

LOOP HEAD SURVEY

COMPLETED DURING HERITAGE WEEK 2008







INTRODUCTION

During the Heritage Week 2008 under the supervision of Simon Large County Archaeologist a number of volunteers met in the village of Cross, West Clare. Our purpose was to record all dwellings, modern and vernacular, along two selected routes.

We were interested in the survival/condition of earlier, c.1840-1860 dwellings and their relationship to the landscape as well as the relationship of more recent/modern dwelling to the landscape.

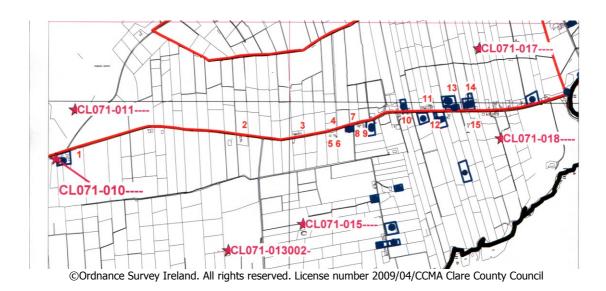
Each dwelling was photographed externally, and when appropriate internally. A simple plan of each dwelling was also completed. Finally, a standard recording form was used to describe each dwelling noting particular items of interest. The location of each dwelling was confirmed on a map. During the writing up the locations were converted to Irish Grid references.

This was a one day survey conducted by a small group of people on a day of mixed weather; however some interesting trends were identified. Nearly all early dwellings were situated near the road. The majority were parallel to the road; however when the dwelling was exposed to the coast the gable-end faced the sea. The majority were single storey. All though the sample was small, a significant number of the early dwellings were still occupied.

The more recently constructed dwellings were set back from the road occasionally a considerable distance. Most dwellings were $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 storey construction. The orientation of the modern dwellings was consistently parallel to the road.

A more extended survey of the region could possibly provide sufficient data for statically reliable conclusions, possibly confirming the earlier limited conclusions. While surveys of a similar size and nature, in different regions of Clare, could highlight similarities and differences.

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Route 1

Route No:	1	Reference No:	1
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha South
National Grid Ref:	70 690 147 656	Six Inch Sheet No:	3
Orientation(long axis):	North / South	No. of Stories:	1
House Type:	Detatched	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	4	No. Windows Back	3
Lintels:		Material:	
No. Doors Front:		No. Doors Back:	
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof	Yes	Type Hipped or Gable:	Hipped
Barges	Yes		
External Length	14m	External Width:	5m
Rendered:	Yes		

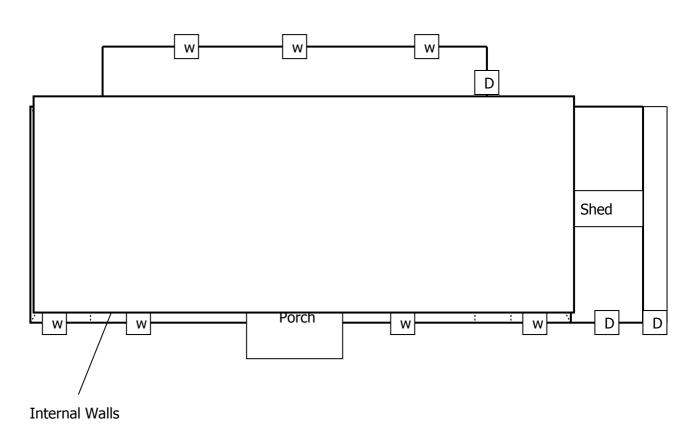
External Buildings, brief description:
Small shed, old barn(stone) and two modern barns.

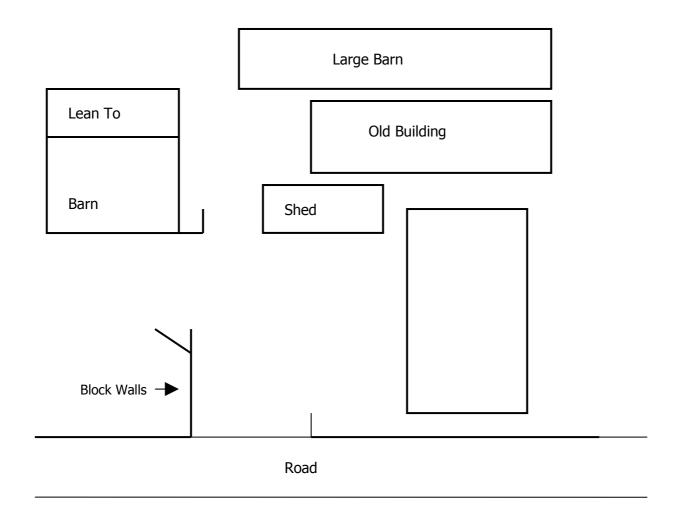
Description of house setting:
Perpendicular to road, currently occupied, modernized. Several out-buildings and yard.

Photographs of site:









Route No:	1	Reference No:	2
	<u> 1</u>		
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha South
National Grid Ref:	71 194 147 880	Six Inch Sheet No:	3
Orientation(long axis):	East / West	No. of Stories:	1
House Type:	Detatched	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	3	No. Windows Back	3
Lintels:		Material:	
No. Doors Front:		No. Doors Back:	0
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof	Yes	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	Yes		
External Length	38ft	External Width:	18ft 9"
Rendered:	Yes		
External Buildings, br	ief description		

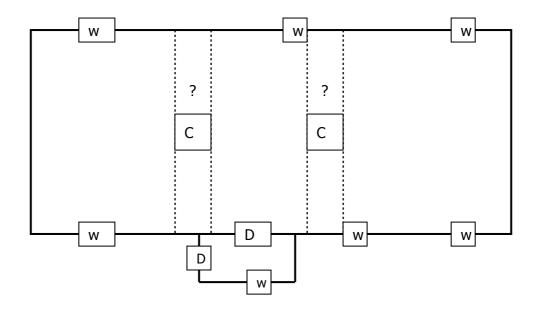
Concrete sheds.

