

**Leicestershire and Rutland Gardens Trust
Walled Kitchen Garden Register**

Name of House:	Baggrave Hall			
Address:	Baggrave Hall Road, Hungarton, Leicestershire LE7 9JB			
Ownership:	Private: x	Public	Institutional	Other
Grid reference: SK699089		Landranger Map No: 141		
Date original WKG created:	Mid 18 th Century			
Other key dates in development:				
Mid 18 th century	John Edwyn, builder of the current Hall, started to create a kitchen garden ¹			
By 1884	The WKG had two internal partitions so was subdivided into 3 sections with a central path down the full length.			
Between 1884 & 1903	The layout was simplified with one internal division and a central path.			
1939	There was a major sale at Baggrave Hall. The catalogue included the contents of the greenhouses and forcing pits.			
By 1959	Some walls (or possibly hedges) surrounding the WKG had been removed.			
Late 1980's	There was major rebuilding work. Existing brick walls, which surround the north-west section of the garden are believed to date from this time. The potting shed was partially rebuilt.			
Size of WKG and brief description	2.288 acres. A rectangle running north-west to south east, located at some distance to the south east of the Hall. Sloping quite steeply north-west to south-east then rising upwards again.			
Official Designations for garden (e.g. EH listing)	Designation: None	Reference:	Grade:	

¹ Source: EH Register of Parks and gardens of Special Historic Interest

DESCRIPTION: CURRENT AND PAST	
It is still used partially as a kitchen garden and also as the private garden for Keeper's Cottage (formerly the Gardener's Cottage)	
Features: further information and current condition:	
Walls, doors, gates	One small curved section of wall remains – constructed from ironstone laid in a random pattern with rubble infill. It is topped with slate and blue brick coping. This would have formed the east corner of the first section of garden. Some of the boundaries may have been hedges, rather than walls.
Glasshouses	<p>None of the original glasshouses remain. The 1994 OS map shows a single long glasshouse running north-west to south-east. The 1903 map shows two glasshouses, in line, also running north-west to south-east.</p> <p>In 1924 Thos. Messengers produced plans for a Carnation House, but this was not built by them. (However, a carnation house would appear to have been constructed, as the contents – all carnations – in Greenhouse 8 were listed in the 1939 sale.) The plans show the full range of the existing glasshouse as well the proposed addition. Their full length was 70 feet.</p> <p>The 1939 sale catalogue lists 8 greenhouses, but some of these may have been sub-divisions of longer houses.</p> <p>The 1959 OS map shows 3 areas of glass, but some of these may have been frames</p>
Frames	Unknown
Pits	3 pits: bottom, middle and top pit listed in 1939 sale catalogue. No traces remain
Hotwalls/furnaces	Unknown
Heating pipes/boilers etc.	Unknown
Backsheds, workrooms, stores	Potting shed remains, as shown in photo c.1925. Partially rebuilt late 1980's (new brickwork at front) in style of original which was then described as a "Potting Shed". Style of original is early/mid 19 th century. It is located at the north corner of the WKG.
Gardener's house, cottages, bothies	Original gardener's house remains – has been modernised. Shown in photo c.1925. It is on the slope, facing north-west and overlooking the garden.
Wells, ponds, tanks, towers	Pond remains
Planting	No original planting but sale catalogue lists contents of

	<p>glasshouses and pits.</p> <p>A photo, c 1925 shows pelagoniums in a glasshouse.</p> <p>In the existing garden, there is a row of Scots pines behind the Gardener's Cottage. These were in front of the south-east boundary and are shown on earlier maps.</p>	
Other key features	Unknown	
Any other information:		
References:	<p>OS Maps 25" = 1 mile 1st edition, 1884, 1903-04 and 1959</p> <p>Leicestershire and Rutland Record Office :</p> <p>Doc. Ref: DE4674/2347</p> <p>Warner, Sheppard and Wade: sale particulars for the Executors of the Late Major A.E. Burnaby.</p> <p>Doc Ref: DE2121/P/3-5</p> <p>Plans of Greenhouses etc. at the Hall – 1922-24</p> <p>Doc Ref: DG51/21</p> <p>Photograph Album 1925 *</p>	
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* We have attempted to find out about the copyright of the historic images, but have been unable to do so. We would be very interested to hear from anybody who has information about them.



1884 OS MAP



View of present day walled kitchen garden, looking north. The brick wall is in line with the first internal division on the 1884 map. The Potting Shed is behind the modern greenhouse.

Remains of original wall, showing stonework and coping





Gardener's Cottage – c 1925



Pelargonium Display in Glasshouse – c 1925

Potting Shed
Top image: c 1925
Bottom image: present day

