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Site Record Form

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Item Description HALL HOUSE

Site Data

Scriven Hall

History Summary

Scriven Hall is shown on maps and aerial photos that cover the site from 15th century until mid 20th century when it was destroyed by fire.

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Description	Comments
2008 Scriven OS Map	Scriven Hall was destroyed by fire in 1952 and was demolished in 1955. Hence it will first appear on the 1951 aerial photo.
2008 Harrogate Borough Council Vector Map	Unchanged
2007 Scriven Aerial Photo	Unchanged
2005 Scriven Street Map	Unchanged
2005 NMR 20304/12 Oblique	Not within extent of photo
2002 OS Map Scriven	Unchanged
1994 Pathfinder 663 Scriven	Unchanged
1994 OS/94255 Run V Frame 006	Not within extent of photo
1990 OS/90143 Run V Frame 059	Not within extent of photo
1990 OS/90143 Run V Frame 004	Not within extent of photo
1987 Scriven	Not within extent of map
1982 OS Map Scriven	Unchanged
1978 Scriven	Unchanged
1976 Scriven Hall	Unchanged
1973 HSL Ltd Run 47 Frame 2675	Not within extent of photo
1973 HSL Ltd Run 47 Frame 2674	Unchanged
1973 HSL Ltd Run 47 Frame 2673	Unchanged
1973 HSL Ltd Run 47 Frame 2672	Not within extent of photo
1973 HSL Ltd Run 47 Frame 2671	Not within extent of photo
1970 Scriven Map	Unchanged

1968 Scriven Map	Unchanged
1966 Meridian Airways Run 41 Frame 138	Not within extent of photo
1966 Meridian Airways Run 41 Frame 137	Unchanged
1966 Meridian Airways Run 41 Frame 136	Unchanged
1965 July Scriven Sale Map	Unchanged
1965 July Scriven Sale Map	Scriven Hall shown, map used to sell the estate probably prior to 1950
1963 Scriven Hall	Unchanged, not shown
1954 RAF/540/1381 Run F22 Frame 0001	Not within extent of photo
1953 RAF/82/800 Run V Frame 0231	Not within extent of photo
1951 RAF/540/520 Run RP Frame 3027	Scriven Hall shown, rectangular building with a N extension at E end and a curved section from E end to S of Coach House, alignment E
1950 OS Map Scriven	Unchanged, main part of building 59m x 12.5m with E extension 17m x 7.5m.
1941 RAF/4E/UK689 Run V Frame 9157	Unchanged
1941 RAF/4E/UK689 Run V Frame 9156	Unchanged
1938 OS Map Scriven	Unchanged
1932 Scriven Hall	Unchanged
1932 Scriven	Unchanged
1913 Scriven	Unchanged
1909 Scriven Hall	Unchanged
1907 OS Map Scriven	Unchanged
1890 Scriven Hall	Unchanged
1854 First Edition	Unchanged
1849 Scriven	Not within extent of map
1839 Tithe map	Within Tithe Field 307
1834 Parish Plan – Road and Drain Upkeep Rate	Within Plan Number 260

1828 Teesdales Map	Unchanged
1817 Greenwoods Map	Unchanged
1816 John Tukes Map	Not shown
1771 Jefferys Map	Not shown
1720 Facsimile portion of map by J Warburton	House shown
1629 Sketch Map Slingsby Holdings	House shown but alignment N and house shown to have a tower. Hence this is an earlier house than the one destroyed in the fire of 1952.
NMR Monuments Scriven Map	Unique Identifier 53311
Monuments Scriven NYCC	SMR Number 18885

