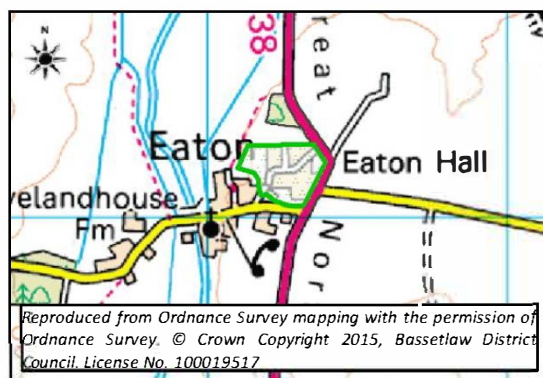


**Unregistered Park & Garden:**  
**Eaton Hall**

**NCC/BDC Ref:**  
**UPG12**

**Date(s):**  
C18, c1831, Late-C19, Early-C20, 1949-50, 1960s



**Description & historic information:**

Eaton Hall is primarily an 18<sup>th</sup> century mansion, re-faced and extended in c1831 and set within large grounds. Much of the landscaping comprises groups of mature trees and lawns, laid out in different periods. Prior to 1831, the main road through the village used to pass immediately to the south of the hall. The hall itself was in a standard mostly rectangular plot, laid out perpendicular to the road. In c1831, the Hon. J.B. Simpson moved the road southwards, planted groups of trees, laid out lawns and re-fronted and extended the hall.

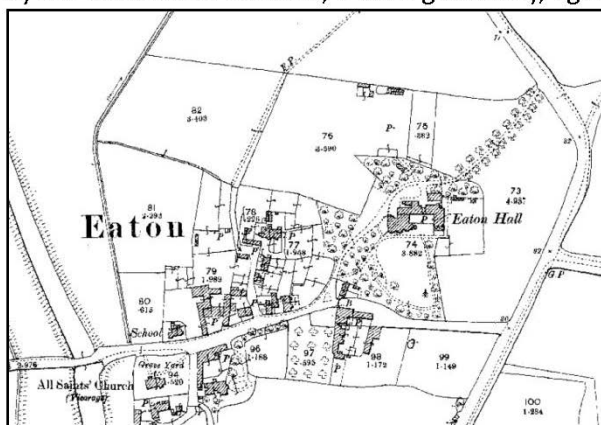


1810 Eaton & Ordsall Map (source: Retford Library)

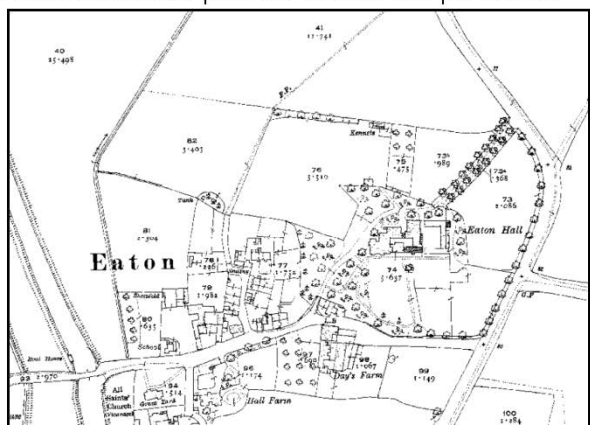


1839 Ordsall & Eaton Tithe Map (source: Retford Library)

In the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, trees were planted either side of the driveway to the north west. In the late-19<sup>th</sup> century, a new lawn surrounded by tree belt was laid out immediately south of the hall. In the early-20<sup>th</sup> century, the field to the south east of the hall was incorporated into the grounds (probably by the tenant Col. Denison, a keen gardener), again with a tree belt planted around the perimeter.



Extract from 1899 Ordnance Survey



Extract from 1920 Ordnance Survey

In 1919, the site was purchased by Charles Kayser, a Sheffield industrialist<sup>ii</sup>. The Keyseres were also keen gardeners, opening their grounds to visitors during the summer. In 1939, Mrs. K.L. Kayser (also a Notts County Councillor and Justice of the Peace) agreed to let the upper floor be used as a maternity hospital for soldiers' wives who had been bombed-out of their homes (mostly from

Leeds). In 1940, the conversion works had been carried out and in 1941, the rest of the building had been converted<sup>iii</sup> and the Kayzers lived in "a farm cottage half a mile away". On 17<sup>th</sup> September 1946, the site became a women's teacher training college. The college was extended in 1949/50. In the 1960s, the college grounds were extended northwards. In 1979, the site became a Nottinghamshire County Council conference centre. In 1985, the site became an Islamic school. In recent years, the c1949 curved building to the north of the hall was demolished and a new accommodation block constructed in its place.



