

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) is a systematic programme of identification, classification and evaluation of the architectural heritage of the State⁶. The Meath Development Plan 2021 – 2027⁷ and the Offaly Development Plan 2021 - 2027⁸ were consulted. The plans include policy objectives for the protection of each county’s archaeological and architectural heritage. Architectural heritage is protected through their inclusion in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) or in Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA). The RPS is a list of every structure which is of special architectural, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest within the council’s functional area. Sites within the study area are listed below.

Reg.No. 14404601
RPS No. Meath 91460



County	Meath
Townland	Harristown
ITM	E. 661591m, N. 739871m
Original Use	Country House
In Use As	Country House
Date	1840-1860
Rating	Regional
Cat. Spec. Int.	Architectural, Artistic, Historical, Technical
Description	Detached three-bay two-storey over basement house, built c.1850. Gabled projecting central bay approached by flight of limestone steps. Hipped slate roof with carved timber dentils to eaves soffits. Pair of rendered chimneystacks with clay pots. Timber sash windows with limestone sills. Entrance porch and single-storey addition to rear, c. 1980. Limestone ashlar entrance piers with cast-iron gates. Cast-iron piers, railings and gates.
Appraisal	The simple form of Harristown House is enlivened by the gabled breakfront and the retention of many original features and materials, such as the slate roof, timber sash windows and limestone steps. The setting of the house is enhanced by the related outbuildings to the site, the entrance gates and the cast-iron railings.

⁶ <https://archaeology.ie>; <https://buildingsofireland.ie>

⁷ <https://www.meath.ie/council/council-services/planning-and-building/development-plans/meath-county-development-plan>

⁸ <https://www.offaly.ie/c/county-development-plan/>

NIAH No.
RPS No.

14404602
Meath 91461



County
Townland
ITM
Original Use
In Use As
Date
Rating
Cat. Spec. Int.
Description

Meath
Harristown
E. 661616m, N. 739889m
Farmyard Complex
Farmyard Complex
1840-1860
Regional
Architectural, Technical
Roughly dressed rubble limestone farmyard buildings arranged around a cobbled courtyard, built c.1850. Slate and corrugated metal sheet roofs. Two storey coach house with pedimented south gable to north-west corner. Cast-iron diamond paned windows to ground floor and ashlar dressings to first floor window openings. Remains of former walled garden to south of courtyard.

Appraisal

This group of outbuildings forms an interesting group of related structures with the house, gates and remains of the walled garden. The survival of many interesting features and materials such as the cast-iron windows, slate roofs and cobbled courtyard enhance the group. An interesting architectural feature of the group is the pedimented gable.

NIAH No.
RPS No.

14911002
Offaly 17-53



County
Townland
ITM
Original Use
In Use As
Date
Rating
Cat. Spec. Int.

Offaly
Jonestown
E. 660482m, N. 734144m
Post Box
Post Box
1910-1920
Regional
Artistic, Social, Technical

Description Cast-iron post box, c.1915, set within red brick gate pier to Jonestown House. GR royal cipher with crown symbol above letter aperture. Maker's mark 'W.T. Allen & Co. London' to base.

Appraisal Located at crossroads on the road to Edenderry, this post box is still in use. The cast detail of the royal cipher provides an artistic significance to this functional object. It identifies the reign of George V (1910-1921). The London firm of founders, W.T. Allen & Co., was in operation from 1881-1955.

NIAH No. 14911021
RPS No. Offaly 17-57



County Offaly
Townland Edenderry, Rath, Rathmore (Co. By.)
ITM E. 660988m, N. 731719m
Original Use Bridge
In Use As Bridge
Date 1790-1800
Rating Regional
Cat. Spec. Int. Architectural, Scientific, Technical
Description Single-arch masonry accommodation bridge, built c.1795, over the Grant Canal. Random rubble construction. Arch is semi-elliptical in profile. Finely dressed voussoirs. Towpath on both sides. Parapets with dressed limestone coping. String course across faces extending to terminal piers. Humped deck and ramped approaches.

Appraisal This accommodation bridge is now used by pedestrians only who use the former towpaths along the canal as a valuable recreational facility. Typical in its design and construction to other bridges along this stretch of the canal, Rathmore Bridge forms part of an interesting group of canal related structures. This section of the canal was opened in 1797.

