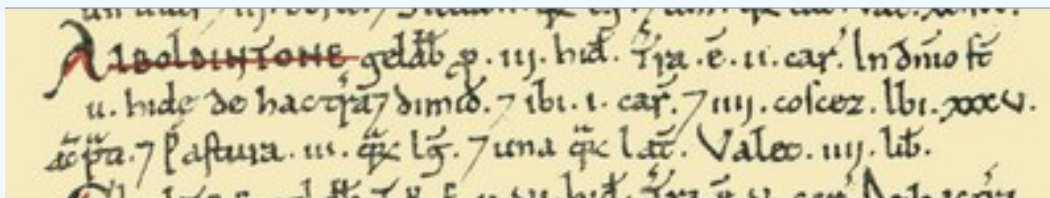


# Ablington Hamlet and House

Ablington is a hamlet of linked to Figheldean by a road link built in the mid-1800s. The hamlet was quite a bustling village during the 14th century but by 1841 there were just 137 inhabitants recorded in the census. The cluster of buildings was known as Alboldintone in the Domesday Book.



**Hundred:** Amesbury **County:** Wiltshire **Total population:** 4 households (very small).

**Total tax assessed:** 3 geld units (medium). **Taxable units:** Taxable value 3 geld units.

**Value:** Value to lord in 1086 £4. **Households:** 4 other population. **Ploughland:** 2 ploughlands (land for). **Other resources:** 2.5 lord's lands. Meadow 35 acres. Pasture 3 \* 1 furlongs.

**Lord in 1066:** Harding son of Alnoth. **Lord in 1086:** Earl Aubrey of Coucy. **Tenant-in-chief in 1086:** Earl Aubrey of Coucy.

The hamlet is home to several 16th century timber framed cottages with thatched roofs many of which were rebuilt in the 17th and 18th centuries. Some of the 17th century cottages are built in a L shape.

Ablington Cottage featured bears the date of 1665 carved in the door lintel. It is now a grade II listed building.



← Ablington Cottage built 1665 copyright © Di Sturgess

Gunville cottage is a 17th century rendered and thatched cottage possibly built on the site of an old mill.

Ablington Farmhouse was built in the 18th century of chalk cob and has a thatched roof. It was extended sometime during the 19th century and sits to the south of the hamlet..

Ablington House became unoccupied and was so badly damaged by vandalism that the building was consequently demolished. It sat to the north of the settlement.

In between these two properties sat another house built in 1631.

A terrace of six houses found on the back lane to the north of the hamlet were built in the 1920s. The Crescent a little further to the north was built in the 1930s and a further eight properties were built during the 1940s. These were semi-detached. During the 1930s and 1940s new farm buildings were also erected around the hamlet.

A farmstead was erected on the lower slopes of the downs east of Ablington in the later 20th century.

In 1879 much of the hamlet under the name of Ablington House Estate was put up for auction as can be seen from the images of the auction catalogue below dated 21st July.

**FIGHELDEAN, WILTS,**  
Four Miles from Amesbury, 12 from Salisbury and Devizes, and 10 from the Woodborough and Pewsey  
Stations on the Great Western Railway.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale  
OF AN ATTRACTIVE AND IMPORTANT  
FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL AND SPORTING  
**PROPERTY,**  
KNOWN AS THE  
"ABLINGTON HOUSE" ESTATE,  
COMPRISING THE COMMODIOUS AND PLEASANTLY-PLACED  
RESIDENCE,  
WITH  
STABLING, COACH-HOUSE AND OFFICES,  
TOGETHER WITH FIVE SETS OF SUITABLE  
**FARM BUILDINGS,**  
AND A LARGE NUMBER OF  
COTTAGE TENEMENTS,  
ALSO A CAPITAL  
**WATER CORN MILL,**  
Driving two pairs of Stones, with DWELLING-HOUSE attached, comprising a total area of  
**847 A. 1 R. 22 P.**  
(MORE OR LESS).  
Of superior ARABLE, luxuriant WATER MEADOWS, excellent DOWN PASTURE, and thriving  
PLANTATIONS,  
The whole of which will be SOLD BY AUCTION by order of the Executors of the late T. E. Simpkins, Esq., by

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**WATERS, SON AND RAWLENCE**

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At the "PHOENIX" HOTEL, PEWSEY, WILTS,  
On MONDAY, the 21st day of JULY, 1879,  
AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON PRECISELY,  
Unless previously disposed of by private contract, of which due notice will be given.

