

6. Conclusions and Recommendations

It has been argued above that the core of the priory of St John the Baptist at Kilburn lies between 70m and 100m due east of the site under consideration. It has also been argued that the precinct of the priory may extend as far west as Kilburn High Road, and that if a gatehouse existed, it might be at or near the junction between Belsize Road and Kilburn High road. This same area then became the Bell Inn, the Bell Tavern and also the drinking spot and spa known as Kilburn Wells. According to the Greenwood 1827 map, the site lies on some of the buildings of Kilburn Wells.

Therefore, in addition to any undocumented prehistoric or Saxon activities and the presence of Romano-British pottery, there remains some reason to undertake a controlled evaluation on the site of 258-262 Belsize Road. However, the basements will have certainly removed any features directly on the frontage, and as the strata are rising to the west, some degree of truncation of those strata due to terracing is inevitable (and has been noted in TP3). The damage caused by post-medieval ploughing/cultivation will be least along the deeper, eastern side of the site and the north-east corner of the site, where the risk of terracing appears to be much reduced. It would also be advisable to test for survival of the rear of any structures along the frontage of Belsize Road.

As very nearly the whole site is still covered by a thick concrete floor, provision should be made to break this out in any areas of further work.

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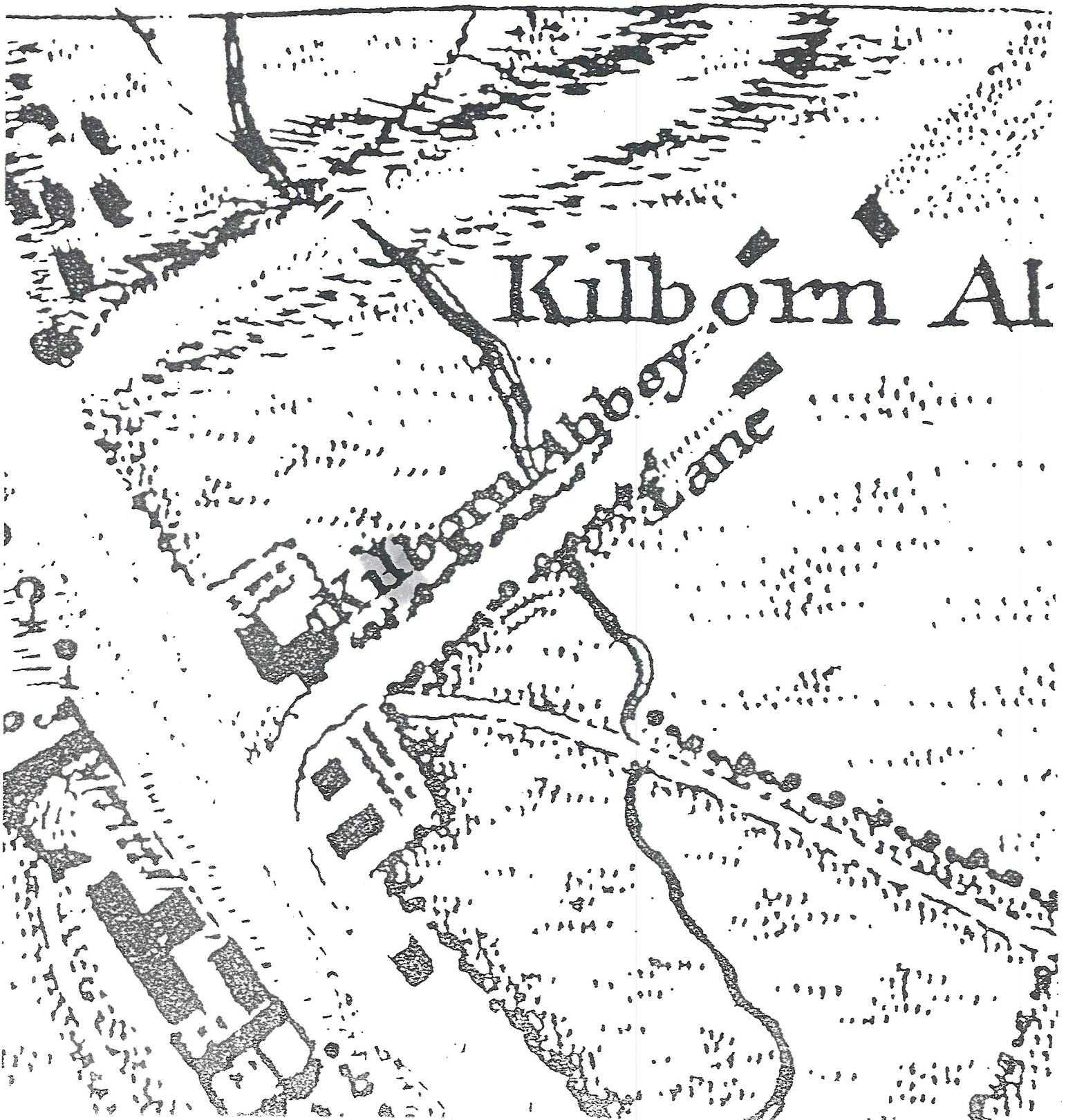
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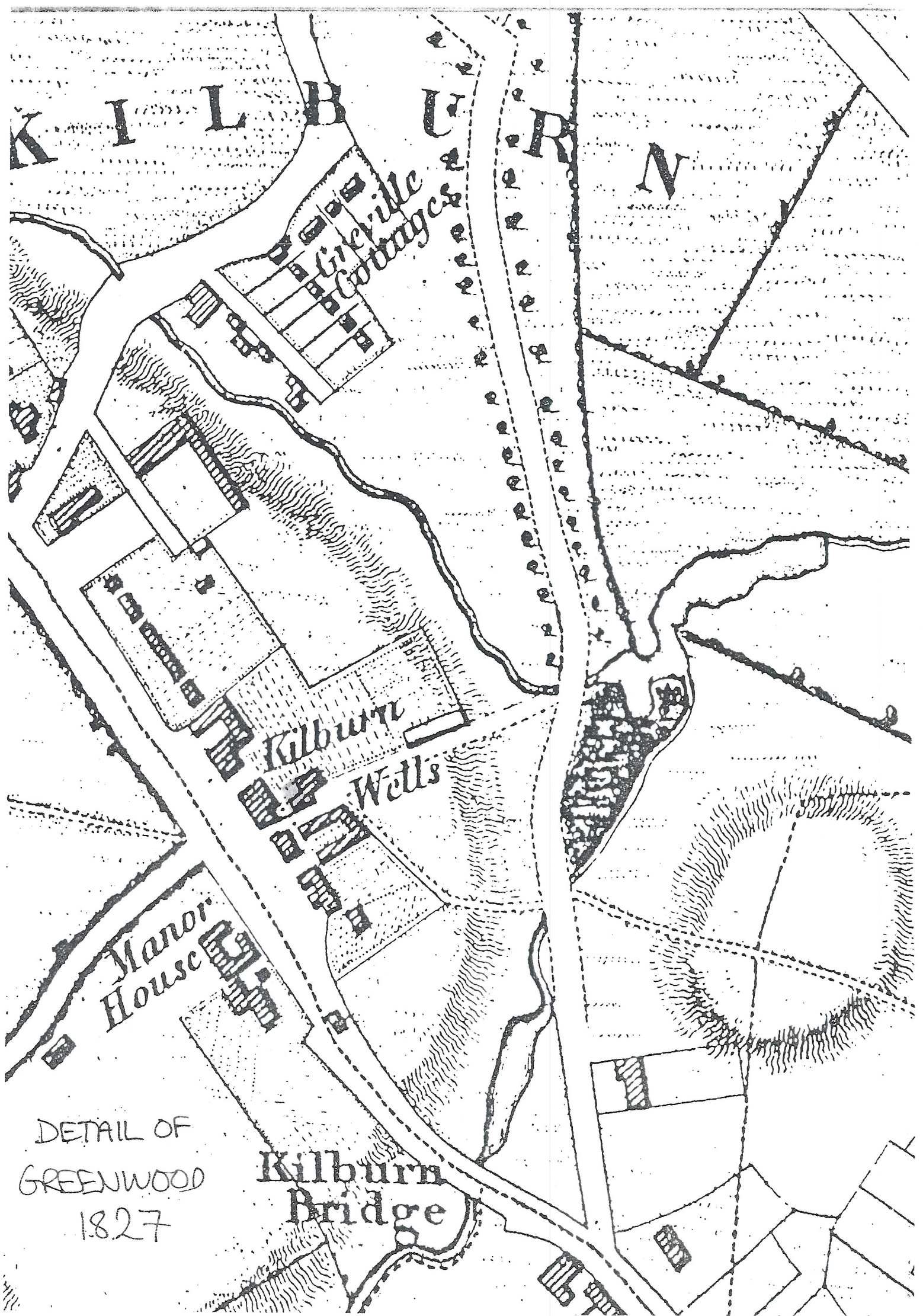
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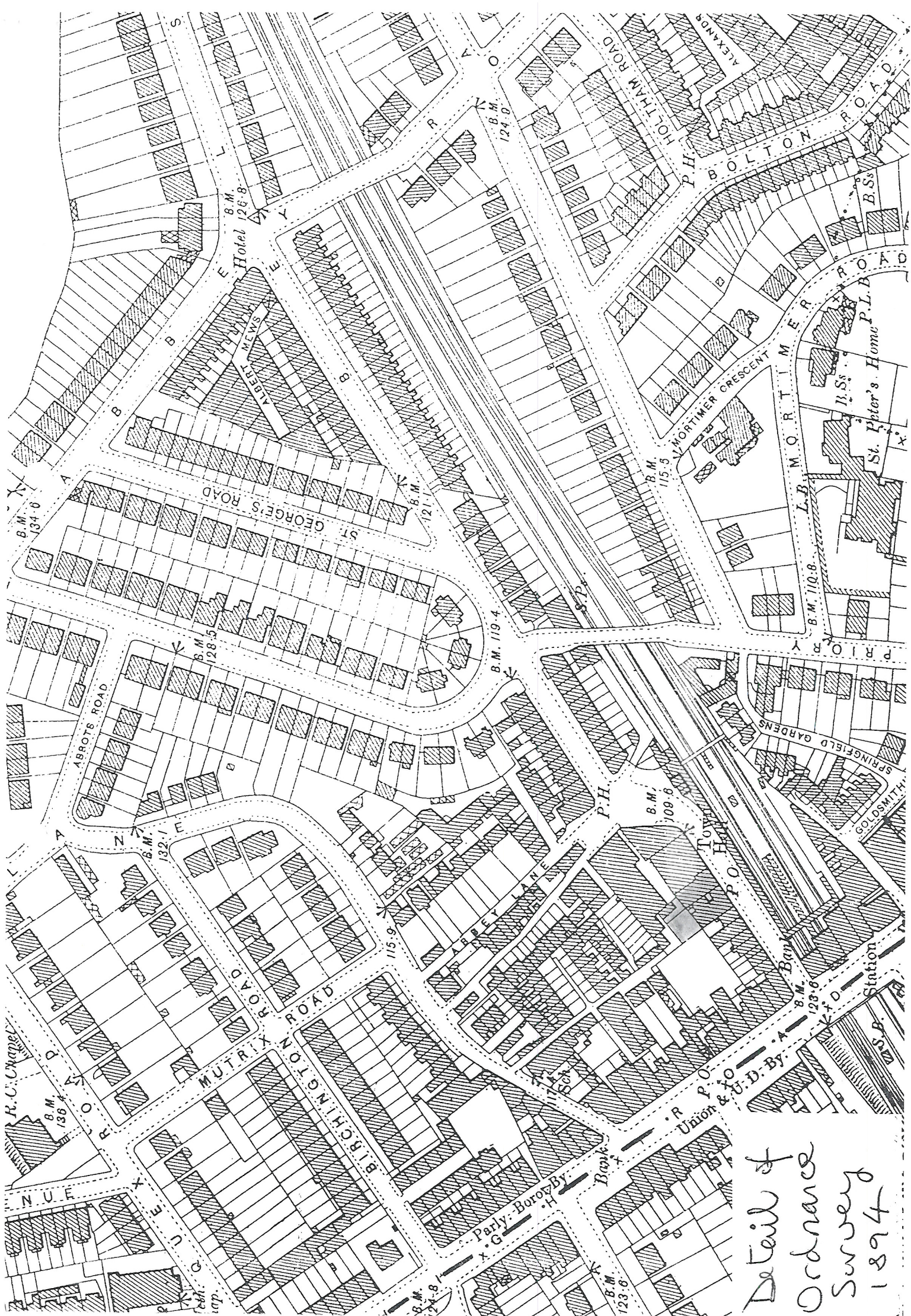
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DETAIL OF GREENWOOD 1827



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