

# HISTORIC KIDDERMINSTER PROJECT

Building recording and historical research

**Trimpley House**

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**Report No. 214**

**Grid Ref: SO7933 7836**

**Domestic dwelling**

**LBII/C19**

**SMR: HWCM 09481**

**Date of work**

15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2006/May 2007/Nov 2007

**Photos: [2] 1910 & 2000**

**Present condition of building/feature:** Recently restored

**Map: 1903 OS 6''**

## **Summary**

Trimpley House was built by Joseph Chellingworth and completed in 1806. The stable/coach house block was added in 1875. The house and farm were part of a 506 acre Trimpley estate. This estate was broken up in 1919 with Trimpley House and Farm being sold off separately. The house was bought by Howards of Holbeach and let to the Moreton family until 1938 when American evacuees from Bournemouth moved in.

Lt.Col. & Mrs Reginald Williams-Thomas purchased the house in 1946 and it was the family home until 1960 when Mr & Mrs Nigel Tomkinson bought it. During their occupancy until 1981, the adjacent former coach house and stable block was converted to a domestic dwelling; the squash court was brought up from Franche and an En-tout-Cas tennis court was installed. In 1981 Mr Simon Williams-Thomas [son of Lt Col & Mrs Reginald Williams-Thomas] purchased Trimpley House and together with his wife, Alexina, and their children, again made it his family home. Trimpley House and the adjacent converted coach house/stables [now called The Beeches] came up for sale in 2000 and were bought by Mr & Mrs J Broadhurst. Extensive restoration was carried out with the house being restored to its former glory, the garaging being converted to a games room and The Beeches being extended.

## **Sources of information:**

*Portraits of Trimpley and Habberley / own knowledge / SMR / Simon Williams-Thomas/Sales particulars 1919 and 2000*

## **Description**

Early C19 with some C20 and C21 alterations. Stuccoed brick with hipped slate roof. Three storeys. Modillioned eaves. Central recess, 3 windows – 2 x 16-pane sashes flank a glazing bar sash. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor with a 2 pane casement to the left, a 6 pane sash to centre and an 8 pane sash to the right. The ground floor has band and rustication. The central portico has 2 Doric columns and antae, entablature above [*from Images of England website*]

Inside a 32 ft long reception hall, with a Regency staircase in oak, leads to the Drawing room, Dining room, Family room and large study. An inner hallway beyond the secondary staircase gives

access to a breakfast kitchen, pantry and garden lobby. There were originally 10 bedrooms but in 2000 there were 8 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. Extensive restoration was carried out in the early 2000's when the adjoining garaging was converted to a games room. New garaging and an office were built to the north side of the house.

## **Research Results**

- 1806 Trimpley House completed by Joseph, second son of Henry & Elizabeth Chellingworth. The house was their family home
- 1875 Stable block built
- 18?? Mr. Arnold Crane Rogers of Trimpley House [*from the will of E N Crane*] Here until his death in 1914
- 1919 Sales Particulars for Trimpley Estate which included Trimpley House. At this time the farm and land were separated from Trimpley House. Only 11 acres of land was retained.
- 1920's The Howards from Holbeache bought Trimpley House and let it to the Moreton family until 1938
- 1937 Electoral Register shows Charles and Charity Morton at Trimpley House
- 1938-45 lived in by American evacuees from Bournemouth.
- 1946 Lt. Col & Mrs Reginald Williams-Thomas and family bought Trimpley House
- 1946 Part of third floor converted to granny flat
- 1955 Stable block converted to deep-litter chicken pens
- 1960 Nigel & Joy Tomkinson and family
- 1962 Squash Court brought from Franche
- 1963 Adjacent former Coach House and Stables converted to domestic dwelling
- 1965 En-Tout-Cas tennis court installed
- 1970 House roof replaced
- 1980 Register of Electors shows Nigel and Joy Tomkinson and two children at Trimpley House
- 1981 Simon and Alexina Williams-Thomas and family
- 1982 Seven blocked-in windows were opened up. Electrics and heating replaced.
- 1983 New entrance put in [Planning Appl. WF835/83]
- 1990 Former Coach House, Stables and garages conversion - altered into a four bedroomed dwelling – 'The Beeches' WF481/89
- 1998 Squash court and conservatory rebuilt
- 2000 - 2008 Trimpley House owned and occupied by Mr & Mrs John Broadhurst and children as their family home.
- 2008 Trimpley House again on the market