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Documents Record Form

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NMR Monument Report	Unique Identifier 53311. The hall has been completely demolished. Scriven Hall, the seat of the Slingsby family from temp. Edward III until 1918, incorporates 16th century.		
Historic Environment Record. Full Monument Report	SMR Number 18885 Great Hall Medieval to Post Medieval		
1839 Tithe Apportionment Scriven Study Area	Tithe Field 307. Owner & occupier Sir Charles Slingsby, Scriven Hall Lawn and Plantation, area 4 acres 3 roods 8 square poles		
1834 Parish Road and Drain Upkeep Rate Schedule	Plan Number 260, no information available.		
A History of Harrogate and Knaresborough	1625 pp244-245 Sir Henry Slingsby filed a Bill of Complaint in the Council of the North against Peter Benson who had obstructed his right of way 'with cart and carriage' from Scriven Hall to his lands in Hasleheads furlong. The way ran by Greengate Lane and the Knaresborough Boroughbridge road and then over flats called Side Cops, Burtree Stubbs, Esps and Longlands 'to the gate which leads to Sir Henry's land in Hasleheads'. Benson had fenced his land in Longlands and so closed the way.		
1901 Census Scriven with Tentergate	Six entries for Scriven Hall		
1881 Census Scriven with Tentergate	17 entries for Scriven Hall		
1891 Census Scriven with Tentergate	15 entries for Scriven Hall		

The History of the Castle, Town and Forest of Knaresborough with Harrogate (and its medicinal waters)	<p>P122 SCRIVEN HALL</p> <p>Footnote - Scriven probably implies the residence of the Grave or Steward</p> <p>This is a seat of the ancient family of the Slingsbys. It is pleasantly situated in the park on the right of the road leading from Knaresborough to Ripley. In the centre of the principal front, is a pediment supported by four Ionic pillars, from whence is a beautiful view of the lawn skirted with lofty trees, and terminated by a rising ground.</p> <p>A very extensive tract of enclosed country is seen to the Eastward, including the cathedral of York at a distance of eighteen miles.</p> <p>A winding walk near a mile in extent, leads from the West side of the house through a very fine wood of elm and beech trees, whose foliage uniting above form a most pleasing solitary shade, rendered still more agreeable by the distant clamour of the rookery, and the soft notes of the plaintive ring dove .</p> <p>In the house are many good rooms, the hall in particular is well proportioned and elegantly finished. In the drawing room are some portraits of the Percys, Slingsbys and Duncombes.</p> <p>From here on there is a genealogical list now transcribed by Chris from P.R.O. reference No ?</p>
Historic Knaresborough	Scriven Hall Pages 31,40,96
1861 Census Scriven with Tentergate	12 entries for Scriven Hall
1851 Census Scriven with Tentergate	13 entries for Scriven Hall
The Houses of Scriven Green	There were 91 inhabitants in 1851, including a household of 12 at Scriven Hall and 19 in the Workhouse in 1851.
Harrogate Library Misc Papers 1	20/12/52 Pictures of Scriven Hall Blaze. Harrogate Advertiser . 29/7/53 Scriven Hall handed back to owners (paper unknown, probably Harrogate Advertiser)
The Yorkshire Gentry from the Reformation to the Civil War The Place Names of the West Riding of Yorkshire Part V	Scriven Hall Accounts SCRIVEN HALL, Hall 1858 OS
From Eden Vale to the Plains of York	Pages 20 – 21. Section on Scriven Hall and the Slingsbys with brief reference to the history of Scriven and the Slingsbys

A Popular Illustrated Guide and Official Handbook to Knaresborough

SCRIVEN PARK'

Through Scriven Park is a favourite walk. Entering at the lodge gates, and proceeding across the park, an oblique view of the front of Scriven Hall is seen. The road then passes the back of the hall into the village of Scriven, and thence forward to the town. Scriven Hall is the seat of the Slingsby family, who have been so closely identified with the history and fortunes of the town for four or five centuries. Vistors are permitted to walk through the park free of charge, but are requested to keep on the roadway.'