The Estate is situate in a most charming and influential neighbourhood, within a few miles of STONEHENGE and other places of note and interest; and to gentlemen seeking a property for occupation offers a rare inducement. The sporting attractions are exceptionally great and varied, the river Avon, which runs through the estate, affords excellent Trout Fishing, the healthy situation and warm aspect of the Hill Lands and Plantations invariably secures a good breed of Partridges, and the Kennels of the Tedworth Hounds, and the meeting ground of the well-known Amesbury Coursing and Wiltshire Hawking Clubs are close by, whilst for investment the superior quality of the Land, either for corn growing or stock, is so widely known and recognised as at all times to ensure a Tenant at a remunerative rental.

Printed Particulars with Plans and Conditions of Sale may be obtained at the place of Sale; the Auction Mart, London; the Bear Hotel, Devizes; of the Auctioneers, Canal, Salisbury; or of  
Messrs. WILSON, THRING & WILSON, Solicitors, Salisbury.

LOT THREE.

(Coloured Green on Plan)

AN UNUSUALLY DESIRABLE PLOT OF

# FREEHOLD ARABLE LAND,

Numbered Pt. 38 on Plan, containing an area of

**10a. Or. 34p.**

(MORE OR LESS),

Situate in close proximity to the Village, with frontage to the High Road, and commanding extensive views of the surrounding neighbourhood.

This Lot is now in the occupation of Mr. R. V. Rumming on a yearly tenancy.

## General Remarks.

The Timber and Fir Plantations are to be taken by the Purchaser at a valuation in the usual way.

The Purchaser shall also pay for all Tillages, Half Tillages, Seeds, Sanfoin Roots, Hay, Straw and Fodder and such Tenant Right as is customary between Outgoing and Incoming Tenants.

The Fixtures in the Residence will be included in the Sale, but the Mill Fittings are subject to valuation as before stated.

The whole of the Property (except Lot 3) being in the occupation of the Vendors, possession may be had at Michaelmas next.

The Vendors reserve the right of withdrawing any Lot, of putting two or more Lots together, or otherwise altering the order of the Lots, as they may think fit at the time of Sale.

Right is also reserved to the Vendors to sell either Furniture, Farming Stock, or other Effects at any time previous to Michaelmas next in the Residence or on any part of the Property, and also to hold over such portions of the Farm Buildings and Premises as may be necessary for the purpose of Thrashing out and Marketing the Crops, until Lady-day, 1880.

