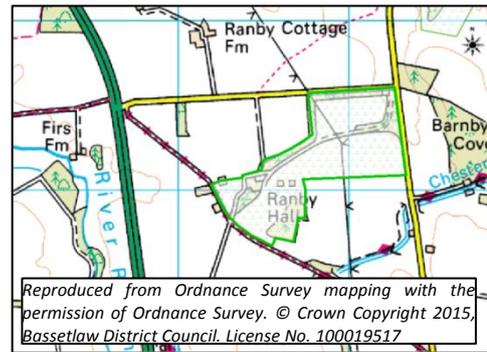


**Unregistered Park & Garden:
Ranby Hall**

**NCC/BDC Ref:
UPG44**

**Date(s):
Late-C18; Mid-C19, 1890s**



Description & historic information:

Late-18th and 19th century landscaped park, set around Ranby Hall, a large grade II* listed country house, mostly late-18th century (around 1775-1800 – the hall doesn't appear on the 1774 map) with early-19th century alterations, together with a series of outbuildings, cottages and a lodge.

Prior to the construction of Ranby Hall, the area was primarily marshy ground, farmland and grazing. It is unknown who built the hall, but possibly John Rogers (of Ranby House) or John Bridgman Simpson (of Babworth Hall). The south elevation of the hall is very similar to the south façade of Carlton Hall, Carlton in Lindrick (built c1783, demolished 1955).



Ranby Hall, south façade.



Carlton Hall, Carlton in Lindrick, built c1783 (demolished).

Other features dating to the original phase of the hall include the stone barn range to the west, the walled kitchen garden, the garden terrace, the ice house (currently hidden by vegetation) the 'ha-ha' and a series of boundary walls.



South wall of kitchen garden.



Ha-ha to south of hall.



Late-18th century main 2 storey barn



The east façade was remodelled in the early-19th century by Hugh Blaydes Esq (born 1777ⁱ), who had likely purchased the site shortly after his marriage in 1800. This saw the east range altered to form 3 storeys (rather than 2) and the construction of a new entrance (note however, the present Doric porch is mid-20th century). The position of the large chimney stacks and the irregular siting of a number of window openings illustrate the changes carried out in the early-19th century. The window surround above the doorway is also typical of the Regency period.



Ranby Hall, east façade, in c1900 (source: www.picturethepast.org.uk) and present day.

Blaydes was probably responsible for the construction of lodges to the north east (originally Barnby Lodge, now called Diggles Lodge) and south east (called Babworth Lodge, demolished mid-20th century), in addition to the sweeping driveways through landscaped park to the east of the hall.



Parkland to south of Ranby Hall

1835 Sanderson's Map (Nottinghamshire County Council, 2003)

In 1828, Ranby Hall was purchased for Anna Maria Pelham-Clinton, Dowager Duchess of Newcastle under Lyne (and mother of the 4th Duke) in 1828ⁱⁱ. She made it her family home, shared with her new husband, Lieutenant General Sir Charles Crauford and her son, the Earl of Lincoln (later the 5th Duke of Newcastle). The Duchess was likely responsible for Hall Farmhouse, the improved walkways, the opening up of vistas through groups of trees and other tree-lined boundaries.



Hall Farmhouse, built c1820s.

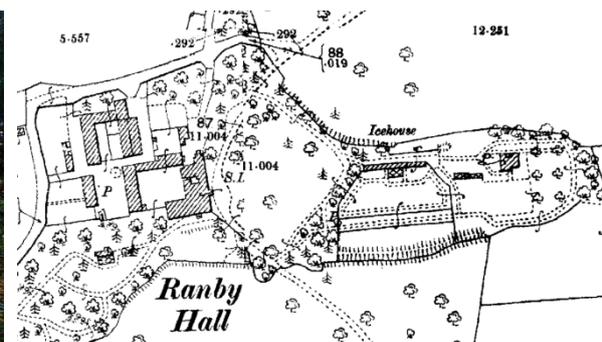


View of Ranby Hall from 1840s (source: *Emma's Sketchbook – Scenes of Nottinghamshire Life in the 1840s*, Nottinghamshire County Council, 2013.

By 1853, Ranby Hall was referred to as being the residence of the 'Ladies Clinton', the unmarried daughters of the 4th Duke. In the later-19th century, further land in the Ranby area was purchased by the 5th Duke of Newcastle. Garden Cottage was added in the 1890s.



West façade of Garden Cottage



1899 Ordnance Survey map, showing Ranby Hall

In the early 20th century Ranby Hall was purchased by Mr J Harold Smith, who then sold it to Mr Charles Francis Darley (a brewer). It then remained in the Darley family until 1983.