Knaresborough Official Guide

Street plan at back of book shows path from High Bond End to Scriven Hall as "Gaker Walk"

A to Z of Knaresborough History

It is not known when the ancient Slingsby family built the first hall but it was partly rebuilt in Elizabethan times and took on its most familiar appearance when Sir Henry Slingsby added a new front in about 1730. This is how it appears in prints and photographs. During the Second World War it was requisitioned by the government and used for secret operations, even being visited by Winston Churchill, and later used for prisoners of war. On 20th December 1952 as a result of a fire caused by workmen it burnt down. All that survived is part of the old stable block and the fine gates (attributed to Inigo Jones.) on Ripley Road. In 2003 Miss Winifred Jacob Smith bequeathed a substantial acreage of Scriven Park to the people of Knaresborough.

Hannam's History of Knaresborough & Visitor Guide

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North Yorkshire Village Book

Scriven Hall, standing in the Park, was partially rebuilt by Sir Henry Slingsby on the eve of the Civil War, and was destroyed by fire in 1952

Down Memory Lane Part 1

After First World War

At Easter there was egg rolling. ' We went to Bluebell Wood (now Dog Kennel Wood) behind Scriven dog kennels. We rolled coloured eggs - the winner reached the bottom uncracked. They processed with their eggs and set off down High Bond End with the old toll house on the left and passed two or four houses which in the sixteenth century had been The Meadowside Inn. They reached Scriven Hall gates and the fun began., They rolled the eggs down the green which was public in those days'

The Ancient Buildings of
Harrogate District

P7 Scriven Hall was the seat of the Slingsby family from the time of Edward 111 until 1918

The hall was basically seventeenth and eighteenth century but incorporated some sixteenth century work.

The north front was renaissance with gables. The south front was classical with a portico and balustrade. The interior fittings and decoration were chiefly eighteenth century.

The pillars of the park gates were attributed to Inigo Jones

Down Memory Lane Part 2

Scriven Hall was requisitioned by the military. Scriven was suddenly peaceful no longer. The evening of the day war was declared excited schoolboys headed for the Hall to watch dispatch riders from the Royal Corps of Signals tearing up the undulating ground on motor bikes. 'We went up each night to talk them and make friends'. Then the Tank Corps arrived. One of the lieutenants was the actor Richard Greene (who played Robin Hood). So Robin Hood could be seen practising manoeuvres in Clapham's fields. Local youngsters spent hours following in their tracks in search of spent cartridge cases. A lasting reminder of the Tank Corps can be seen in the grooves half way up the stone wall on Scriven Road (L drivers).

1841 - 1901 Census Scriven with
Tentergate

23 entries for Scriven Hall

The Yorkshire Slingsby's

Scriven Hall, near Knaresborough is being derequisitioned and will be available shortly on very reasonable terms. Agents are Messrs Renton & Renton, of Harrogate. These notes have been submitted by Brigadier G.S. Brunskill. The history of this small mansion, adjoining the old village of Scriven, does not seem ever to have been established in writing, although there is a complete record of the genealogy of its owners from the earliest times. Scriven Hall derives its name from the de Scrivens (Sheriff of Saxon times) whose decent is fully established from Gamellus, surnamed Aureps, probably from being a royal fowler, who held lands here from Henry the First. His son Baldwin was capital Forester of the Forest and Parks of Knaresborough, and his descendants held the office and title continuously thereafter. During Henry the Third's reign, in 1333, William de Slingsby of Stodleigh (now Studley near Ripon), whose family derived their name from Sclingesbie, in the Rydall division of the North Riding, married Joanna, the de Scriven heiress, and founded the family of Slingsby of Scriven which endured there in male succession until 1869 when Sir Charles Slingsby, 10th baronet, was drowned in the River Nidd whilst fox hunting. He was succeeded by his sister, Emma, named after her mother Emma Margaret Atkinson. She was married to Captain Thomas Leslie (great uncle of Sir Shane Leslie of Glaslough ,Eire) who took the name and arms of Slingsby. On the death of Emma, the last Slingsby, the estate passed to her cousin, the Rev Charles Reynard Atkinson, who in turn assumed the name of Slingsby was killed in a hunting accident in 1912. The property was then leased and requisitioned in 1941. The present life owner is Major Thomas William Slingsby, D.S.O., of Romanby House.

