

CORK'S FARM

Parish: Eye and Dunsden, Oxon.

Owner: Phillimore Estate

This survey was carried out by kind permission of Col. Phillimore.

We were not able to carry out a measured survey of this farm as conversion work had already started, and we are very grateful to the architects Smith Hutton Nichols of Northend for giving us copies of their plans and elevations as well as photographs of South Barn.

Cork's Farm is an isolated farmstead on the edge of Dunsden village. The buildings are losely grouped around a farmyard. The farm house - a brick and flint lobby entry house with a timber framed wing behind - faces the road, now just a farm track. We were not able to see the inside of the house to find out whether the timber framed wing belongs to an older building.

Between the house and South Barn stands a granary on staddle stones, it is weatherboarded

South Barn, faces the farm yard with one of its impressive central porches, whilst North Barn is really outside the yard area, its east gable faces the road. It is attached to the shelter sheds, which form an L around two sides of the fold yard, by a small stable.

We first visited the farm in October 83 when South Barn already had been altered. The sill had been renewed and breeze blocks replaced the brick and flint plinth. (As shown on the photographs taken by Mr. Cumpstone from the Estate Office)

South Barn is a timber framed building, partly weather boarded, partly with brick infill between the vertical struts and horizontal middle rail. The bays are 3.80 m long and 6 m wide. The trusses have queen struts to a collar, a set of clasped purlins, no ridge piece. There are some curved windbraces still in position. Some of the curved tie braces have clearly been used somewhere else before. The barn has two porches, the North porch is 4.80 m long and 4.00 m wide, the south porch is only 3,70 m long.

North Barn is the later building. It has a fairly high brick plinth of machine cut bricks. It originally consisted of 3 bays with central threshing floor and two porches. The short but high porch is on the farm yard side. To the north is a longer porch with a low exist door. A fourth bay was added to the east. The original three bays have queen struts to the collar and a set of clasped purlins. The additional bay has raking struts without a collar. The barn is 5.35 m wide and the bays are 3.20 m long.

Both barns and adjoining stables are being converted into residential properties.

Report: R. Gibson

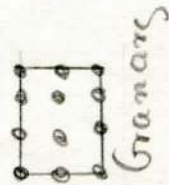
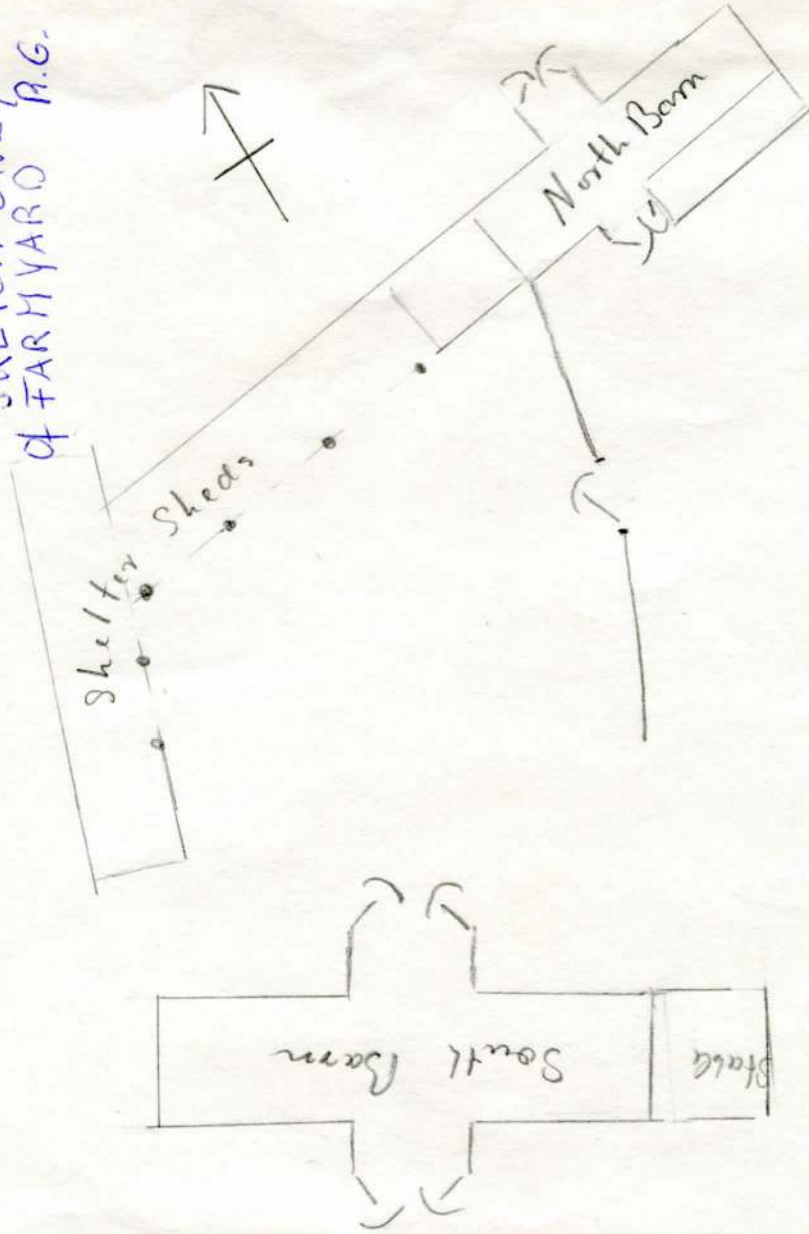
Photographs: Mr. Cumpstone and R. Gibson

Plans and photographs of conversion by the architects.

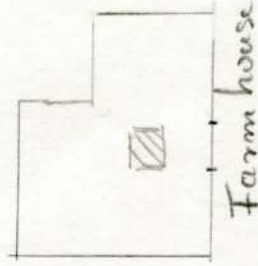
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Granary



Farm house

CORK'S FARM

farmyard layout

- not to scale -

(Great Ridger)
178

Cork's Farm
Homestead of W. Simmons

174

North barn
176
Homestead

South Barn

(177 Orchard)

179

206
(Old House Ground)

207

290

Corks Farm
had 257.17
acres of mainly
arable land.





North barn, South side (left), north side (right)

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Barns during conversion

South Barn - north side

1983

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Looking at Cork's farm across 'Great Rudge's' field



1983
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South Barn, south side



South Barn, with outchuts - now demolished



South Barn, north side facing the yard



North
Barn
north
side →

North Barn
south side
(above)



Cork's Farm
house. (17 lobby
entry house with
mullion & transome
windows



Shelter sheds

1983
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Cork's Farm South Barn



Barn before conversion, note brace ^{post} on right (re-used)



Before conversion



During conversion; porch.
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Cork's Farm

South Barn conversion

Photographs & Plans by: J. Smith & C. Hullon Architects



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