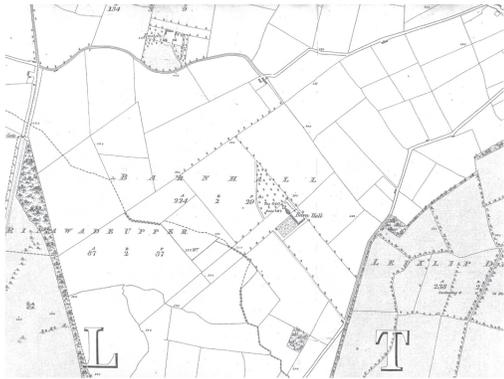


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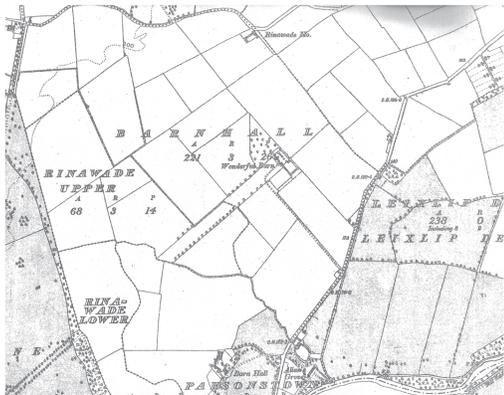
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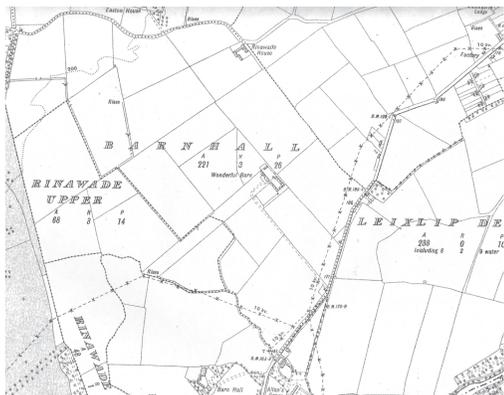
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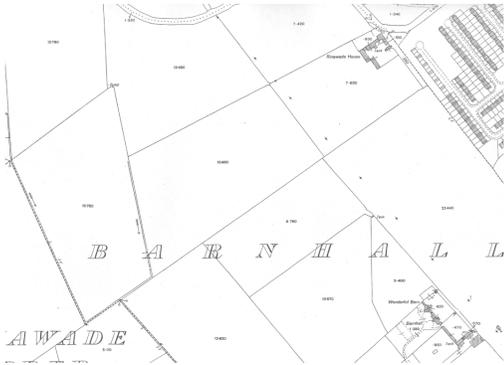
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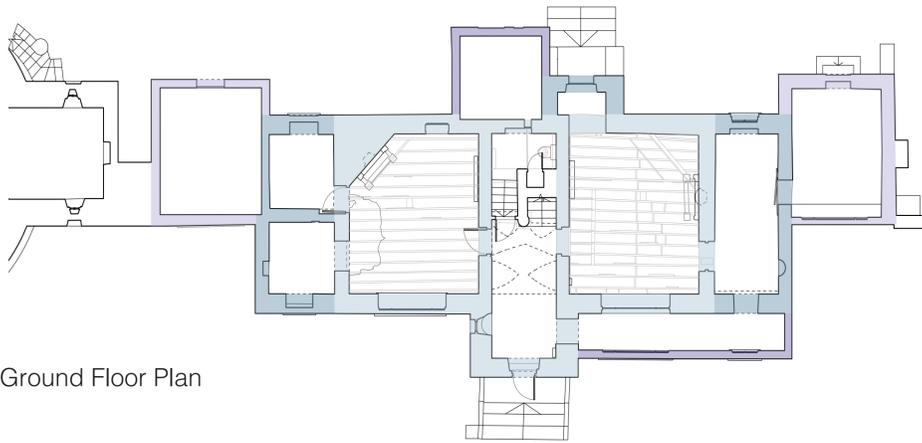