## **Bibliography**

- Kidderminster Foreign Portraits of Trimpley and Habberley – Edited by Nigel Gilbert [p.14/15]*  
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*Sales particulars 1919 and 2000*

Photographs

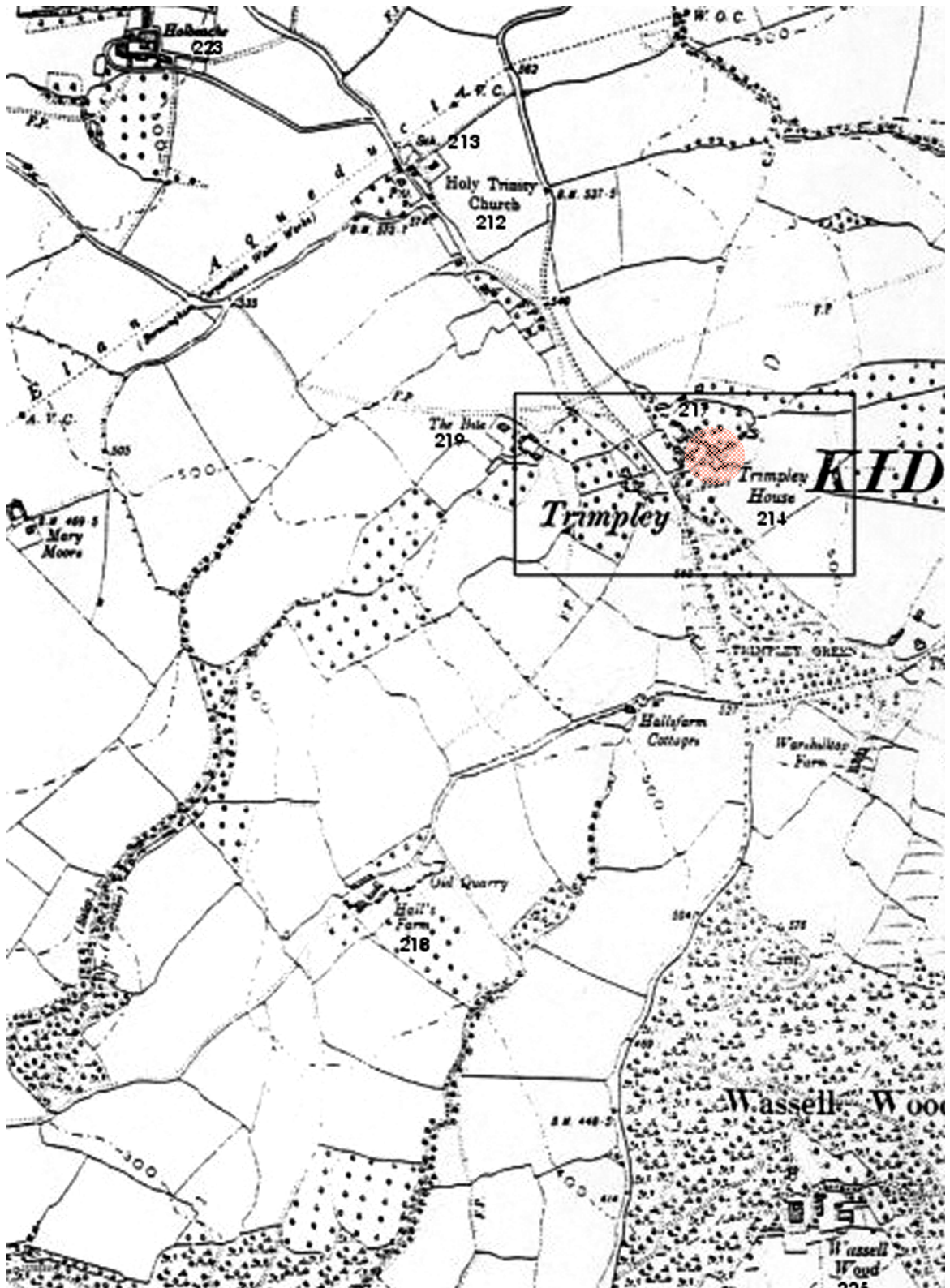


**Trimpley House c1910**



**Trimpley House 2000**

Location



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