

Early Fabric in Historic Towns Project Southwell

Market House 58 King Street, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, NG25 0EN

Grid Reference: SK 7022 5406

Initial Survey: 04/03/2014

Listing:

English Heritage Building ID: 242395

Grade II

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Nottinghamshire HER entry 3.70.113

Maps:



Market House appears on the 1842 Tithe Map and in the Apportionment Book [1] as plot number 27, owned by the devices of Richard Machin but occupied by Francis Townrow and another. It is described as houses and gardens.

Description of building

Market House is a rectangular brick cottage, running parallel to and facing north-west onto King Street. It comprises a 3 unit, two storey building with further accommodation in the loft as evidenced by loft windows inserted in both gable ends. To the rear there are 2 small out-shut extensions and a possible cellar. It is a single room deep, brick building which has been raised in height and a Georgian facade added. Brickwork is Flemish bond. It has a rendered plinth with an airbrick (cellar?), integral boot scraper and central (offset) doorway with stone threshold. There are two brick plat bands above ground floor and first floor windows and dentilated brick cornice eaves beneath the guttering. The frontage has eight vertical sash windows of varying dimensions. Southern (RH) unit has four 6 over 6 glazed, Georgian sash windows, one of which is slightly, but visibly larger than other three. The central unit has two 4 over 4 sashes probably to allow extra light into the entrance lobby and stairway. The northern bay has 8 over 8 on ground floor and 6 over 6 on 1st floor. All windows have segmental arched heads and have, at some stage, had shutters opening to the side as shown by differentiated weathering on adjacent brickwork.

The north-east gable end has horizontal sash window to light the loft space and shows two distinct phases of brickwork, 1.5 storey raised to 2.5 storey and evidence of original doorway to north bricked up. The south-west corner of the southern gable also has a horizontal sash to light loft space and a distinct straight joint between original brick gable and Georgian facade. The roof, of pantile construction has raised parapet gables at either end. There are two chimney stacks, one, the original, projecting out of the south-west gable and one projecting from the rear external wall of the phase 2 building originating in the phase 3 out-shut.

Interpretation

This is probably an early C18th building which at some time has been raised and re-fronted. There are 3 apparent building phases. Phase 1, pre or early 1700 was a rectangular 3 unit cottage of one and a half storeys, heated at one end (original brick chimney in south-west gable), with original doorway in north-east gable. Phase two (c.1700) the brick built gable ends were partially retained and a new brick-built, two storey facade, rear and raised parapet gables added to increase accommodation on the first floor (and loft space). The new stone plinth and brick facade is of a superior quality to the original brickwork, evidencing increasing status of the building. Phase 3, a rear out-shut was added on south-east corner and to north-east corner to provide improved domestic facilities, including kitchen ranges.



Plate 1: General context of Market House, King Street, viewed looking south-west.

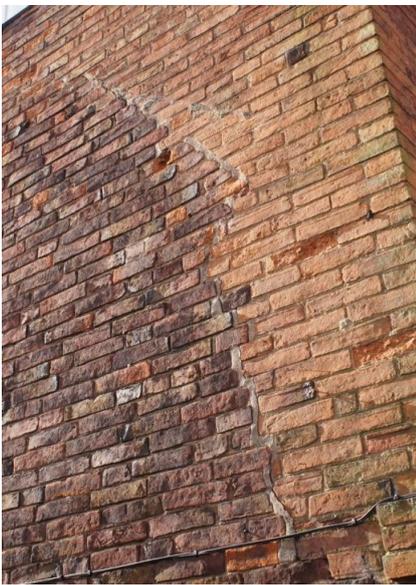


Plate 3: The north-east gable end showing detail of Phase 1 roof line and phase 2 raised gable and later Georgian façade, viewed looking south-west.



Plate 4: South-west gable end chimney stack, viewed looking south-east.

Plate 5: 1841 Tithe map showing no 58 as plot 27.



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