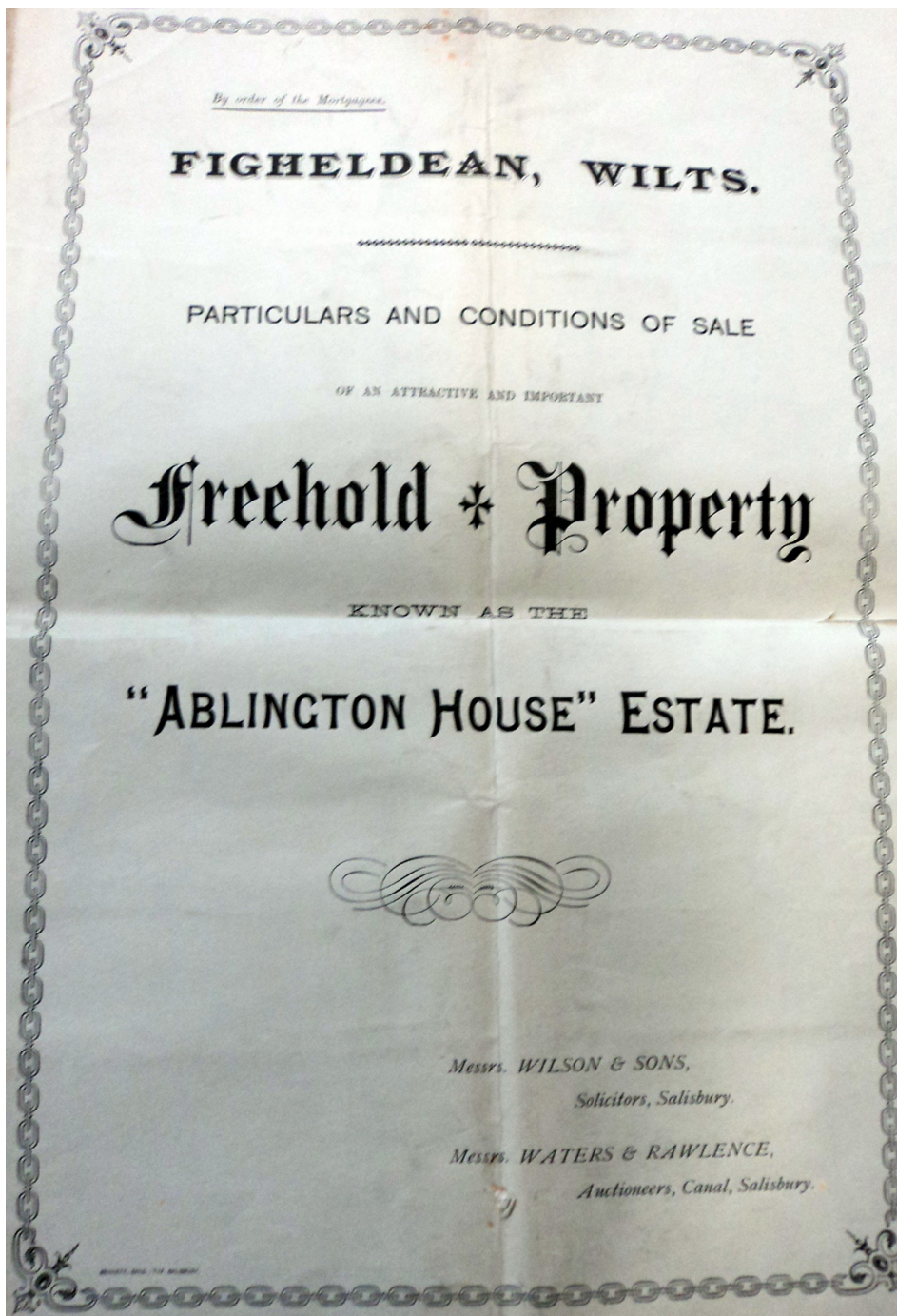
The various Quantities are taken from a recent survey and are believed to be correct, and shall be taken as such by the Purchaser be the same more or less.

The Property is subject to Tithe Rent charge and Land Tax which will be given at the Time of Sale.

A notice in the Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette dated 19th June 1890 shows that once again the "Estate" was put up for auction. The notice reads:-

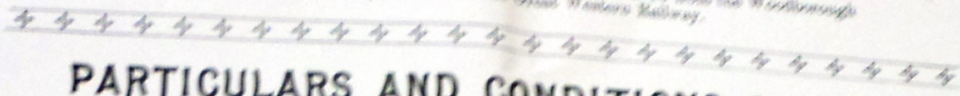
Farms don't attract purchasers - especially arable farms. Last Week the Ablington House Estate at Figheldean, was put up to auction and bought in; and the same result followed the offer of "Addeston Manor Farm," Maddington on Tuesday Last. In the former case it is said that the second mortgagee has arranged to pay off the claims of the first mortgagee and is prepared to sell the estate at a very moderate figure.