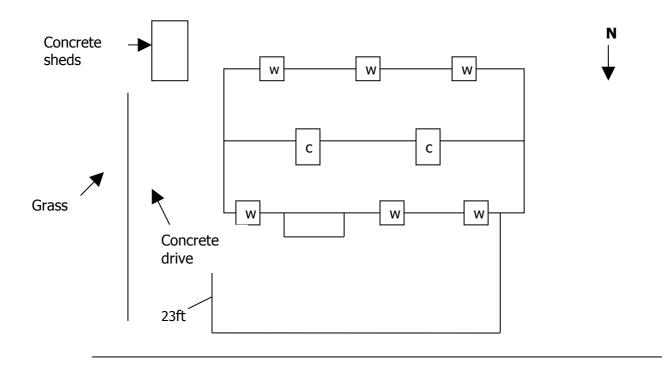
Description of house setting:

Photographs of site.



Sketch: Showing approximate location of windows (w), doors (D), bays (internal partitions), chimneys (C), fireplaces, porch, floor type: wood, stone, earth:





Road

Route No:	1	Reference No:	3
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha North
National Grid Ref:	72 048 147 844	Six Inch Sheet No:	3
Orientation(long axis):	East / West	No. of Stories:	1
House Type:	Detatched	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	3	No. Windows Back	4
Lintels:		Material:	
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	1
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof	Yes (felt)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	No		
External Length	43ft	External Width:	20ft
Wall Thickness:	500mm	Wall Material:	Stone
Rendered:	Yes	Road / Track to house:	No

Two fireplaces- hearth each side chimney in two rooms.

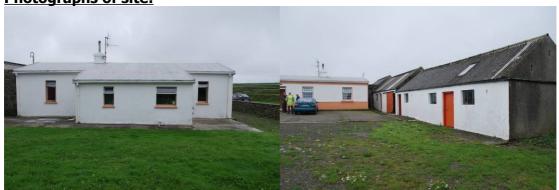
External Buildings, brief description:

Long stone sheds at right angles to house and Dutch barn.

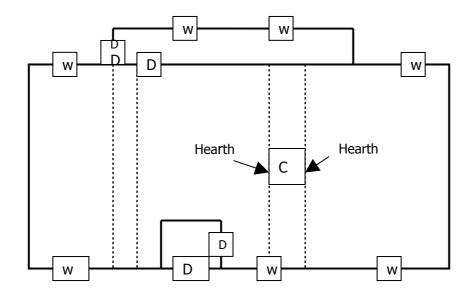
Description of house setting:

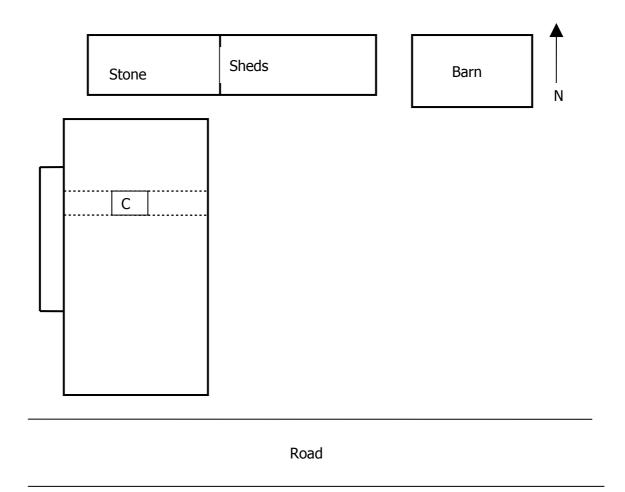
Right angle to road.

Photographs of site:









Route No:	1	Reference No:	4
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha North
National Grid Ref:	72 267 147 818	Six Inch Sheet No:	3
Orientation(long axis):	East / West	No. of Stories:	
House Type:		Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	2	No. Windows Back	None
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Stone
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	1
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof	No	Type Hipped or Gable:	
Barges	No		
External Length	39ft	External Width:	17ft
Wall Thickness:	24 inches	Wall Material:	Stone
Rendered:	No	Road / Track to house:	No

Converted to cow shed. Windows filled with stone and blocks. Doorway widened at front. Back doorway in tact. Corrugated roof.

External Buildings, brief description:

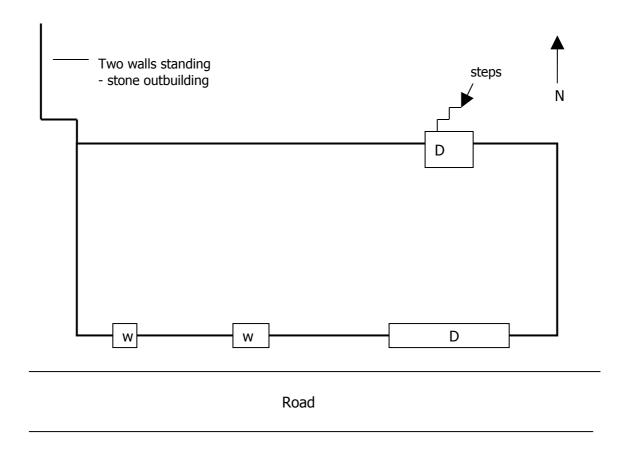
Ruined stone out-building at right angles to house.

Description of house setting:

House parallel to road, 30ft back. Stone wall at road edge.







Route No:	1	Reference No:	5
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha South
National Grid Ref:	72 267 147 818	Six Inch Sheet No:	
Orientation(long axis):	East / West	No. of Stories:	2
House Type:	Detatched	Modern:	Yes
No. Windows Front		No. Windows Back	
Lintels:		Material:	
No. Doors Front:		No. Doors Back:	
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof		Type Hipped or Gable:	
Barges			
External Length		External Width:	
Wall Thickness:		Wall Material:	
Rendered:		Road / Track to house:	

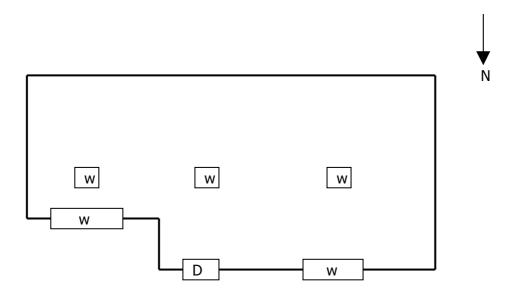
External Buildings, brief description:

Description of house setting:

1½ storey stone clad house, with dormer windows. Gable ends. 10m from road.