Eaton Hall, 1948 (Source: Bassetlaw Museum)



Eaton Hall, 1960 (Source: Retford Library)

#### Features of significance:

Eaton Hall (grade II listed), belts and clumps of mature trees including around the south and east boundaries, other individual trees, areas of lawn, tree-lined driveway to north east.



Aerial photograph of Eaton Hall, taken 2007 (source: Bassetlaw District Council)

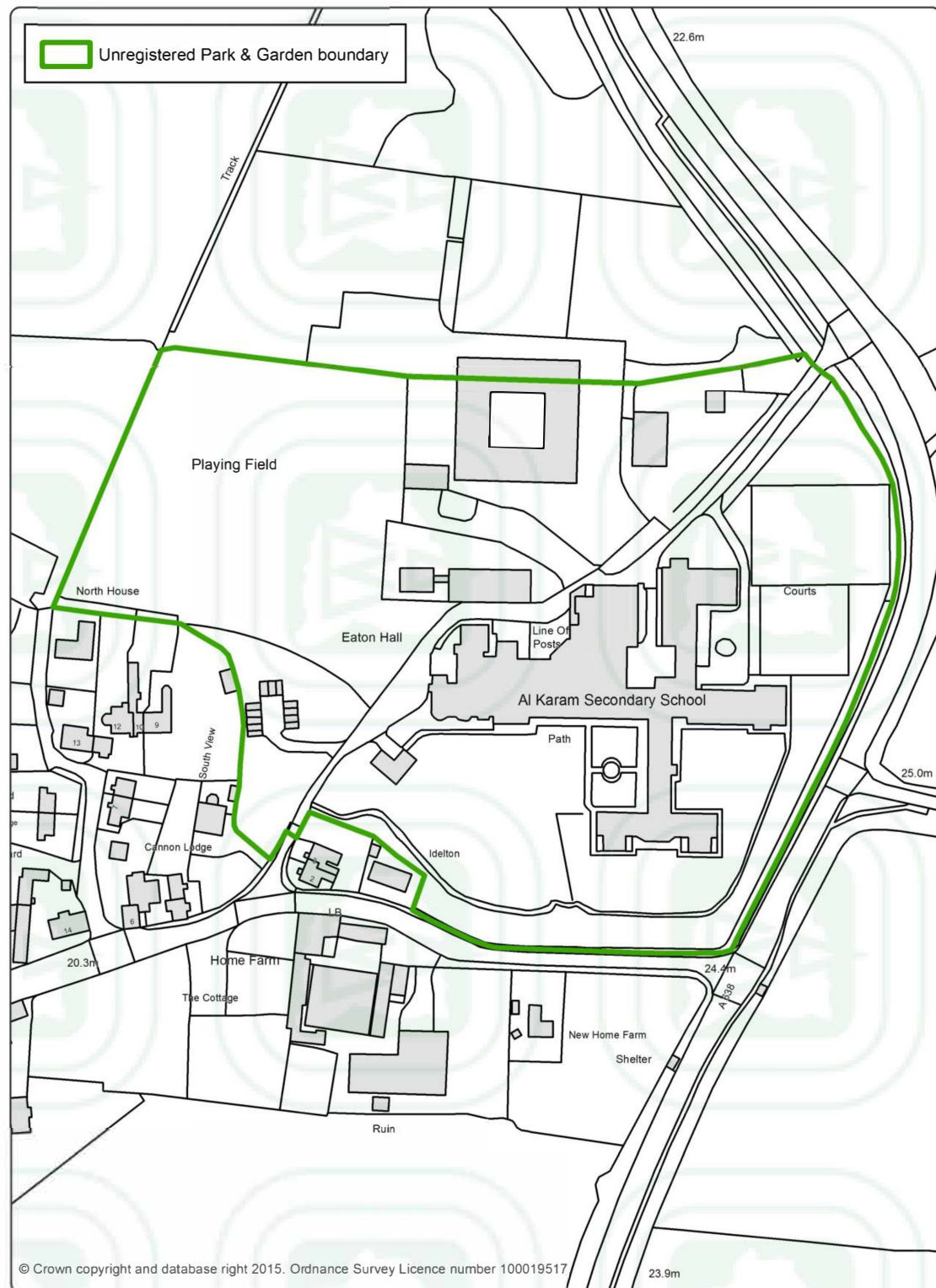


Aerial photograph of Eaton Hall, taken c2012 (source: [www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com))

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Listed Buildings:            | Eaton Hall (grade II) |
| Scheduled Ancient Monuments: | n/a                   |
| Conservation Area:           | n/a                   |
| Local Interest Buildings:    | n/a                   |



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## References:

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<sup>iii</sup> *Nottingham Evening Post*; 7<sup>th</sup> November 1939, 30<sup>th</sup> July 1940 & 11<sup>th</sup> February 1941