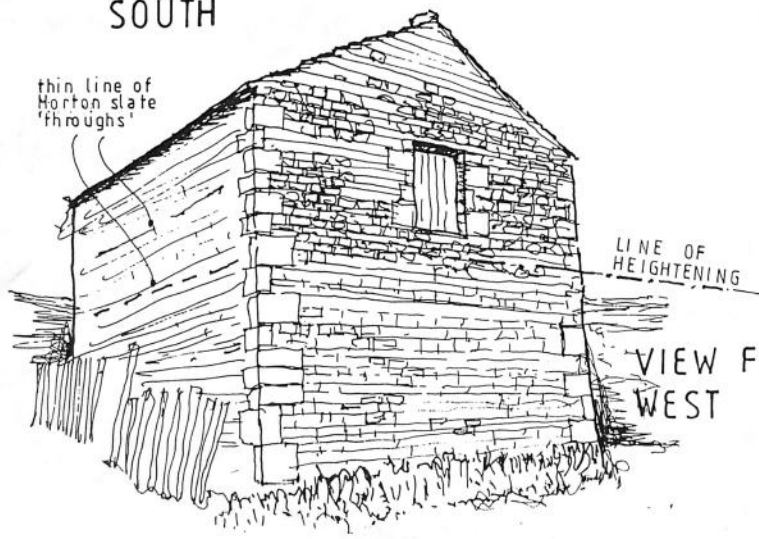
PERSPECTIVE VIEW

NEWHOUSES FARM
 NEWHOUSES
 BOSKINS AT C

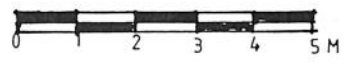
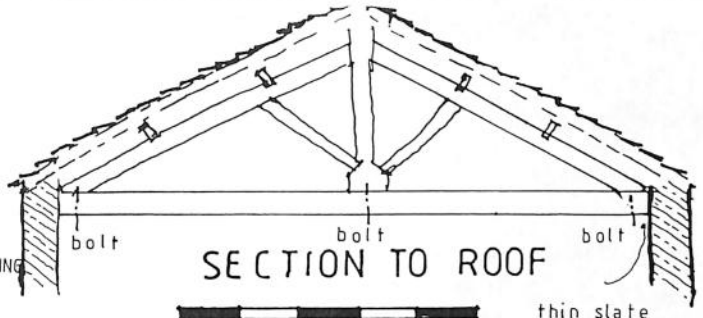
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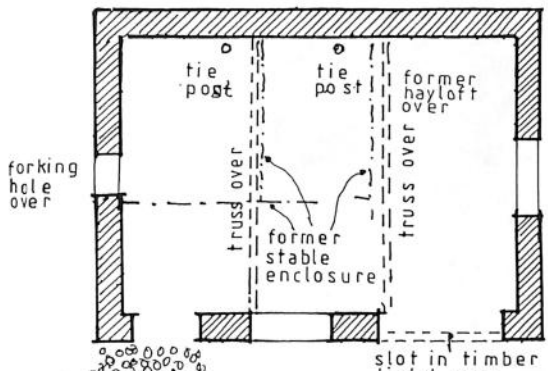
VIEW FROM SOUTH



VIEW FROM WEST



thin slate bearings for trusses



LAYOUT PLAN

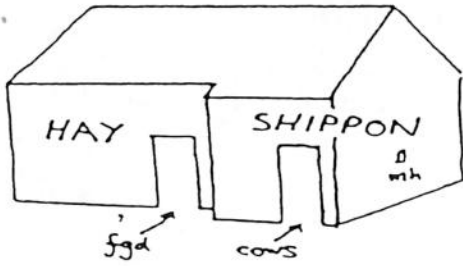
BARN J - FORMER STABLE NEWHOUSES FARM

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A BARN SPOTTER'S GUIDE

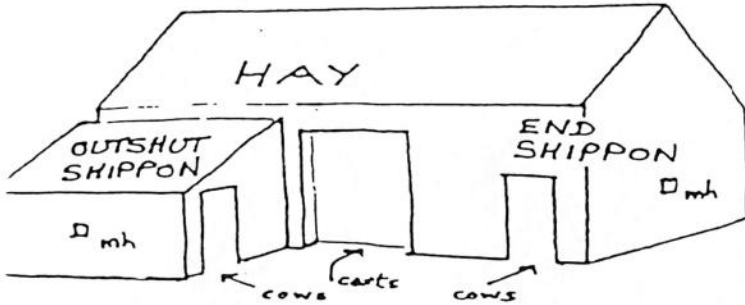
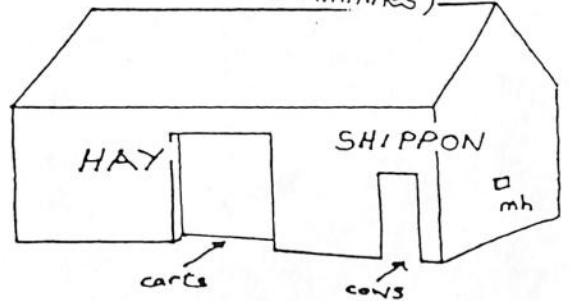
TWO-DOOR BARN

(Dales type; evolved in 18th century as a field barn.)