Small sketch of house showing north:



Route No:	1	Reference No:	6
Location:		Townland:	Kilabaha South
National Grid Ref:	72 267 147 818	Six Inch Sheet No:	
Orientation(long axis):	East / West	No. of Stories:	Dormer Bungalow
House Type:	Detatched	Modern:	Yes
No. Windows Front		No. Windows Back	
Lintels:		Material:	
No. Doors Front:		No. Doors Back:	
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof		Type Hipped or Gable:	
Barges			
External Length		External Width:	
Wall Thickness:		Wall Material:	
Rendered:		Road / Track to house:	
Internal Features, bri	ef description:		

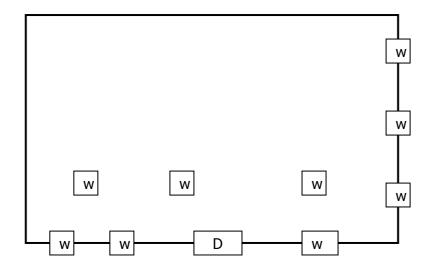
External Buildings, brief description:

Description of house setting:Dormer bungalow parallel to road, gabled.

Photographs of House:



Small sketch of the house showing north:



Road

Route No:	1	Reference No:	7	
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha South	
National Grid Ref:	72 375	Six Inch Sheet No:	3	
	147 903			
Orientation(long	East / West	No. of Stories:		
axis):				
House Type:		Modern:	No	
No. Windows Front		No. Windows Back		
Lintels:		Material:		
No. Doors Front:		No. Doors Back:		
Lintels:		Material:		
Roof		Type Hipped or Gable:		
Barges				
External Length	42ft	External Width:	20ft	
Wall Thickness:	20 inches	Wall Material:		
Rendered:		Road / Track to		
		house:		
Internal Features, brief description:				
External Ruildings brief description:				

External Buildings, brief description:

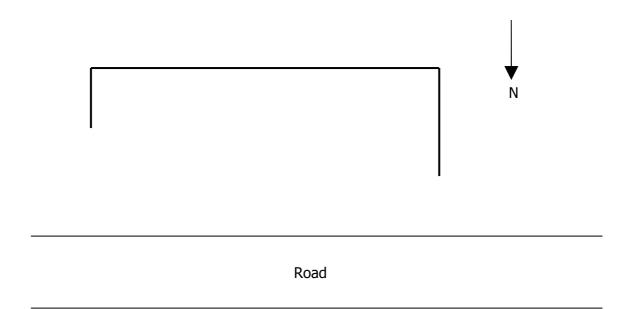
Description of house setting:

Ruin parallel to the road, no complete walls.

Photographs of House:

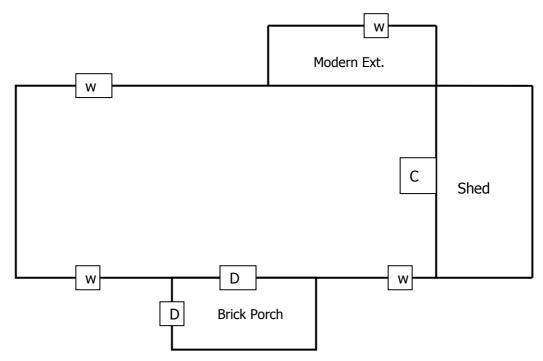


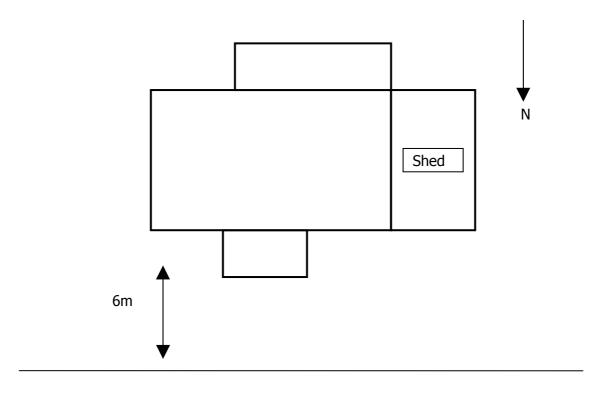




Route No:	1	Reference No:	8		
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha South		
National Grid Ref:	72 454	Six Inch Sheet No:	3		
	147 814				
Orientation(long	East / West	No. of Stories:	1		
axis):					
House Type:		Modern:	No		
No. Windows Front	2	No. Windows Back	2		
Lintels:		Material:			
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	1		
Lintels:		Material:			
Roof	Yes(concrete tile)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable		
Barges	No				
External Length	28ft	External Width:	17ft 6 inches		
Wall Thickness:	24 inches	Wall Material:	Stone		
Rendered:	Yes	Road / Track to			
		house:			
Internal Features, brie	f description:				
External Buildings, brief description:					
Shed adjoining, approx 20ft.					
Description of house s	etting:				







Road

Route No:	1	Reference No:	9
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha South
National Grid Ref:	72 454 147 814	Six Inch Sheet No:	3
Orientation(long axis):	North/South original-house L shaped	No. of Stories:	1
House Type:	Detatched	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front		No. Windows Back	
Lintels:		Material:	
No. Doors Front:		No. Doors Back:	
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof	Yes(tile)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	No		
External Length		External Width:	
Wall Thickness:		Wall Material:	
Rendered:		Road / Track to house:	

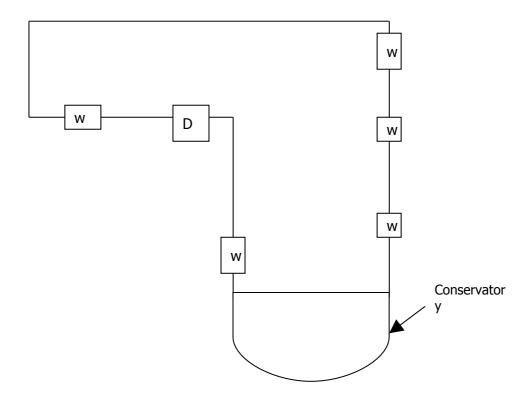
External Buildings, brief description:

Description of house setting:

Original building at right angle to road. Extensively modernized. No access to rear available (electric fence).