in 1571 the present the owner is Major Thomas William Slingsby, Esq, of Romans, House, Northallerton. It seems clear that, from the time of the earliest de Scriven's, and probably from Saxon times, there was a manor house, or homestead, on the site. However the only readily accessible written references are contained in the book now known as the 'Slingsby Diary' (1638 to 1658), compiled by the Rev. Daniel Parsons, and published in 1856. This contains, amongst other documents, and extracts, much of the actual diary of Sir Henry Slingsby, First Baronet, an ardent Royalist, who was beheaded by Cromwell's orders for so called treason, in 1658. In his diary this Sir Henry refers to a tower and chapel then existing of which there is no trace. He also refers to a wing which had been added and called 'The Northumberland Suite' because it was first used by the Duke of Northumberland when visiting his sister Mary who was married to Sir Francis Slingsby, Knight. This must have been in about in about 1560. Sir Henry Slingsby, the diarist, who was established in the Red House Marston by the time he succeeded to Scriven Hall, recorded a visit to Scriven in 1639 when he initiated the renovation and extension of the Hall. In 1682 some detached were enlarged into the fine existing coach house which still exists. By 1730 the existing park had been enclosed and the Hall itself improved to its present form with heightened reception rooms and imposing south front with its beautiful portico.

A View of Medieval Scriven

Scriven's fortune has always been closely tied with its larger neighbour Knaresborough and the Slingsby family who for over 600 years were the Lords of nearby Scriven Hall. Strangely it never had a church of its own and villagers had to go to St John's to worship. Nowadays there is a Methodist church on Park Grove, which is nearer

The Way We Were

The story of the destruction of Scriven Hall in 1952

Yorkshire Property Notes Scriven Conservation

Includes fire report of Scriven Hall

The original houses of Scriven are set around the Green which is at the junction of the roads to the present Scriven Hall, Knaresborough and Lingerfield. The Park is south of the Hall and extends down to Ripley Road where the main entrance to the old Hall is still located.

Scriven Hall to be Demolished 1871 Census Scriven with Post Office Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire

Report from Harrogate Advertiser, 12.09.1953

16 entries for Scriven Hall

P 437 List of residents under heading "Scriven"

Scriven is a village and with Tentergate forms a Township in the parish of Knaresborough from which it is distant one mile north. Scriven Hall or Park, the seat of Sir Charles Slingsby baronet, is a handsome stone mansion situated in an extensive park near to the village.

Slater's Directory of the County of Yorkshire

P606 Ref under Nobility, Gentry and Clergy to "Slingsby Thos Esq Scriven Hall"

Kelly's Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire 1897

P607 "Scriven is a village and, with Tentergate forms a township in the parish of Knaresborough, from which it is a mile north. Scriven Hall, which is the seat of Capt Thomas Slingsby DJ, JP is a handsome stone mansion, situated in an extensive park of about 434 acres near to the village.

Fire at Scriven Hall

THE WHOLE OF THE WEST WING OF SCRIVEN HALL, KNARESBOROUGH WAS GUTTED BY FIRE EARLY YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) MORNING. THE OTHER HALF OF THE HISTORIC MANSION WAS UNDAMAGED.

Mr. H. Clapham, who lives near by, saw a glow in the fog " at 6.15 a.m. He at once raised the alarm and within 20 minutes two tenders and crews from Knaresborough Fire Brigade were on the scene.

Reinforcements from Harrogate and Leeds arrived later.

In their fight to save the hall, firemen pumped water from the lake in the park. East wind helped They succeeded In confining- the outbreak to the west wing, where the blaze was extremely fierce. An -east wind probably helped to keep the flames to that end of the build-ing.

Scriven Hall was about to be derequisitioned, but had not yet been handed back to the owners. On the Instructions of the Ministry of Works, men have been working on the interior, dealing with dry rot. They left yesterday at five p.m., having doused a fire which they had lit In one of the fireplaces. They locked the build-ing before leaving. It is understood that there was no watchman on the premises. At 10 a.m. yesterday firemen were still . playing hoses on the western portion of the building as tongues of flame danced around the burnt windows. Inside was a charred and smoking ruin.

