The Bottle & Glass in Saxmundham

Kevin Gale, August 2016 (work in progress)

The has been some interest recently (2016) to know the location of the old inn or beer-house called the 'Bottle & Glass'.

Local recollection places it along the old road into Saxmundham (now a footpath). Derelict at the time it was pulled down, the building is still remembered by some local residents.

Early records from the 1830's and 1840's include a reference to the Bottle & Glass. Overlaying both the tithe map of 1841 and an 1837 map onto one from the modern day, the building position is within a patch of overgrown land surrounded by the Brook Farm estate, to the west of the primary school.

1841 Tithe Map

Overlaying the 1841 tithe map (below) seems to agree that this location is probably correct.





Overlayed maps

1841 Tithe map

1837 Cassini Old Series map

This shows a similar location for the Bottle & Glass (right).

1841 Census

There are two property entries for the Bottle & Glass in the 1841 census. Two families both with the surname of Scase. The main workers from each family are Henry (31) and Mark (23), both listed as agricultural labourers.

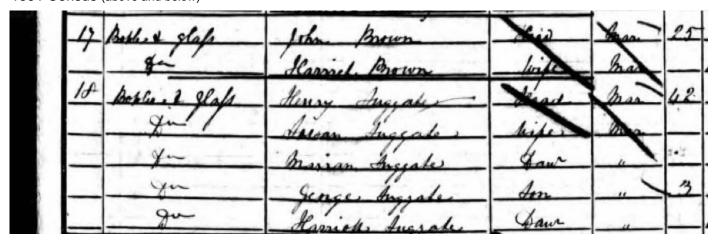
Perhaps the Bottle & Glass was no longer operating as a beer-house and had been split into two properties by this time.

1851 Census (shown next page)

There are also two entries for the Bottle & Glass in the 1851 census and the occupations of the residents, the Suggets and the Browns, are recorded as labourers.

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1851 Census (above and below)



1881 Census

An extract from the 1881 Census includes an entry for the Bottle & Glass with a Robert Ward, listed as a bricklayer, together with his wife Eliza (and children).

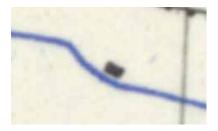
1905 OS Six Inch Map

The change of use to housing seems to be confirmed as the OS maps started to label the building(s) as 'Carlton Green Cottage' from around 1905. It is interesting to note the area of land in which the building is situated, it remains roughly the same today. The land is also a similar area to that shown on the 1841 tithe map.



1959 OS Map

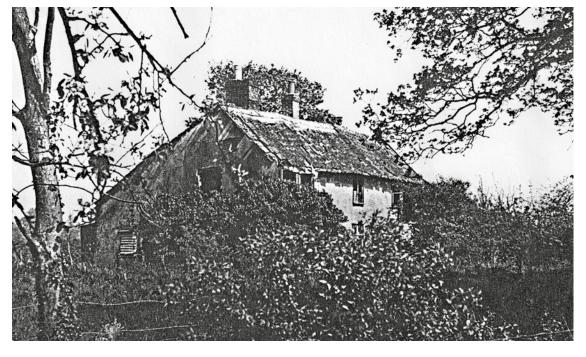
A building is still marked on the OS map from 1959 but is unlabelled.



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Two photographs show the delerict state of the building by the late 1950s.





The Site Today

Position: 52 13 8.87 N 1 28 52.94 E

The ground, roughly 50 metres west of the Saxmundham Primary School, appears more level compared to the surrounding area. Debris, including bricks, slabs and roof tiles, is clearly visable in this overgrown area next to the small stream that runs through the Brook Farm Estate.



The photographs were taken at this location



Roof tile



Remains of walls foreground and background



Hops still grow (wild) which may be a clue to the former use of the site.



Bricks attached still bonded to a beam or lintel

Lidar Mapping

The results from a LIDAR survey may show the debris of the old building. The boundary of the surrounding land remains similar to that shown on the 1905 map.



Further information

The website of the National Library of Scotland hosts a very useful tool that allows old maps, such as the 1905 OS six inch, to be overlaid onto a modern map. The transparency of the old map can be varied to allow comparison between the two maps. This clearly shows a building referred to as 'Carlton Green Cottage' at the site where the Bottle & Glass would have been.

http://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=16&lat=52.2207&lon=1.4807&layers=6