Small sketch of house showing north:



Route No:	1	Reference No:	10
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha South
National Grid Ref:	72 721 147 888	Six Inch Sheet No:	
Orientation(long axis):	East / West	No. of Stories:	1
House Type:	Detatched	Modern:	Yes
No. Windows Front		No. Windows Back	
Lintels:		Material:	
No. Doors Front:		No. Doors Back:	
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof		Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	No		
External Length		External Width:	
Wall Thickness:		Wall Material:	
Rendered:		Road / Track to house:	

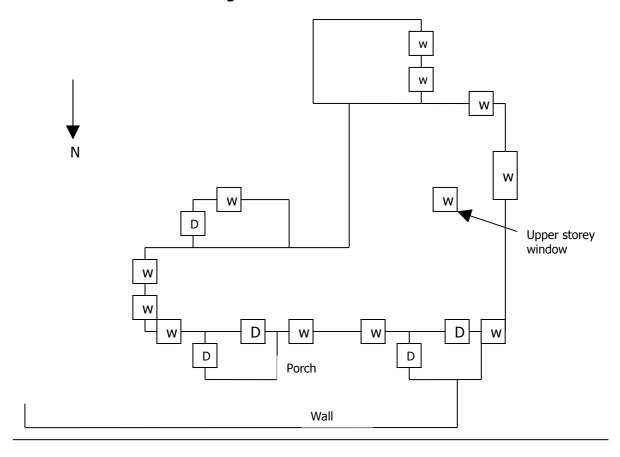
External Buildings, brief description:

Description of house setting:

Bungalow, parallel to road, 24ft from road. Block built, tile gable roof. Two front doors, low front wall.



Small sketch of house showing north:



Road

Route No:	1	Reference No:	11
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha North
National Grid Ref:	72 839 147 989	Six Inch Sheet No:	3
Orientation(long axis):	North / South	No. of Stories:	1
House Type:	Detatched	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	3	No. Windows Back	2 (new)
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Stone
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	1
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Stone
Roof	Yes (tile)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	No		
External Length	39ft	External Width:	18ft 6 inches
Wall Thickness:	2ft 6 inches	Wall Material:	Stone
Rendered:		Road / Track to house:	No

Plasterboard ceiling, original fireplace in situ with oak beam and arch. Blocked off for stove fire. Nicely restored.

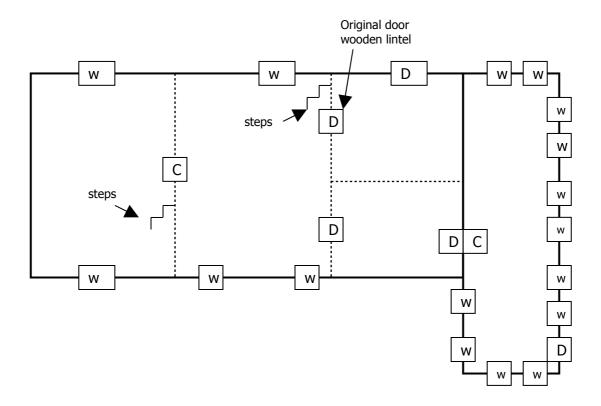
External Buildings, brief description:

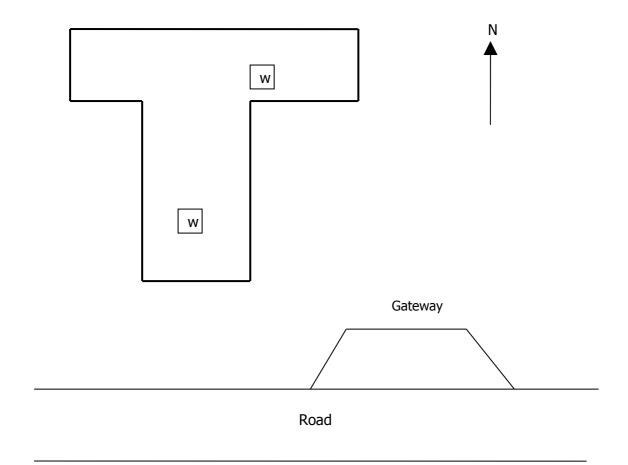
None

Description of house setting:

Right angles to road, 23ft from road. Ground slopes away North, floor also slopes. Single storey south end $1\frac{1}{2}$ storey north end.



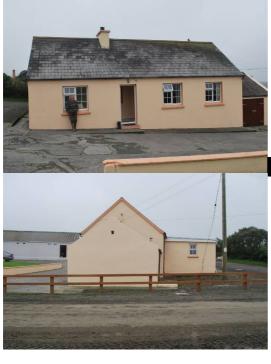




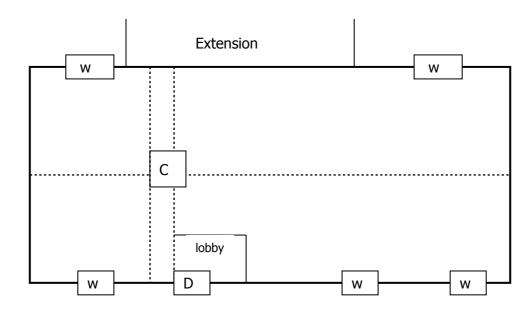
Route No:	1	Reference No:	12
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha South
National Grid Ref:	72 913	Six Inch Sheet No:	
	147 869		
Orientation(long	North / South	No. of Stories:	
axis):			
House Type:	Detached	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	3	No. Windows Back	4
Lintels:		Material:	
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	1
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof	Yes (asbestos slate)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	No		
External Length	40ft	External Width:	19ft
Wall Thickness:	2ft	Wall Material:	Stone
Rendered:	Yes	Road / Track to	No
		house:	

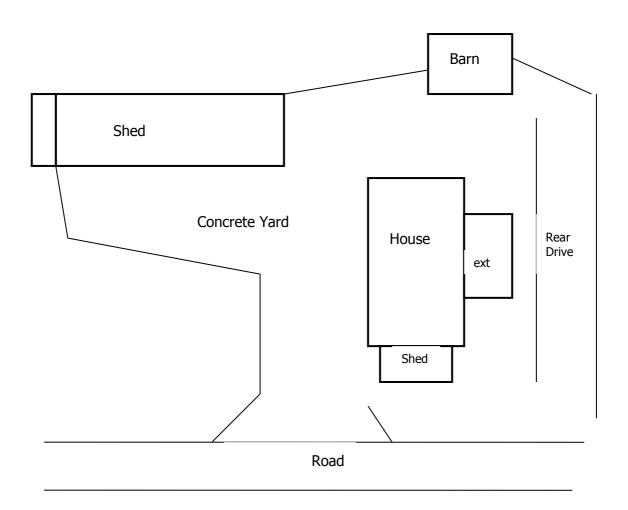
Front wall rebuilt in block. **External Buildings, brief description:**Shed (Dairy Use).