Undamaged, near the rear door, was a wooden sign with the faded lettering: "24th German P.W. Satellite Camp,"—a reminder of Scriven Hall's war-time use.

Scriven Hall and estate were requisitioned by the War Office early in the war. The estate was occupied by the military and then became a camp for prisoners of war, and later for European vol-untary workers. A recent proposal to establish a " prison without bars" there was dropped by the Home Office after spirited local opposition. The Scriven estate is owned by Major T. W. Slingsby, of North-allerton, who maintains a con-nection of the Slingsbys with Scriven dating back more than 600 years The rolling parkland pro-vides' a perfect setting for the annual Knaresborough Show. The walls surrounding the estate form the boundary between the Knares-borough and Nidderdale administrative areas. Scriven Hall stands on a rise at the end of the village, amid wood-land, garden and parkland. The mansion, of which the late Sir Algernon Firth was the last occu-pant, is partly in the' Elizabethan style, but has- undergone many alterations and extensions. The present front was added about 1730 by Sir Henry Slingsby, who also made the carriage road through the 400-acre park.

From Edenvale to the Plains of
York

SCRIVEN HALL

The home of the Slingsbys is charmingly situated in the midst of affine park, where stand many noble trees their spreading branches, still waving in the breeze, remnants of that vast forest of Knaresborough, which once reached twenty miles from miles from east to west, and from six to eight miles in width. The Norman Barons were great hunters, and so are their descendants at the present day.

We can easily imagine the hunting scene on a golden autumn morn, as the branches gently rustled in the morning breeze, and the woods resounded with merriment, the curvetting of fiery steeds, while ever and anon and the shrill blast of the hunter's horn, mingled with the sounds of baying hounds and the rush of the hunters through the forest glades, were sights and sounds often seen and heard.

The family of Scriven trace their descent from Gamel, the king's fowler, and settled here soon after the conquest, Balwin, son of Gamel, was Forester of the Forest and Parks of Knaresborough, and his descendants held that office for several generations. Sir Henry Slingsby was M.P. for Knaresborough in 1640, and colonel in the king's army during the civil war. He spent a great part of his fortune in the cause of Charles I, fought in several actions, was a very brave and skilful officer. He was very long a prisoner at Hull, and was tried at Westminster for offering to deliver some part of the garrison for service of Charles II. Sir Henry was condemned to death. He suffered on Tower Hill, along with Dr Hewitt, June 7th, 1658, persisting in his loyalty to the Stuarts, saying with his last breath he died for being an honest man. Leaving the Hall, a few yards bring us to Scriven village. Its ancient farmyards remind us of 'J.F.Herring's' truthful paintings of those scenes. The village has an old English appearance, and, with its pretty green, presents a picture of quiet and peace.

Seventeenth Century Builders
Contracts

Articles about ye building of ye stable at Scriven hall.

A History of Scriven

On the site of Scriven Hall, perhaps, was an older house of the Slingsbys, probably only a little larger than Home Farm. Scriven Hall was partially rebuilt by Sir Henry Slingsby on the eve of the Civil War. In his diary he had written of the rotten house at Scriving' and had ordered the repair of it. Later in July 1640 he reported "I found my building at Scriving in good forwardness, the first floor being laid".

The Hearth Tax Returns of 1664 give the number of houses in Scriven with Tentergate as sixty four. Forty of these had one hearth only, twenty-one had two; there were two with five hearths and one house with over six, perhaps Scriven Hall which had ten hearths.

Scriven Hall Fire

SCRIVEN HALL BLAZE BEGAN IN CHIMNEYThe fire which destroyed the west wing of Scriven Hall, near Knaresborough, began in the chimney breast of the main hall. A thorough probe of the ruined building by forensic experts has satisfied the authorities that incendiaryism can be ruled out as a cause of the blaze. It is believed that sparks from a fire lighted by workmen in the fireplace of the main hall ignited an old beam in the false ceiling. From there the outbreak, after many hours of smouldering, spread to the whole of the west wing.