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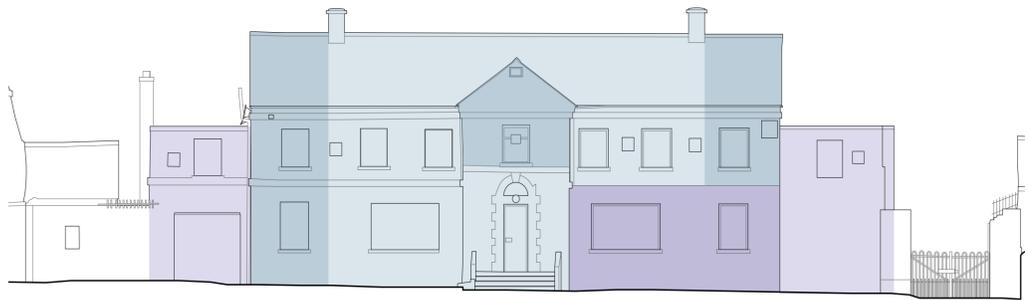
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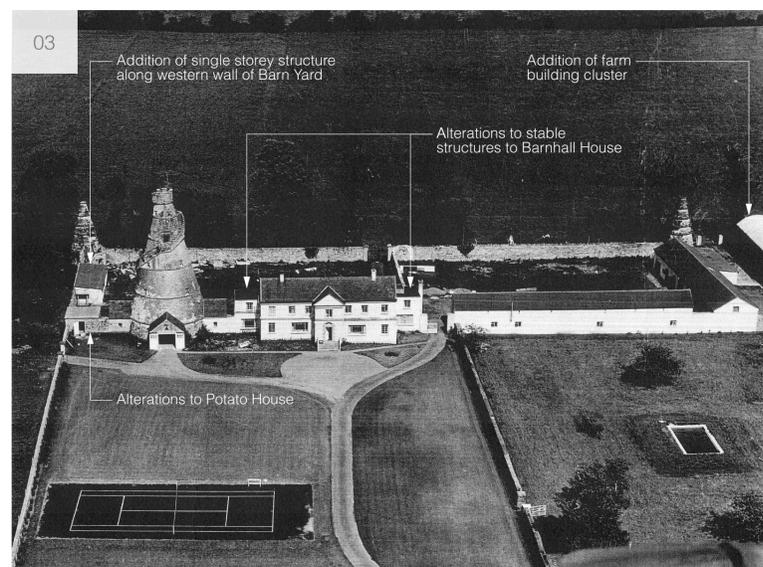
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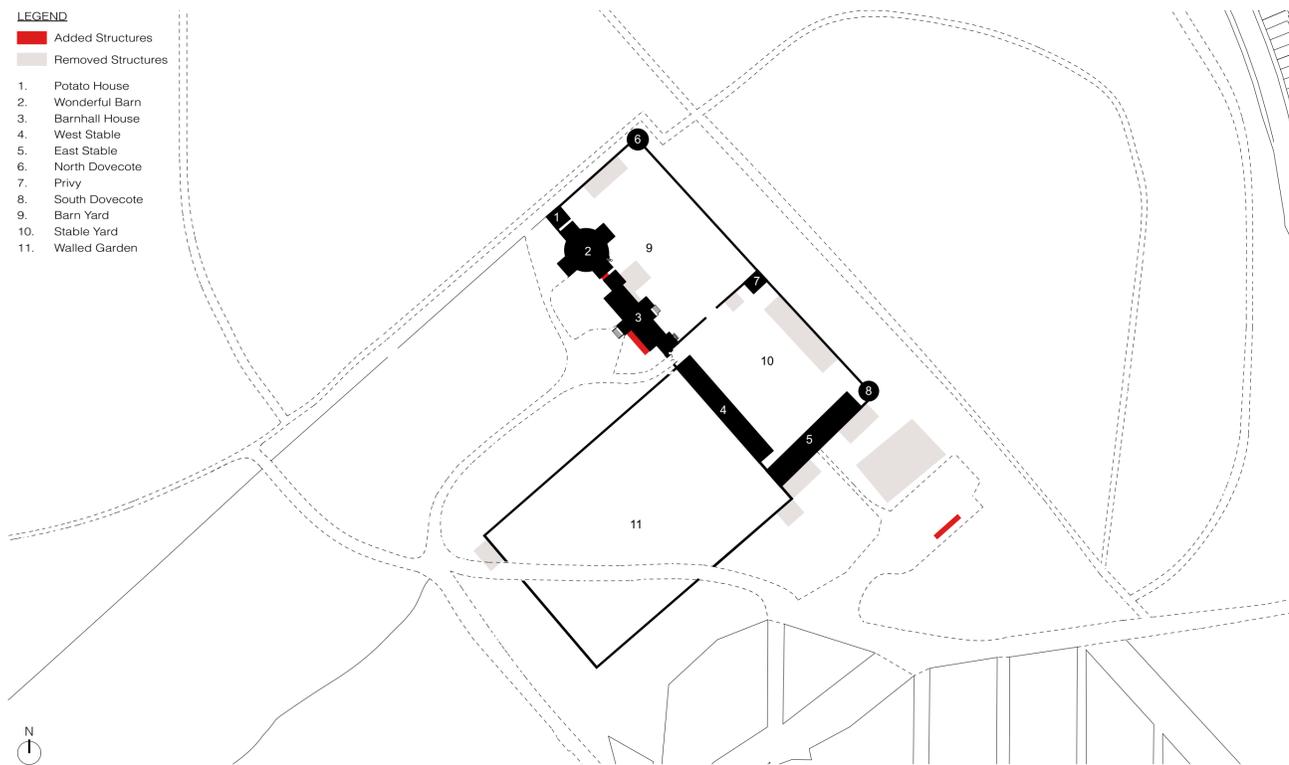