Features of significance:

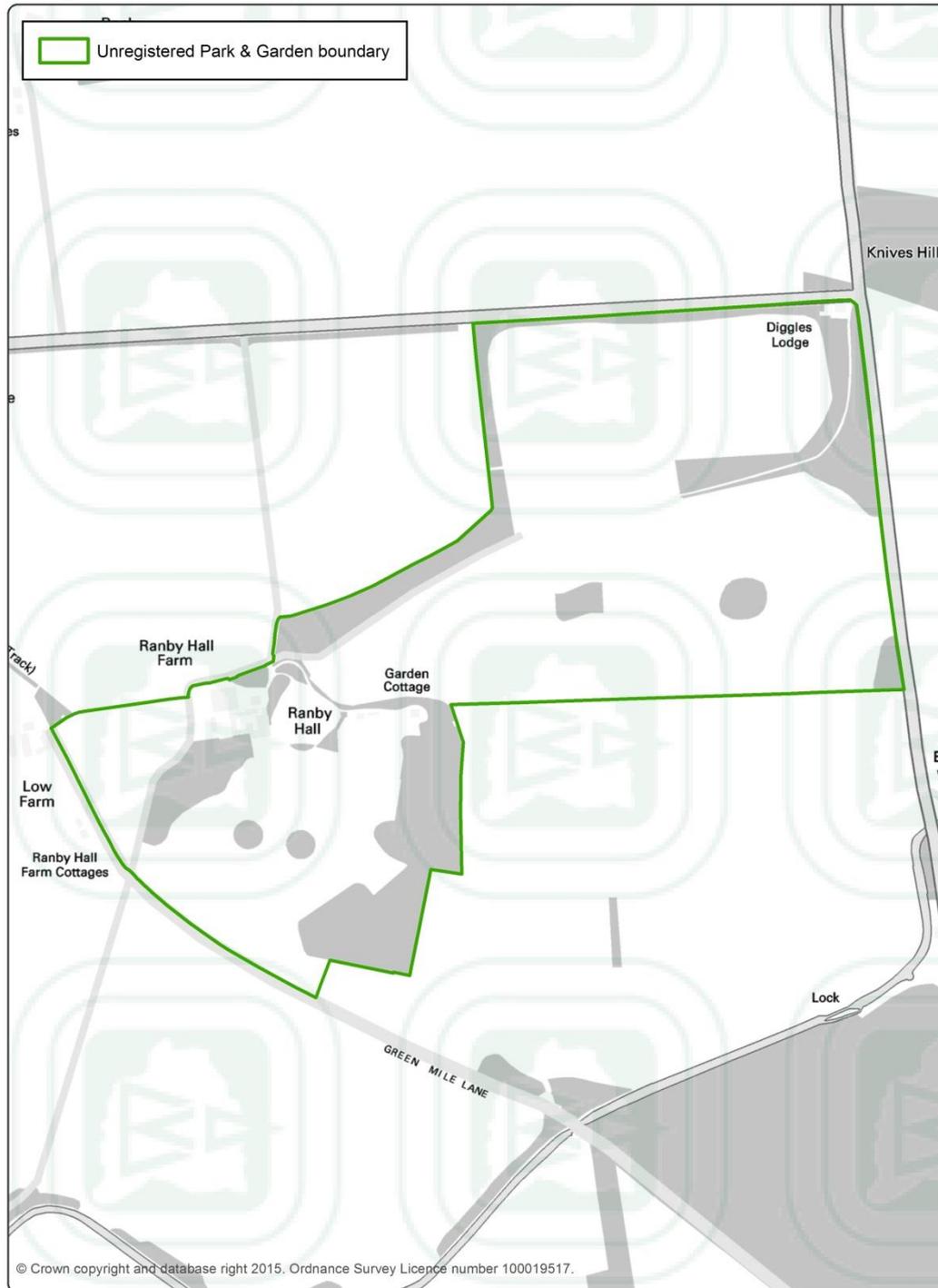
Ranby Hall (grade II*) - although heavily damaged by fire in 1984, Garden terrace (grade II), Barn and stables (grade II), Hall Farmhouse (grade II), remains of ice house, kitchen garden with wall, bothies and glasshouse (curtilage listed), Garden Cottage, Diggles Lodge, tree-lined boundaries, curved driveway through tree-lined route, open vistas, circular wooded areas (possibly rabbit warrens).



Aerial photograph of Rampton Manor, taken 2007 (source: Bassetlaw District Council).

Listed Buildings:	Ranby Hall (grade II* - the kitchen garden is regarded as curtilage listed); Garden Terrace to Ranby Hall (grade II); Barn & Attached Stable Block (grade II); Hall Farmhouse (grade II)
Scheduled Ancient Monuments:	n/a
Conservation Area:	n/a
Local Interest Buildings:	Diggles Lodge, Garden Cottage

Ranby Hall



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