Description of house setting:









Route No:	1	Reference No:	13
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha North
National Grid Ref:	72 985 148 071	Six Inch Sheet No:	3
Orientation(long axis):	North / South	No. of Stories:	1
House Type:	Detached	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	3	No. Windows Back	2
Lintels:		Material:	
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	1
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof	Yes (tile)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	Yes		
External Length	40ft 6inches	External Width:	18ft
Wall Thickness:	2ft	Wall Material:	Stone
Rendered:		Road / Track to house:	No

Plasterboard ceilings, false chimneys on ends. Original fireplace blocked off for range. Boarded on chimney breast.

External Buildings, brief description:

Stone shed at right angles – cattle or other livestock. Large block cowshed.

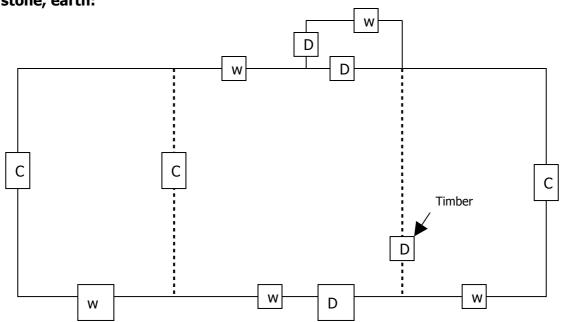
Description of house setting:

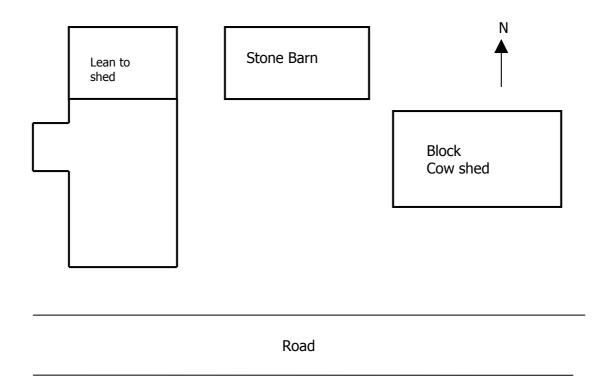
Right angles to road, sloping towards sea.











Refused Access.

Route No:	1	Reference No:	14	
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha North	
National Grid Ref:	73 112	Six Inch Sheet No:	3	
	148 056			
Orientation(long	North / South	No. of Stories:	1	
axis):				
House Type:	Detached	Modern:	No	
No. Windows Front		No. Windows Back		
Lintels:		Material:		
No. Doors Front:		No. Doors Back:		
Lintels:		Material:		
Roof		Type Hipped or Gable:		
Barges				
External Length		External Width:		
Wall Thickness:		Wall Material:		
Rendered:		Road / Track to		
		house:		
Internal Features, brief description:				
External Buildings, brief description:				
Description of house setting:				
Right angles to road (similar to 13)				
Photographs of House:				

Refused Access.

Route No:	1	Reference No:	15
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha South
National Grid Ref:	73 112 148 056	Six Inch Sheet No:	3
Orientation(long axis):	East / West	No. of Stories:	1
House Type:	Detached	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	3	No. Windows Back	No access to back
Lintels:		Material:	
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	No access to back
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof	Yes (slate)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	No		
External Length	40ft	External Width:	20ft
Wall Thickness:		Wall Material:	
Rendered:		Road / Track to house:	Short driveway

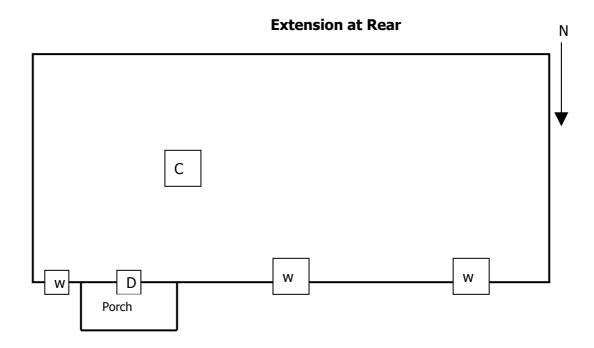
External Buildings, brief description:

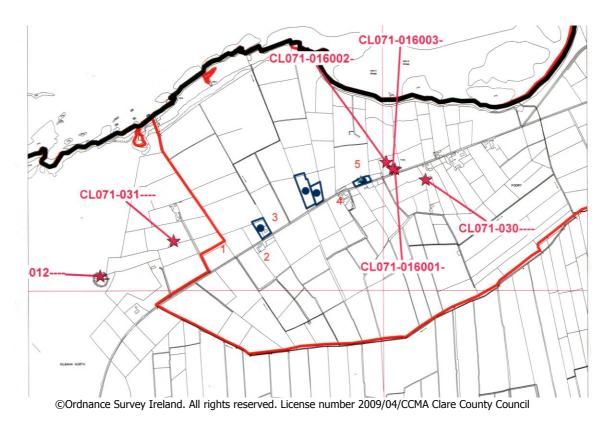
Description of house setting:

Parallel to road. Extension to rear. Separate garage to East and a short driveway.