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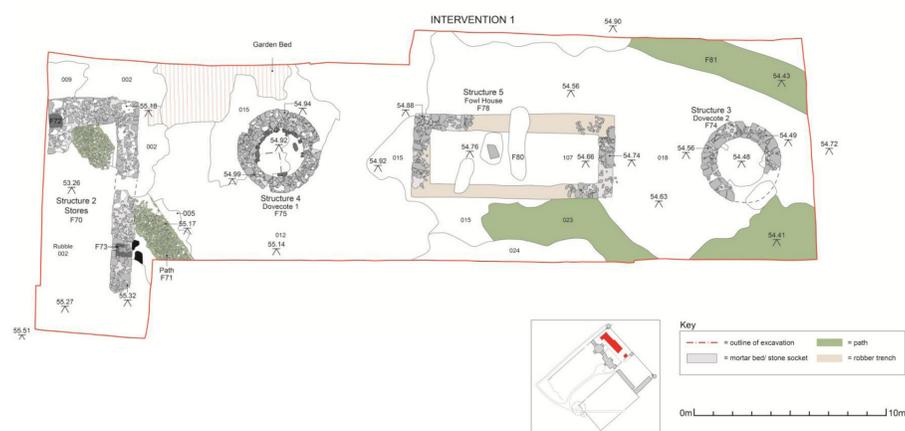
- 01. North facing view (c.1900)
- 02. South facing view (c.1900)
- 03. North facing aerial view (c.1968)
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Present Day Site



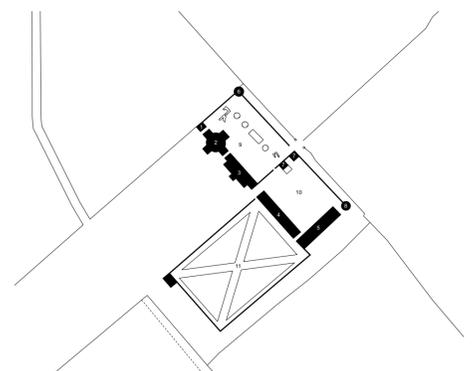
Archaeological Survey Drawing

### History of Site

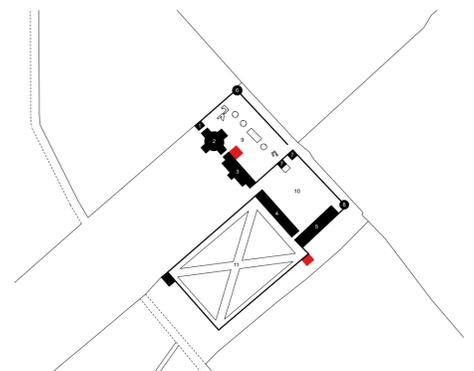
Completed in 1743 the Wonderful Barn served a number of different purposes. The primary use was as a grain store, the construction of which created employment as part of a famine relief scheme after some hard winters in the early 1740s, in addition the structure fulfilled an ornamental purpose as a monumental eyecatcher closing the great vista on the eastern axis of Castletown. Like all of the best follies, it also served the purpose of

pleasure, through its impressive high-level, vantage point, making it an impressive prospect tower. The two conical pigeon houses connected to the barn by two walled courtyards are almost certainly contemporaneous to the barn. In the outer of the two walled courtyard there are two ranges of two-story outbuildings, that once contained stables, that probably date from the nineteenth century. Directly to the south of the outer courtyard is a large walled garden. Barnhall House stands

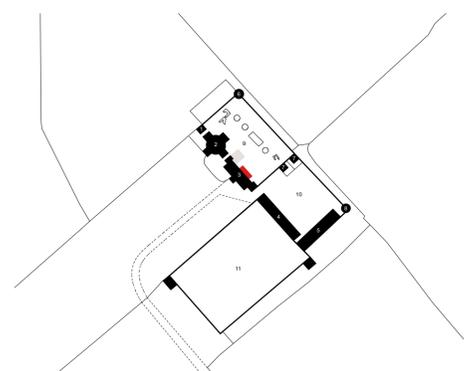
adjacent to the Wonderful Barn and appears to date from the early to mid-eighteenth century, albeit some of the internal details suggest an earlier date of construction. Today the Wonderful Barn complex and associated lands are bounded to the south by the M4, to the east by the Celbridge Road and to the west and north by suburban housing developments. The survival of some trees along the formal avenue still links the site visually with Castletown.



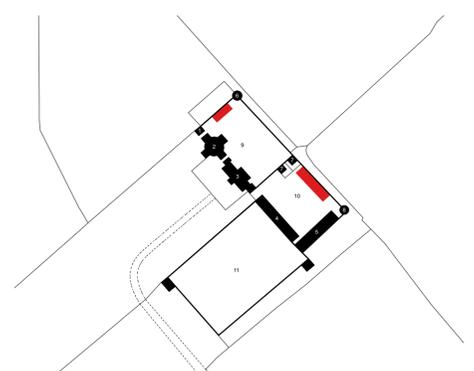
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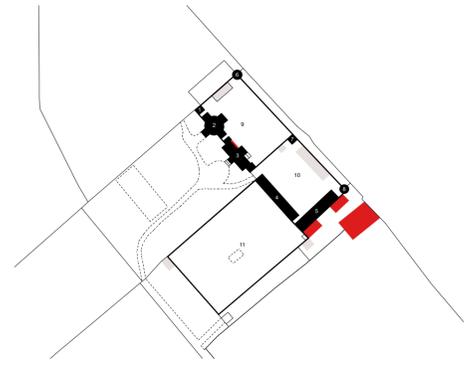
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