Details of the auction can be seen in the images of the auction catalogue below.



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COMPRISING AN AREA OF

836A. OR. 14P.

(MORE OR LESS),

Of superior ARABLE, luxuriant WATER MEADOWS, excellent DOWN PASTURE,  
with thriving PLANTATIONS and GORSE BRAKES,

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, IN ONE LOT, BY

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**MESSRS. WATERS AND RAWLENCE**

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AT THEIR SALE ROOMS, CANAL, SALISBURY,

On *TUESDAY*, the 10th day of *JUNE*, 1890,

AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON PRECISELY,

Unless previously disposed of by private contract, of which due notice will be given.

The Estate is situate in a most charming and influential neighbourhood, within a few miles of STONEHENGE and other places of note and interest; and to gentlemen seeking a property for occupation offers a rare inducement. The sporting advantages are exceptionally good and varied, the river Avon, which runs through the estate, affords the excellent Trout Fishing, which of late years has been strictly preserved on this and those above and below, whilst the healthy situation and warm aspect of the Hill Lands and Plantations invariably secures a good breed of Partridges. The Kennels of the Tadworth Hounds, with the meeting ground of the well-known Amesbury Coursing and Wiltshire Hawking Clubs are close by, and the meets of the Bevernake Forest Stag-hounds, Lord Radnor's, and the South and West Wilts Foxhounds are within easy reach.

Printed Particulars with Plans and Conditions of Sale may be obtained of the Auctioneers, Canal, Salisbury; or of

**MESSRS. WILSON & SONS, Solicitors, Salisbury.**

# PARTICULARS.

THE HIGHLY VALUABLE AND ATTRACTIVE

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### "ABLINGTON HOUSE" ESTATE

COMPRISING AN AREA OF

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(MORE OR LESS).

Of superior ARABLE, admirably adapted either for Corn Growing or Sheep Farming; luxuriant and well laid out WATER MEADOWS; excellent and healthy DOWN PASTURE; and thriving GORSE and FIR PLANTATIONS, affording excellent covert for Partridge Breeding; together with the

COMMODIOUS

## RESIDENCE

Pleasantly placed on a commanding and sheltered Situation, overlooking the Valley.

It is approached from the main Turnpike Road by a Private Carriage Drive, winding through a tastefully-arranged Lawn and Flower Garden, studded with magnificent ornamental Timber and Shrubberies, and contains spacious and lofty Entrance Halls, Drawing Room, 26ft. by 20ft., opening into Conservatory, Dining Room, 25ft. by 20ft., Breakfast Room, Spare Room well adapted for a Library, eight principal Bedchambers, three Attic Chambers, capital Kitchen and Offices, underground Cellars, and Outbuildings.

There is an extensive and very productive well-stocked walled-in Kitchen Garden, with Potting Sheds.

The Stabling, which is conveniently placed but screened from the Residence, comprises four Stalls, two Loose Boxes, large Saddle and Harness Room, Coach-house and Yard, with Granary and Shedding.

THERE ARE

## FIVE SETS OF FARM BUILDINGS

Of which the HOME SET comprises extensive Stabling, Cowsheds, Wagon-house, Piggeries, spacious Barn with capital Corn Dressing Floor.

Another Set in Figheldean Village includes Yard, Barn and Shedding.

The FIELD SETS comprise Barn, Shedding, Yard and Engine-house, situate in No. 122 on Plan.

Large Barn, Shedding, Outhouses and Yard, called "New Barn;" and Yard and Buildings (numbered 80a on Plan) on the Down Arable.

THERE ARE ALSO A LARGE NUMBER OF  
**COTTAGE TENEMENTS AND GARDENS,**

Several of which are in close proximity to the Residence, and most suitable for the occupation of Grooms, Gardener and other servants.