NIAH No. 14911006
RPS No. Offaly 17-58



County	OffalyTownland	Monasteroris
ITM	E. 660894m, N. 732978m	
Original Use	Country House	
In Use As	House	
Date	1760-1800	
Rating	Regional	
Cat. Spec. Int.	Architectural	
Description	<p>Detached U-plan five-bay two-storey former country house, built c.1780, with central pedimented breakfront and flanking single-storey pavilions and extension to rear elevation. Burned and rebuilt c.1940. Hipped slate roof with rendered chimneystacks and profiled cast-iron rainwater goods. Ashlar limestone front elevation, rendered side and rear elevations with tooled limestone quoins, limestone eaves course and plinth course. Square-headed window openings with limestone surrounds with keystones and sills and replacement aluminium windows. Group of three windows above entrance porch. Square-headed door opening with limestone architrave surround, limestone cornice supported by corbels and a timber panelled door. Door set within a semi-circular entrance porch supported by limestone Doric columns and accessed up seven limestone steps flanked by wrought-iron railings. Two-storey ranges to rear enclose yard and create flanking set-back pavilions to the main house. Hipped slate roofs with terracotta ridge tiles, pebbledashed walls, Diocletion and square-headed window openings and carriage arch and square-headed door openings with limestone surrounds to outbuildings. Walled gardens to south and south-east of house. Front site accessed through octagonal limestone piers. Gate missing. Gate lodge and entrance gates to road. Icehouse to south of house.</p>	

Appraisal	<p>Although destroyed by fire in the first half of the twentieth century, the fine ashlar limestone was reused when the house was rebuilt and makes a valuable contribution to the architectural significance of the house. The extensive outbuildings to the rear yard with limestone dressings and walled gardens to the rear of the yard enhance the setting of the house. An icehouse survives on the property. The entrance gates and gate lodge provide a suitably elegant approach to this grand house.</p>
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NIAH No.	14911013
RPS No.	Offaly 17-59



County	Offaly
Townland	Monasteroris
ITM	E. 660857m, N. 732816m
Original Use	Icehouse
In Use As	-
Date	1760-1800
Rating	Regional

Cat. Spec. Int. Description Architectural, Technical
 Circular-domed partly subterranean former icehouse, built c.1780, with tunnel extending to north. No longer in use. Random limestone vaulted dome visible from exterior with random coursed entrance elevation. Segmental-headed door opening leads to rendered porch giving access to brick-lined tunnel and ice dome.

Appraisal The icehouse to Monasteroris House survives and is located adjacent to the extensive walled gardens. It has a double wall, the outer wall of which, is constructed of limestone while the inner wall is lined in red brick. Unlike most other icehouses, this icehouse has an entrance porch leading to the dome.

NIAH No. 14911015
RPS No. Offaly 16-15



County Offaly
 Townland Ballinla
 ITM E. 657279m, N. 731956m
 Original Use farm house
 In Use As -
 Date 1840-1845
 Rating Regional
 Cat. Spec. Int. ARCHITECTURAL, ARTISTIC
 Description Detached three-bay two-storey farmhouse, built 1842, on an L-shaped plan; two-bay (south) or single-bay (north) two-storey side elevations. Occupied, 1901; 1911. Disused, 2004. Hip-topped hipped slate roof on an L-shaped plan with clay or terracotta ridge tiles, rendered chimney stacks on rendered bases having concrete capping supporting terracotta tapered pots, and cast-iron rainwater goods on exposed timber rafters retaining cast-iron downpipes. Roughcast walls on rendered plinth with rendered quoins to corners. Camber-headed central door opening in camber-headed recess with two cut-limestone steps, rendered block-and-start surround centred on keystone having chamfered rebated reveals framing glazed timber panelled door having overlight. Square-headed window openings with cut-limestone sills, and rendered block-and-start surrounds centred on keystones framing six-over-six (ground floor) or three-over-six (first floor) timber sash windows. Set in landscaped grounds with rendered piers to perimeter having gabled capping supporting wrought iron-detailed looped flat iron double gates.

Appraisal A farmhouse representing an important component of the mid nineteenth-century domestic built heritage of County Offaly with the architectural value of the composition confirmed by such attributes as the compact plan form centred on a rebated doorcase showing Art Nouveau-esque stained glass; and the diminishing in scale of the openings on each floor producing a graduated visual impression. Having been well maintained, the form and massing survive intact together with substantial quantities of the original fabric, both to the exterior and to the interior, thus upholding the character or integrity of a farmhouse having historic connections

with the Lewis family including Thomas Lewis (d. 1881), 'Farmer late of Ballinla House Edenderry King's County' (Calendars of Wills and Administrations 1881, 373); and David William Lewis (1866-1909), 'Farmer late of Ballina [sic] Edenderry King's County' (Calendars of Wills and Administrations 1910, 245).