[mh = mucking-out hole
fgd = foddergang / doorway]

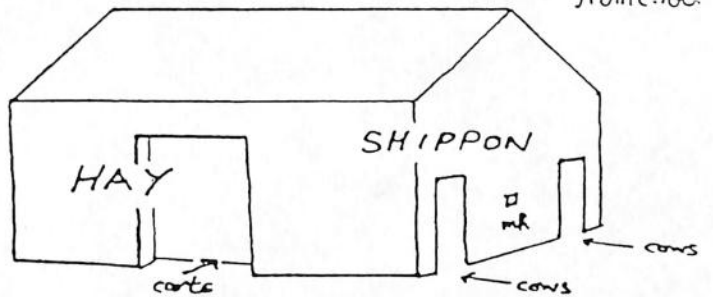
STANDARD LAITHE (widespread in the Pennines)



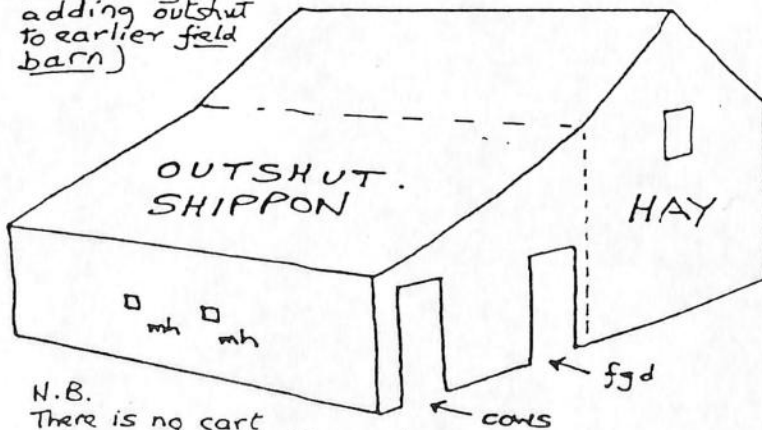
OUTSHUT-SHIPPON BARN

(Usually formed by adding an outshut to a standard laithe; common as a field barn south of Horton.)

GABLE-ENTRY BARN (dated examples from c.168)

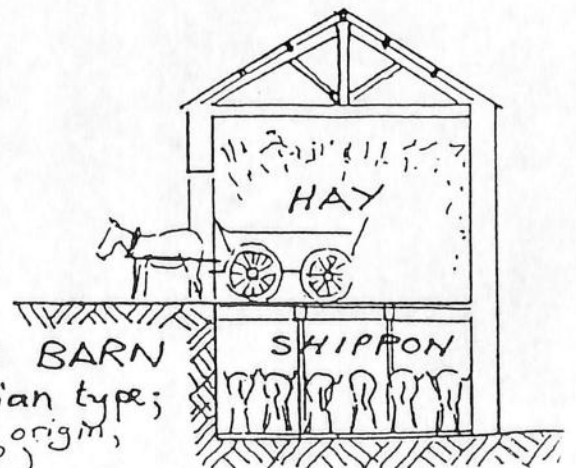


LONG OUTSHUT BARN (OR CONTINUOUS OUTSHUT) (19th century type, often formed by adding outshut to earlier field barn)



N.B. There is no cart entrance on the other side.

BANK BARN (Cumbrian type; German origin, c.1600?)



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office use

Horton in Ribblesdale
Parish or township

BARN K- High Barn
Name of building

SD 807 736
National Grid ref.

Mr. & Mrs. Davidson
Owner or occupier

Newhouses Farm

Address

Newhouses, Horton in Ribblesdale
North Yorkshire

Postcode

No
Building Listed? Grade?

Date of record; names of recorders
Note of major alterations or
demolitions since the survey

Malcolm Birdsall 1st. July 1995
M. Birdsall/A. Pacey April 1996

DESCRIPTION

1) Building type / purpose

Standard Laithe Barn

2) Materials

Limestone walling containing residual limewash.

Stone slate roof

3) Exterior detail

(especially detail not clear on drawings, e.g. label moulds, sections of mullions)

The south-west corner of the barn near the entrance door to the shipon from the lane has projecting stones in the lower courses up to about a metre. This shows evidence of tothing to a former wall running westwards, of an earlier build.

The lower part of the north elevation also contains stonework bonding that is different to that above, whilst the north west corner contains well dressed stones at a lower level in a series of offsets culminating in a wide plinth stone.

4) Interior detail

(especially detail not clear on drawings, e.g. chamfer stops)

The boskins are made of Horton "slate" held in place by beading, much of which has disappeared. Their wooden framing is made of old roof timbers, carefully re-sawn, probably from the earlier build to the site.

Joists above the boskins have formerly been used as purlins in a cruck-framed (or similar structure) building, and were reused again during the 18C in a tie-beam truss. Empty mortices remain from this phase. The present mewstaed joists installed in the present structure, therefore, represent a second re-use- or a third incarnation - of timber that was felled in the 16C or early 17C.