**SCHEDULE.**

No. on Plan.	Description.	State.	Quantity.		
			A.	R.	P.
45	Arable ... ..	Arable ... ..	137	1	28
54	Down Buildings ... ..	...	0	0	26
55	Pasture Adjoining ... ..	Pasture ... ..	2	3	21
56	Arable ... ..	Arable ... ..	25	3	29
57	Abington Gorse ... ..	Furze, &c. ... ..	9	0	19
59 & 60	Down ... ..	Pasture ... ..	94	3	30
61	Arable ... ..	Arable ... ..	19	3	2
Pt. 62	Furze ... ..	Furze, &c. ... ..	0	1	15
63	Droeway ... ..	...	5	1	26
64 & 69	Down Arable ... ..	Arable ... ..	72	3	12
70 & 72	Ditto ... ..	Ditto ... ..	39	1	24
71	Plantation ... ..	Plantation ... ..	3	0	7
73	Ditto ... ..	Ditto ... ..	4	1	34
89a	Buildings and Yard ... ..	...	0	0	37
Pt. 80	Part of the Everleigh Road ... ..	...	0	2	21
Pt. 111	Three Tenements and Bakehouse ... ..	...	0	0	12
122	Field Barn and Yard ... ..	...	0	2	12
123	Droeway to Down ... ..	...	4	3	4
139	Water Meadow ... ..	Water Meadow ... ..	7	0	29
Pt. 140	Pasture ... ..	Pasture ... ..	0	1	32
141 & 142	Pasture, &c. ... ..	Pasture ... ..	0	3	11
144a	Two Tenements and Garden ... ..	...	0	0	21
144b	Yard and Buildings ... ..	...	0	1	13
145	Pasture ... ..	Pasture ... ..	0	3	29
154	Withy Bed and Plantation ... ..	Withies, &c. ... ..	3	0	3
155a	Cottage and Garden ... ..	...	0	0	21
155b	Pasture ... ..	Pasture ... ..	0	1	0
156a	Private Road ... ..	...	0	1	37
156b	Plantation ... ..	...	0	0	12
157	Water Meadow ... ..	Water Meadow ... ..	2	3	13
158	Pasture ... ..	Pasture ... ..	2	3	35
159a	Garden ... ..	Garden ... ..	0	3	13
159b	Five Tenements and Garden ... ..	...	0	1	0
159c & 160	Abington House, Lawn, Shrubberies, Stables, Coach House, &c. ... ..	...	2	1	18
161	Wood ... ..	Wood ... ..	0	0	26
162	Arable ... ..	Arable ... ..	59	1	15
163	Pasture ... ..	Pasture ... ..	2	1	26
164a	Orchard ... ..	Orchard ... ..	0	0	25
164b	Old Farm House and Garden ... ..	...	0	1	10
164c	Three Tenements and Gardens ... ..	...	0	0	35
164d	Ditto ... ..	...	0	0	32
164e	Orchard ... ..	...	0	1	12
164f	Yards and Buildings ... ..	...	0	2	2
164g	Cottage and Garden ... ..	...	0	0	10
181	Withy Bed ... ..	Withy ... ..	0	3	23
13	Arable ... ..	Arable ... ..	130	2	9
14 & 15a	Ditto and Drove ... ..	Arable, &c. ... ..	100	2	17
15b	Down ... ..	Pasture ... ..	95	0	23

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**GENERAL STIPULATIONS AND REMARKS.**

(Which shall be taken as forming part of the Conditions of Sale).

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The various Quantities are taken from a recent survey and are believed to be correct, and shall be taken as such by the Purchaser be the same more or less.

The Property is subject to a commuted Tithe Rent Charge of £153 10s. 6d., and Land Tax of £24 19s. 8d. per annum.

The Tenant is under notice to quit at Michaelmas next, so that possession can then be had subject to the over-holdings provided for in his agreements.