

Early Fabric in Historic Towns Project Southwell

25 – 27 King Street, Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0EH

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Initial survey date: 13/03/2014

Listings:

English Heritage Building ID: 242388

Grade II

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Nottinghamshire HER entry: 3.70.106

Maps:

There is a buildings marked in this location in a Southwell Town Centre map dated 1785 and it is present on the 1841 Tithe Map and Apportionment Book (item no: 76) [1]. In 1841 the premises were described as a house and stable yard and owned and occupied by Samuel Horsley.



Description of Building:

This is a 3 storey street building under a pantile covered gabled roof with a stretcher brick chimney in the gable wall with 3 pots at the south western end, a stretcher irregular sized brick built chimney in the centre with 2 rows of 3 pots which looks as though it was built as 1 unit. The dentilated head of the chimney is 4 courses high and the stack is higher at the southern end. The bricks on the south west chimney appear to be more uniform in size, in better condition and could be of engineering quality. There is no chimney at the north eastern end of the ridge line. There is a dentilated (dog tooth) cornice stretching along both properties.

The kink in the building between nos 25 and 27 follows the bend in the road. The central carriage way at this point appears to be associated with number 27 rather than 25. The ceiling of the passage way has exposed beams with and a reed floor. The passage way leads to a rear range of several phases with large chamfered ceiling beam on the ground floor.

Unlike the chimneys the wall the front are arranged in a largely Flemish bond pattern. No. 25 is a 2 unit 3 storey construction whilst no 27 appears to be of a single unit arrangement. They have been much altered at the ground level to reflect their present usage. No 25 has a glazed Palladian style blue glazed front door with 3 large panes with semi-circular heads on either side of the door. No 27 has a rectangular wooden door with a single pane of glass in the top half. It is angled into the passage way. The front window has 3 vertical panes with simple semi-circular battens across the top. The 3 first floor windows are large hung sash windows of 2 panes each (1 over 1). The framework across the top is curved in shape with segmental rubbed brick work above. There are 3 more windows directly above the first floor windows. These are also double sash windows, but the top section swivels out rather than slides down. There are 3 small panes in each row. The head of the window is directly into the cornice.

No 27 is extended along the back and divided into separate premises.

Interpretation:

Originally 3 houses, attached cottages and a former bake-house the premises have been altered over the years to now 2 shops and 4 flats. To the rear there are 2 parallel, 2 storey ranges flanking a courtyard. The north range consists of 2 late C18 cottages, with segment headed ground floor openings and mainly Yorkshire sashes. The south

side has to the left, in the return angle, a hipped projection, and to its right, a single storey glazed corridor linked to a former bake house.



Plate 1: King Street from opposite the Library towards 25 - 27, view looking north east.



Plate 2: The south facing front of 25 King Street, view looking north.



Plate 3: The chimneys, showing the dentilated upper courses of brick, viewed looking north east.



Plate 4: The dentilated, dog tooth, cornice, viewed looking north.



Plate 5: The hung sash window, viewed looking north.



Plate 6: The passage way between 25 & 27, viewed looking north.



Plate 7: The beams and reed ceiling in the passage way, viewed looking south.

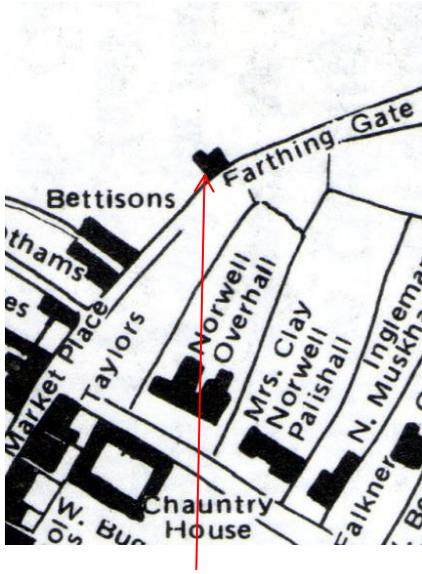


Plate 8: Southwell Town centre map of 1785, King Street was then known as Farthingate.



Plate 9: The 1841 Tithe Map of central King Street showing the location of 25 – 27.

[1] Ref: Nottinghamshire County Council: Nottinghamshire Archive: AT123 1b/1c