Photographs of House:







Route 2

Route No:	2	Reference No:	1
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha North
National Grid Ref:	71 397	Six Inch Sheet No:	
	146 654		
Orientation(long	East / West	No. of Stories:	1 1/2
axis):			
House Type:	Detached	Modern:	Yes
No. Windows Front	8	No. Windows Back	
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Concrete
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Brick arch
Roof	Yes (new slate)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	No	Decorative Plaster:	Local
			sandstone,
			exposed
			stonework.
External Length		External Width:	
Wall Thickness:		Wall Material:	
Rendered:		Road / Track to	
		house:	

External Buildings, brief description:

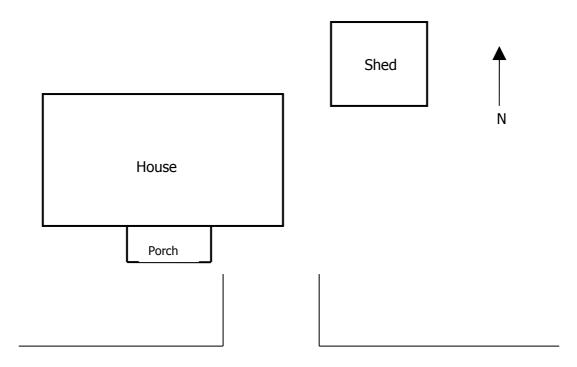
Description of house setting:

Parallel to road, no boundary walls (newly built house). Exposed sandstone stone work, second floor in attic. Shed at rear with window at 2nd level house.

Photographs of House:



Small sketch of house showing north:



Road

Route No:	2	Reference No:	2
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha North
National Grid Ref:	71 552	Six Inch Sheet No:	
	146 661		
Orientation(long axis):	East / West	No. of Stories:	1 ½
House Type:	Detached	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	3	No. Windows Back	
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Stone lintels
			and sills
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	1
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Stone slab
Roof	Yes (slate)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	Yes Connemara	Decorative Plaster:	No, random
	style barge, slate		coursing
			stonework
External Length	13.6m	External Width:	5.9m
Wall Thickness:	0.6m	Wall Material:	Shale
Rendered:	No	Road / Track to	Road at side,
		house:	small garden at
			front.

Large open fireplace, thick walls 2ft approx, 2 sleeping areas upstairs reached by modern stairs. Wooden beams at ceiling, high pitched ceiling.

External Buildings, brief description:

Long outbuilding running North / South approx. 3 door openings, one double door at centre, same materials as main residence.

Description of house setting:

Situated parallel to road, same level stone walls. Area of beauty, fields with stone boundary walls behind house. House has been refurbished extensively.

Photographs of House:

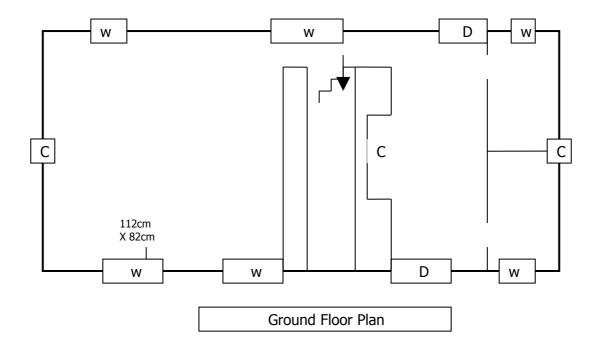




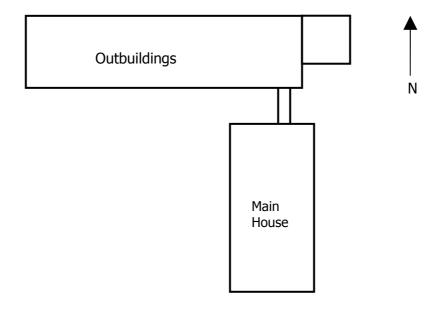








Sketch: Showing setting of the house and situation to the road, parallel, elevated etc. Include walls, gates, any abandoned machinery etc.:



Route No:	2	Reference No:	3
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha North
National Grid Ref:	71 536 148 737	Six Inch Sheet No:	
Orientation(long	With road	No. of Stories:	1 ½
axis):			
House Type:	Detached	Modern:	Yes
No. Windows Front		No. Windows Back	
Lintels:		Material:	
No. Doors Front:		No. Doors Back:	
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof		Type Hipped or Gable:	
Barges		Decorative Plaster:	
External Length		External Width:	
Wall Thickness:		Wall Material:	
Rendered:		Road / Track to	
		house:	

External Buildings, brief description:

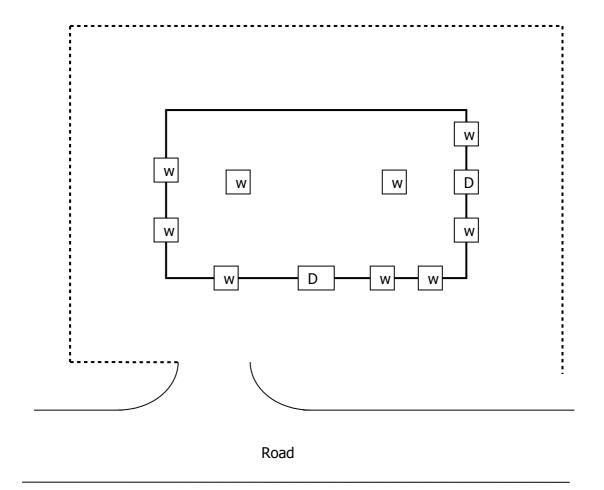
Description of house setting:

Approx 25m from road. Slightly elevated (in keeping with land). 10 windows including 2 in roof. Gable roof, concrete barges. Sandstone/shale frontage including boundary wall. No gate. No outhouses/ garage. PVC windows and doors. House name: Cuchulainn's Leap.

Photographs of House:



Small sketch of house showing north:



Route No:	2	Reference No:	4
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha North
National Grid Ref:	71 851	Six Inch Sheet No:	
	148 844		
Orientation(long	Old building	No. of Stories:	1
axis):	North/South,		
	extension		
	East/West		
House Type:	Detached	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	10 (plus French	No. Windows Back	
	windows at side)		
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Concrete
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Concrete
Roof	Yes (slate)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	Yes	Decorative Plaster:	None, walls
			plain plaster.
External Length		External Width:	
Wall Thickness:		Wall Material:	
Rendered:		Road / Track to	
		house:	

N/A Old original house with various extensions and lived in.

External Buildings, brief description:

Behind and next to house modern barn and stone, rendered shed. To west old outhouses opposite across road.

