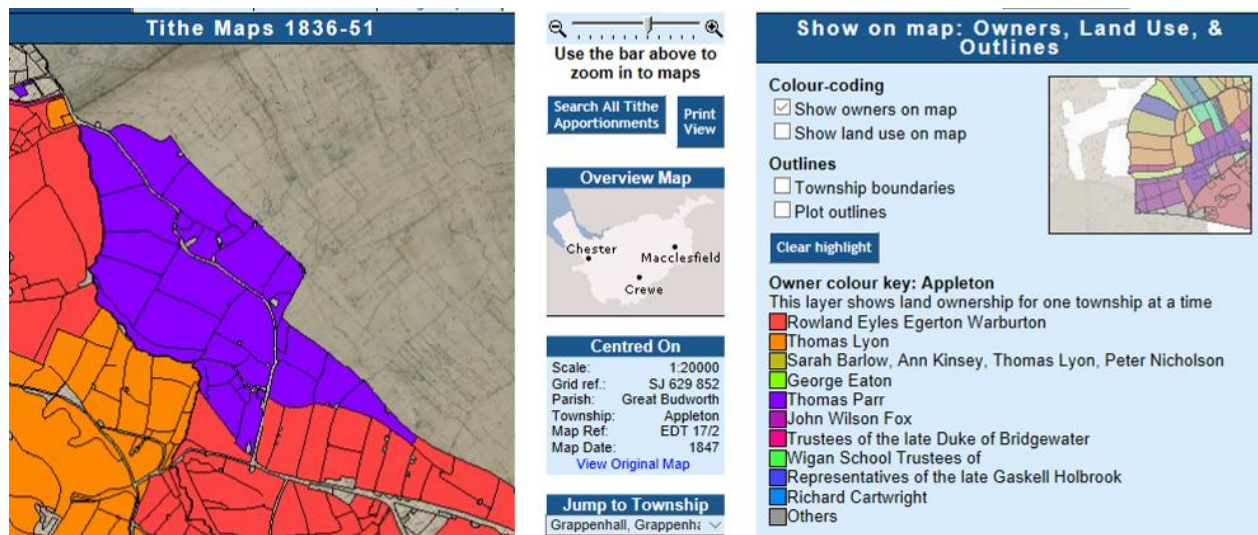


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Address					
Unitary Authority:	Warrington Borough Council				
Parish:	Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council				
Location:	Approximately 3 miles south-east of Warrington				
Grid Ref:	SJ 633854				
Owner:	Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council (walled garden); Woodland Trust (site of former house and surrounding gardens)				
Recorder:	EJW	Date of Site Visit	06 03 2018	Date of Report:	24 03 2018

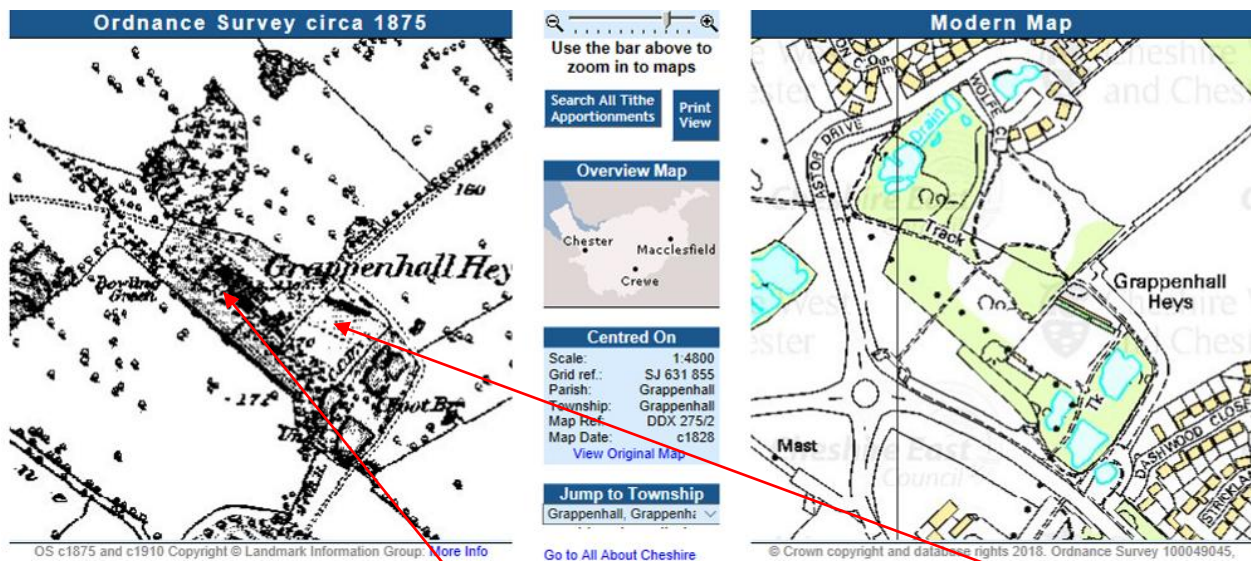
HISTORIC MAPS RELATING TO GRAPPENHALL HEYS

MAP 1¹



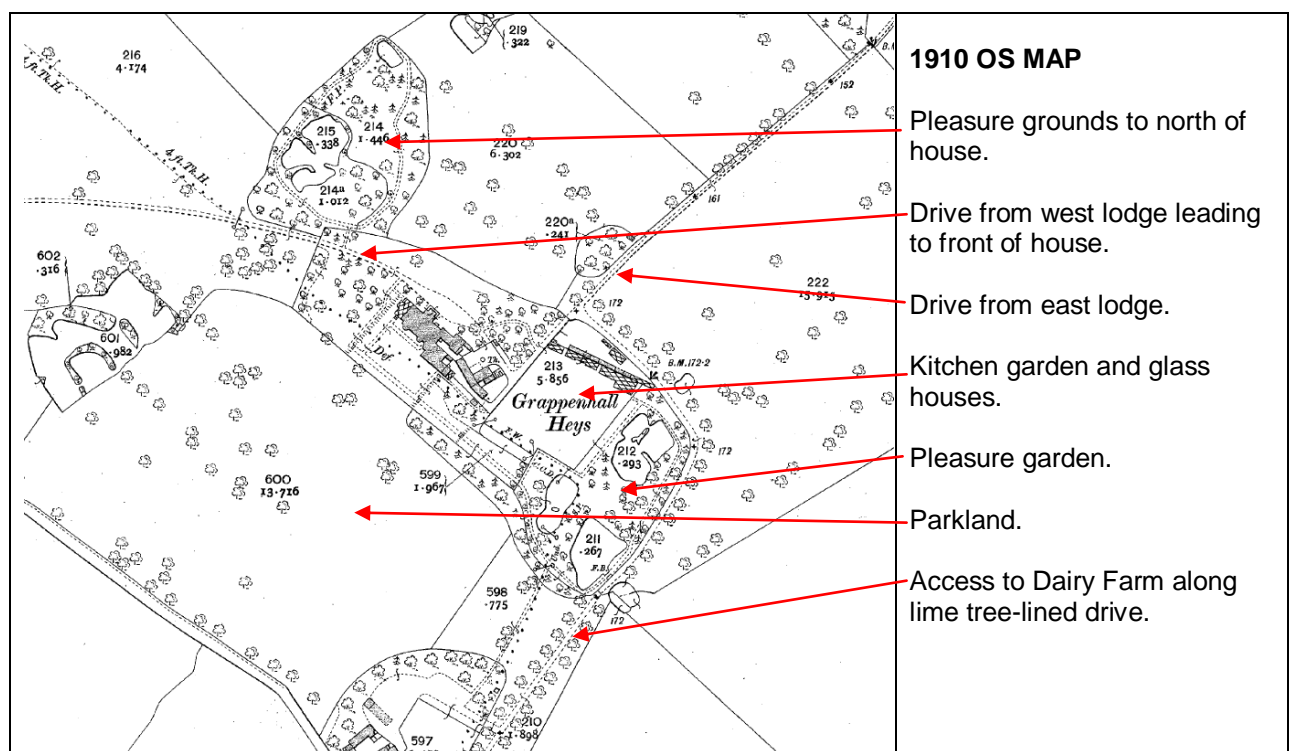
The Parrs had been accumulating land for some years prior to building Grappenhall Heys. The purple indicates land belonging to the Parr family in Appleton but there is more to the north-east. Here the land extends into Grappenhall. This section of the Tithe Map has not been digitised. The house was built on the Grappenhall side of the parish boundary.

MAP 2

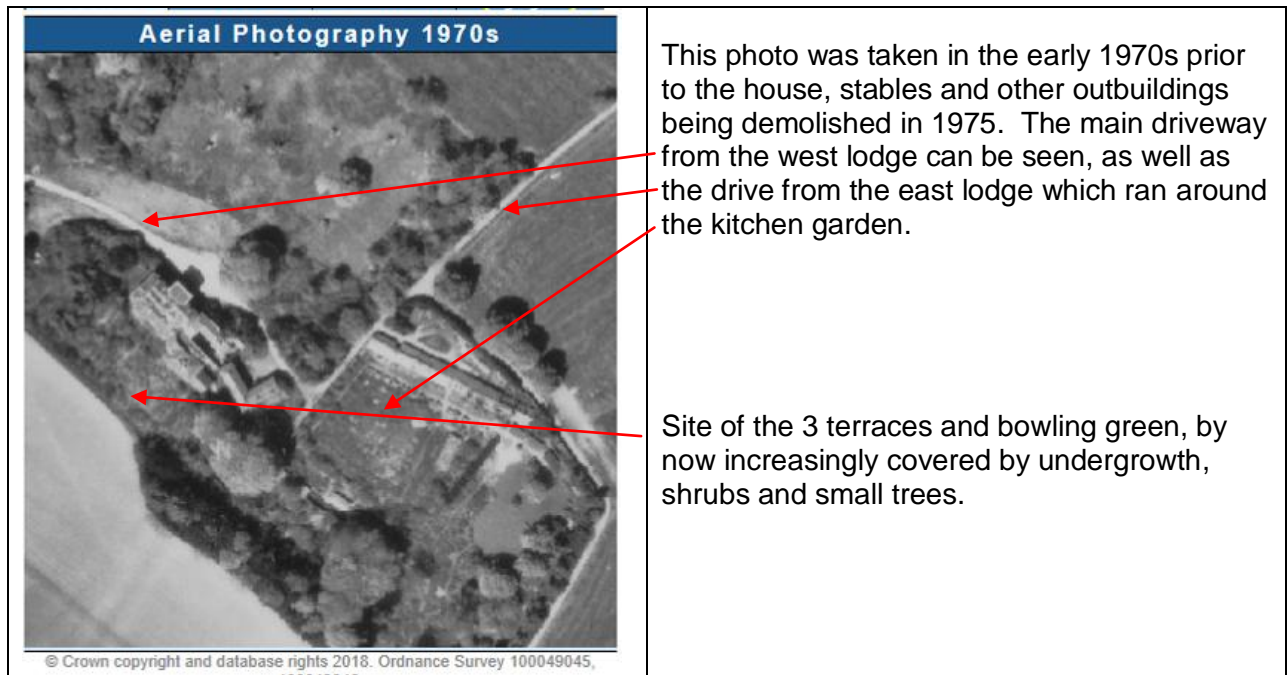


The 1875 OS map shows the house, stables and other outbuildings, along with the kitchen garden and glasshouses. A comparison with a modern map indicates that the layout of this area has been changed by the building of a road system and houses since the 1980s. More housing is planned to the north east of Grappenhall Heys. The footprint of the former house, together with formal and kitchen gardens, remains relatively unchanged. (See also the aerial view 4).

MAP 3



AERIAL VIEW 4²



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

PHOTO 1³



View of house from the north-east with the drive from the west lodge. This photo suggests that the house overlooked parkland and fields rather than gardens. Trees and shrubs make up the planting.

PHOTO 2



This postcard⁴ shows one of the ponds, probably in the pleasure garden next to the kitchen garden (though may have been in House Covert). Here 3 ponds were developed from the marl pits (indicated on the tithe map).

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



PHOTO 3

West lodge on Lumb Brook Road with remains of drive leading to Grappenhall Heys.



PHOTO 4

Site of terraces, now becoming overgrown. The terraces no longer have steps from one to the other (apart from one set down to the former bowling green) and are being eroded where people walk. Remains of a terrace may be seen running across the middle of the photo.



PHOTO 5

The ha-ha which runs NW-SE along the back of the house.



PHOTO 6

On the drive looking west towards the site of the front of the house.



PHOTO 7

The east lodge close to Grappenhall village, looking along the route of the drive to Grappenhall Heys.



PHOTO 8

The restored kitchen garden buildings (potting shed, bothy, etc) at the back of the glasshouses.



PHOTO 9

The gateway the family would have used to gain access to the pleasure garden without passing through the kitchen garden. This lies to the west of the kitchen garden.



PHOTO 10

The former pleasure garden, now restored and open to the public. The kitchen garden is through the gate to the right and is separated from the pleasure garden by a yew hedge. The present day public entrance is at the far end of the path which leads between the ponds.



PHOTO 11

Entrance from the pleasure garden into the restored kitchen garden, looking along the Master's Walk. The stables and house were beyond the wall at the end of the walk.



PHOTO 12

In the former pleasure grounds to the north of the house, known as House Covert.

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² *ibid*

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