No blame or negligence is attributed to the workmen concerned, who were engaged on repair of the interior prior to the hall being derequisitioned by the Ministry of Works. After the blaze had been brought under control on Friday morning, firemen maintained a 24 hour vigil over the smouldering rubble. Early on Saturday the brigades were withdrawn, leaving two men on watch. Later the same day a minor outbreak among the charred timbers caused reinforcements to be hurried to the scene. The flames were soon extinguished.

Hall's Future Major T.W. Slingsby of Northallerton, owner of the Scriven estate, visited the ruined hall on Sunday. He inspected the gutted west wing, which formerly housed the main residential rooms of the hall. The old servants' quarters are in the undamaged eastern portion of the hall. Later this week Major T.W. Slingsby, of Northallerton, owner of the Scriven estate, visited the ruined hall on Sunday. He inspected the gutted west wing, which formerly housed the main residential rooms of the hall. The old servants' quarters are in the undamaged eastern portion of the hall. Later this week, Brigadier G.S. Brunskill, agent to the Slingsby estate, said the future of Scriven Hall was extremely problematical. He emphasised that at the time of the fire the hall had not been handed back to the estate, but was the responsibility of the Ministry of Works. He understood that the structure was insured against fire.

Recently, he said, the hall had been advertised for letting. 'It was Major Slingsby's desire to preserve the historic building in this way' added Brigadier Brunskill 'and the desire still remains. The cost of rebuilding, however is only one of the many factors to be considered'.

Scriven Hall handed back to
Owners

SCRIVEN HALL HANDED BACK TO OWNERS

After 13 ½ years under requisition, Scriven Hall, near Knaresborough, has been handed back to the Slingsby estate, but the future of the fire-damaged de-requisitioned mansion, remains a big question. News of the formal de-requisitioning by the Ministry of Works was announced by the Central Office of Information. Although the Ministry ceased to pay rent for the property on June 12th last, the amount of compensation payable has not been settled. It is understood that negotiations may not be completed for some months. The hall and estate were requisitioned in January, 1940, for military occupation. Afterwards a camp was erected for prisoners of war. This was later occupied by European voluntary workers. A year ago a proposal to establish an open prison on the estate was abandoned after spirited local opposition. It was then announced that Scriven Hall and estate would be derequisitioned.

Fire destroyed Hopes

Before this could take place a serious fire gutted the west wing of the hall. Whether this historic mansion can now be restored and preserved, as the owners originally hoped, is a matter for conjecture. The hall's immediate future would appear to be dependent on the outcome of the compensation negotiations, in which an insurance company is also concerned.

The Slingsby's of Scriven

THE SLINGSBYS OF SCRIVEN

Scriven Hall, whose west wing was yesterday gutted by fire, has no established history in writing, although there does exist a full record of the genealogy of its owners from its earliest days. The name is believed to have been derived from the de Scrivens, a family of sheriffs of Saxon days. During the reign of Henry 111 in 1333 William de Slingsby, of Stodleigh (now Studley) married Johanna, the de Scriven heiress, and he founded the family of Slingsby of Scriven. This endured in male succession until 1869/ when Sir Charles Slingsby (10th Bt) was drowned in the River Nidd, a ferry boat capsizing with a hunting party on board.

REQUISITIONED DURING THE WAR

Sir Charles was succeeded by his sister, Emma, who took the name and arms of Slingsby. When Emma died, the estate passed to her cousin, the Rev. Charles Reynard Atkinson who also took the name of Slingsby. He was killed in a hunting accident in 1912, when the property was leased. It was requisitioned in 1941. Part of the building, although not, it is believed the west wing was once known as the 'Northumberland Suite' because it was there that the Duke of Northumberland used to visit his sister, Mary, who was married to Sir Francis Slingsby, Knight,. This was in about 1560. Diaries about Scriven Hall refer to towers and a chapel, of which no trace has been found in living memory.

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Photographs

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