Description of house setting:

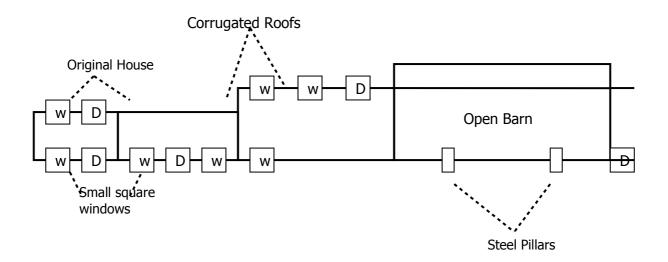
First part (1938) right angles to road North / South. 2nd extension to west. Behind that 2nd extension is flat roof. 3rd extension to east. Modern stone boundary wall. Quern stone set in wall opposite house.

Photographs of House:

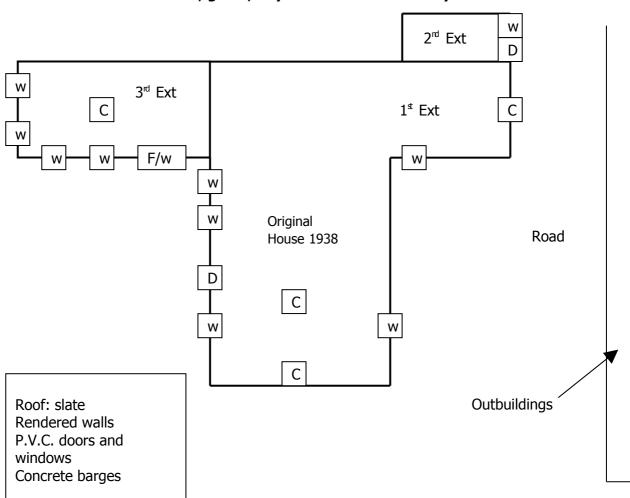








Sketch: Showing setting of the house and situation to the road, parallel, elevated etc. Include walls, gates, any abandoned machinery etc.:



Route No:	2	Reference No:	5
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha North
National Grid Ref:	71 916 148 920	Six Inch Sheet No:	
Orientation(long axis):	East / West	No. of Stories:	1
House Type:	Detached	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	4	No. Windows Back	1
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Concrete sills
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	2
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Cannot see lintels as they are rendered.
Roof	Yes (slate)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable (with old ties for thatch in one gable).
Barges	Yes (concrete)	Decorative Plaster:	Plaster rendering over stone possibly. Exterior and interior are plastered.
External Length	12.4m	External Width:	5.62m
Wall Thickness:	0.60m	Wall Material:	
Rendered:	Yes with plaster	Road / Track to house:	Close to road, small front garden approx 3-4m wide from road to front door.

Large fireplace. 3 bedrooms, possibly modern addition of low ceiling. One main living space, fire lit directly on the floor. No grate.

External Buildings, brief description:

Modern outbuildings from cast concrete and galvanized roof possibly used for farm machinery and animals, milking. Shed across the road is also a modern building, but there is the remainder of a boundary wall that could have been an old house/barn.

Description of house setting:

Parallel to road overlooking the sea, same level as the road at front. Some cliffs at the back. Some abandoned farm machinery outside to back of house and wooden furniture such as linen chest and cabinet inside house. [Neighbor has told us this house was formerly Sony Carmody's a well known local singer.]

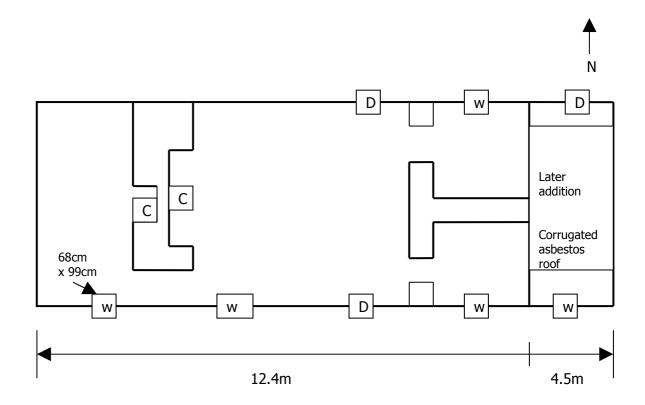
Photographs of House:











Small sketch showing north and outbuildings:

Route No:	2	Reference No:	6a
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha North
National Grid Ref:		Six Inch Sheet No:	
Orientation(long	With road	No. of Stories:	1
axis):			
House Type:	Detached	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	1	No. Windows Back	
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	stone
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	1
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	wood
Roof	Yes (corrugated)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	Yes (under	Decorative Plaster:	none
	corrugated)		
External Length	42ft	External Width:	18ft
Wall Thickness:	2ft 6inches	Wall Material:	Sandstone/shale
Rendered:	no	Road / Track to	no
		house:	

Original house converted for cattle? Loft in roof. Some plaster in situ.

External Buildings, brief description:

2 small rooms for animals, single storey.

Description of house setting:

House situated parallel to road, outhouses at right angles. All including wall sandstone/shale no gates. [Present owner Philip Doherty, formerly Fenneli)

Photographs of House:

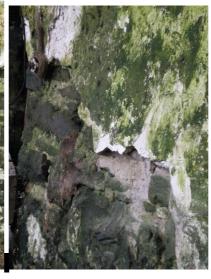












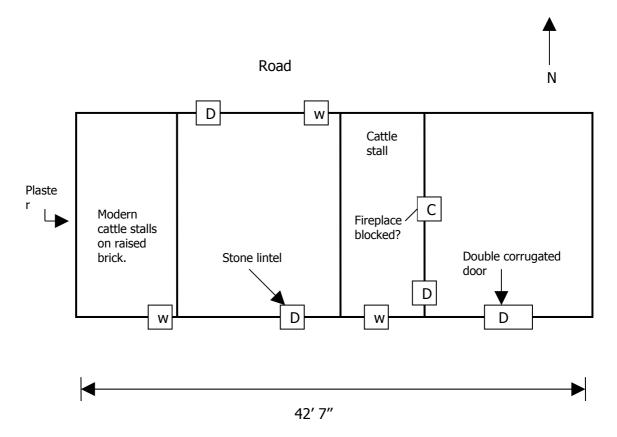






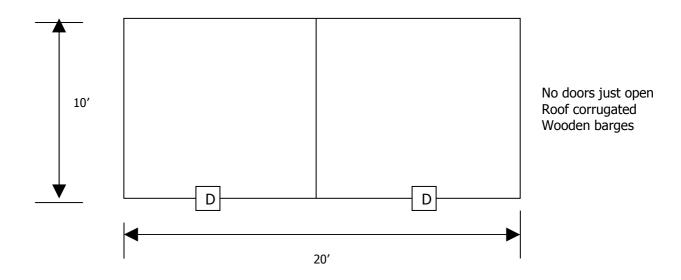


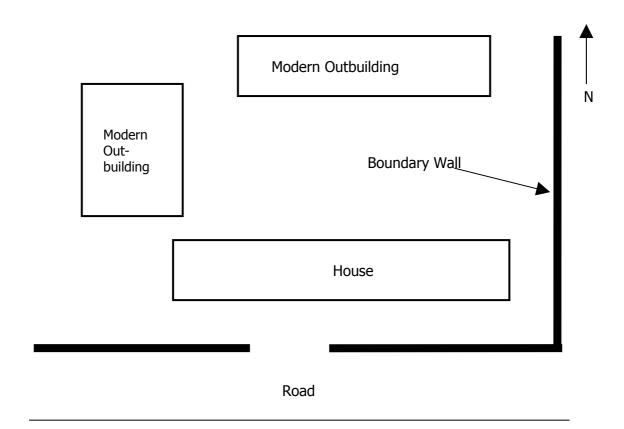




Small sketch showing outbuildings and north:

To right of main building.





Route No:	2	Reference No:	6(b)
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Location:		Townland:	
National Grid Ref:		Six Inch Sheet No:	
Orientation(long	East / West	No. of Stories:	1
axis):			
House Type:	Detached	Modern:	Yes
No. Windows Front		No. Windows Back	2
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Can't see top of
			lintels, concrete
			sills
No. Doors Front:		No. Doors Back:	1
Lintels:		Material:	
Roof	Yes (slate)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable(with
			window at
			ground level on
			west side)
Barges	No	Decorative Plaster:	Pebbledash and
			stonework
			facing
External Length		External Width:	
Wall Thickness:		Wall Material:	
Rendered:		Road / Track to	
		house:	

External Buildings, brief description:

Description of house setting:

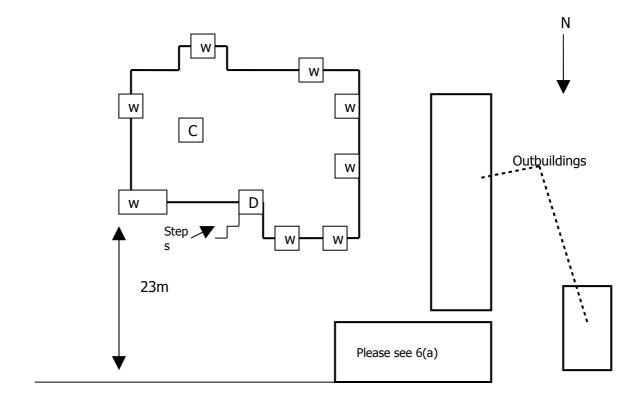
House looks to be circa 1970's or 80's one door at front, 3 long windows at front, one chimney, windows at both sides, and porch at back.

Exposed stone facing and pebbledash at front. House set approx 23m back from road, modern outbuilding to west.

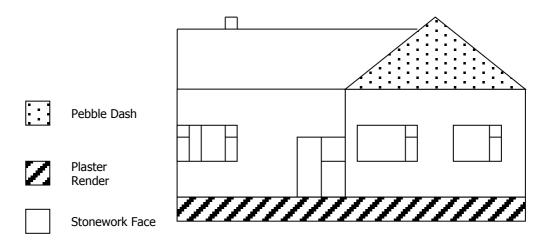
Photographs of House:



Small sketch showing north:



Small sketch of elevation:



Route No:	2	Reference No:	7
Location:		Townland:	Kilbaha North
National Grid Ref:	101,913.14 m 162,481.74m	Six Inch Sheet No:	
Orientation(long axis):	East / West	No. of Stories:	1
House Type:	Detached	Modern:	No
No. Windows Front	3	No. Windows Back	
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Can't see lintels because of rendering, concrete sills.
No. Doors Front:	1	No. Doors Back:	
Lintels:	Yes	Material:	Rendered
Roof	Yes (slate)	Type Hipped or Gable:	Gable
Barges	No	Decorative Plaster:	Rendered with border detail around edges of façade.
External Length	12.3m	External Width:	
Wall Thickness:	0.60m	Wall Material:	Can't tell rendered.
Rendered:	Yes	Road / Track to house:	Parallel to road, small front garden 3-4m wide with front gate entrance at gable end to back yard.

Did not go into house as resident was inside.

External Buildings, brief description:

Modern out building at west gable, older stone built outhouse at rear east side, local stone galvanized roof and doors with some modern built additions.

Description of house setting:

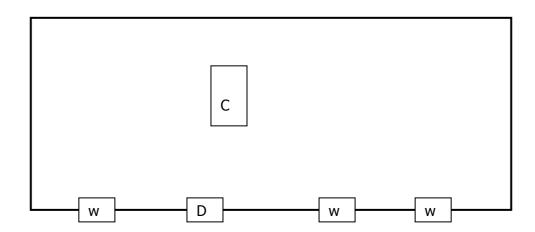
Parallel to the road, same level as the road. Short small boundary walls.

Photographs of House:

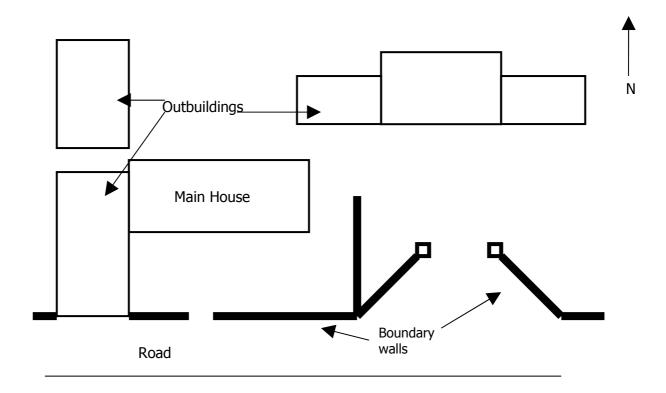








Sketch showing outbuildings and north:



Sketch: Showing setting of the house and situation to the road, parallel, elevated etc. Include walls, gates, any abandoned machinery etc.:

