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Building history

Keats House, or Wentworth Place as it was originally known, was built in 1814 by William Woods, a local builder and completed in 1816. Originally two separate houses, the larger side of the property was first occupied by Charles Wentworth Dilke and his family, while the smaller, eastern side was occupied by Charles Brown. It was to Brown's side of the house that John Keats came to live in 1818, staying here for just 17 months before travelling to Italy where he died.

A major change to the building happened in 1838 when it was bought by the actress Eliza Jane Chester. She removed the staircase in the Keats/Brown side of the house and knocked through the walls to create a single house. She also added the drawing room at the eastern end of the house (the Chester Room). Miss Chester was famous during the 1820s and early 1830s for playing the lead roles in comedies and especially for her appearances as Beatrice in *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Lady Teazle* in *The School for Scandal*. She was known for her beauty and elegance rather than her acting ability or her voice. She had a wealthy and influential patron, and later became a favourite of King George IV.

Following the changes made by Miss Chester, the house remained largely unaltered and continued to be a private residence until the early years of the 20th century. In 1920, however, it was threatened with demolition to make way for a row of flats. The property was offered for sale at £3,500 and a Memorial Committee was formed to raise the £10,000 necessary to buy the house, repair it, and maintain it as a memorial to Keats. After a successful fundraising effort in Britain and the United States, the property was formally acquired on 24th March 1921, and in April of the following year the Committee resolved to offer the house to Hampstead Borough Council.

Keats House opened to the public on 9th May 1925 and a ceremony to mark the occasion was held, at which Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch delivered the inaugural address.

Sir Charles Dilke, grandson of Charles Wentworth Dilke, had donated his collection of books, letters and artefacts relating to Keats to Hampstead Borough Council and this was displayed at Hampstead Central Library in Finchley Road, a mile away from the house. In order to display the

collection in a more convenient location, a building was erected next to the house in the area which had once been stables and kitchen gardens. As well as housing the collections, part of the building was used as a branch library. The new building was opened on 17th July 1931 by the Marquess of Crewe, son of Lord Houghton, the first biographer of Keats.

In 1974-5 the London Borough of Camden, with the aid of a grant from the Historic Buildings Council, undertook a restoration programme which included a complete redecoration of the interior. The Victorian conservatory was also replaced, and changes were made to the layout of the basement.

In 1998 the City of London assumed responsibility for Keats House. A programme of conservation work began in 1999 and in 2007 the house was awarded £424,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to allow for the internal restoration of the building. In 2014 Keats House was awarded a grant by Arts Council England to redisplay the house and make more of the collection accessible to the public.



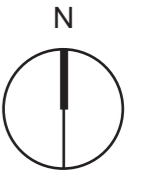
Keats House (Lawn Bank) c. 1895 with family

Source:

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/keats-house/keats-history/Pages/History-of-the-house.aspx>

Urbanisation

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Local Area Historic Development

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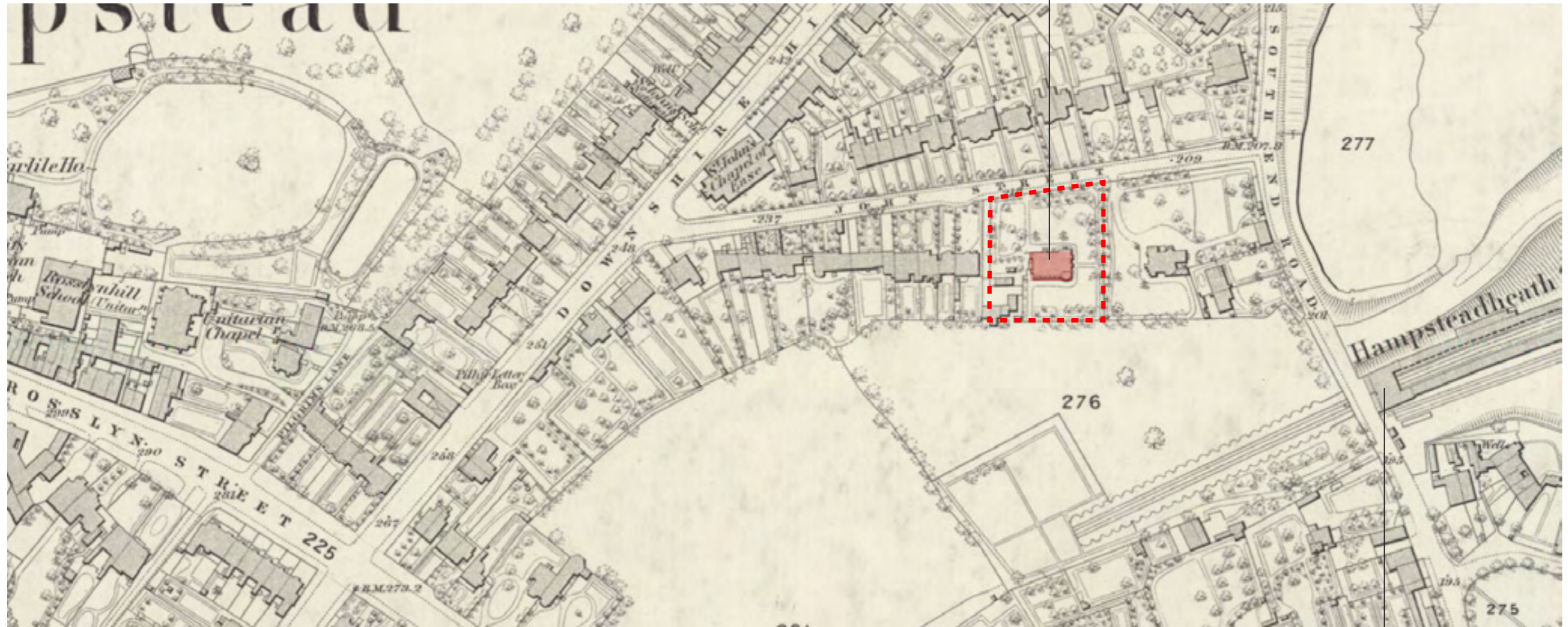
The Site 

Hampstead Heath Train Station

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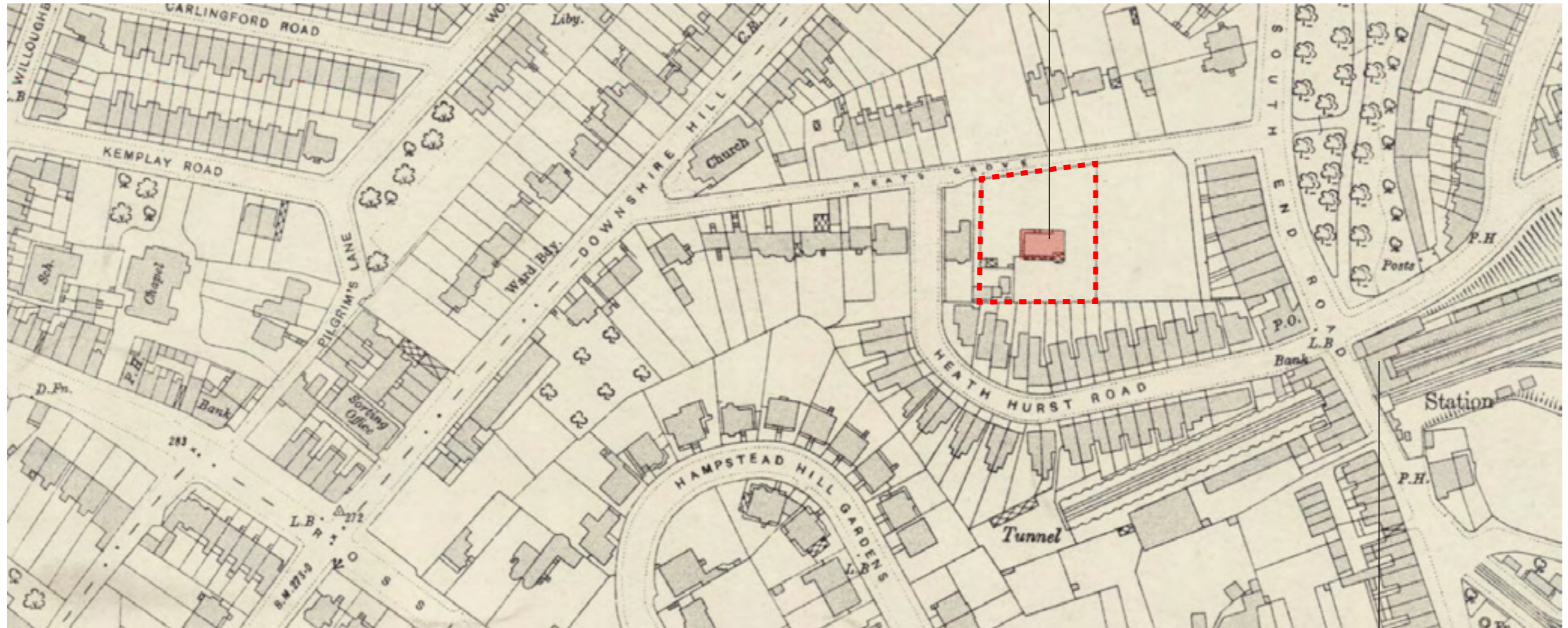
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The Site 

Keats Museum/Library
 Added in 1931

Hampstead Heath Train
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Keats House
Listed Grade I (1950)
List entry No: 1379221



Keats House
Date: 2017

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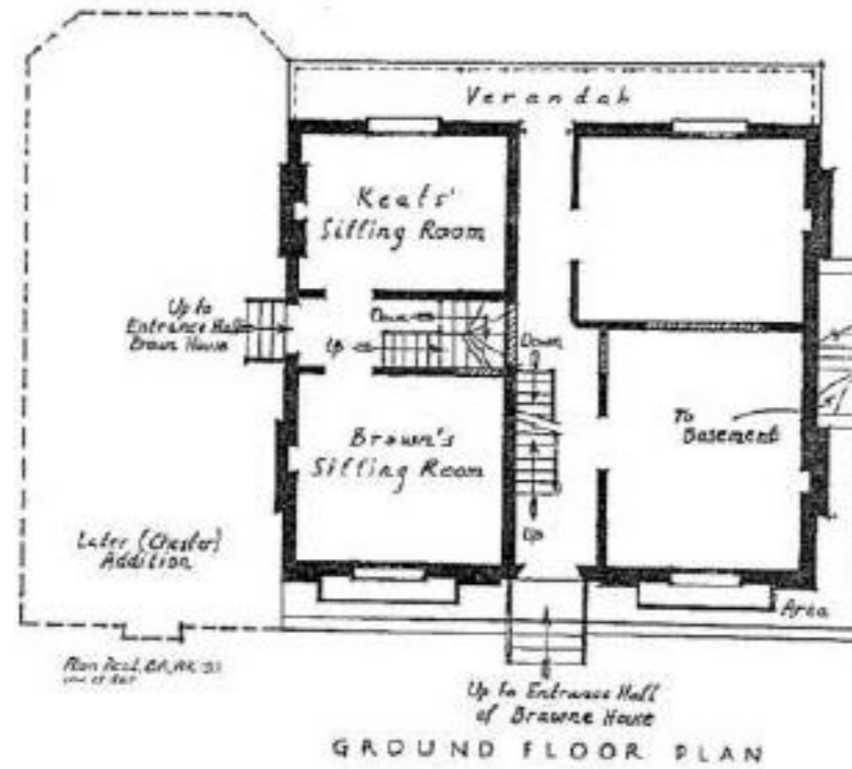
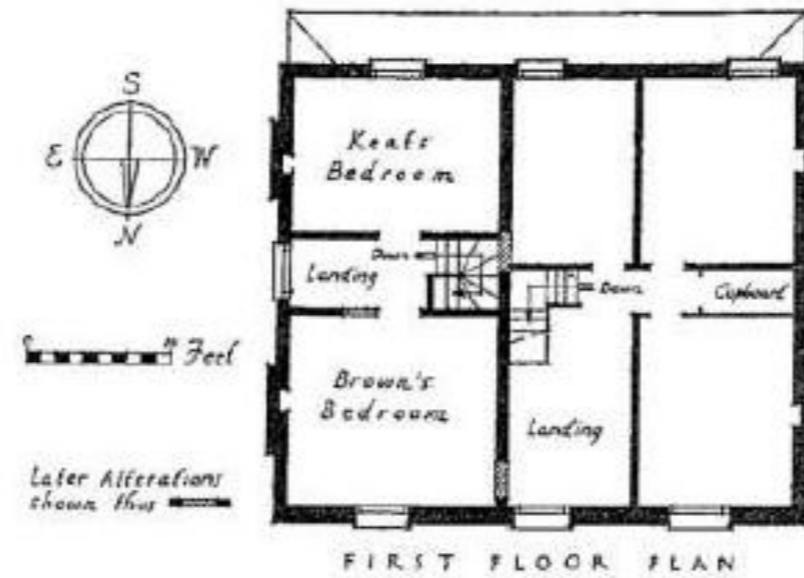
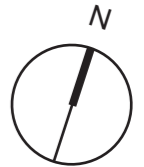
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Keats House Plans

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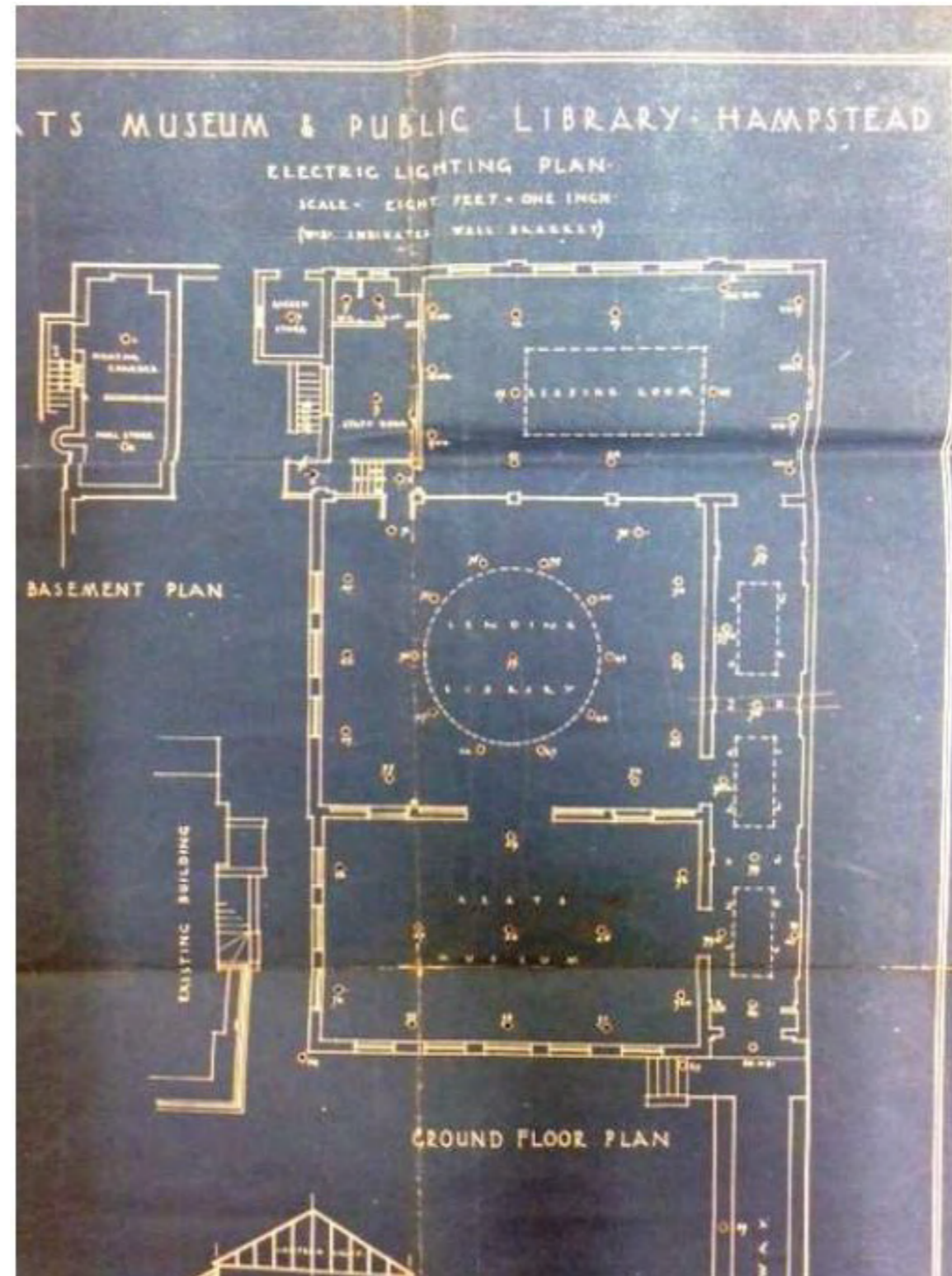
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WENTWORTH PLACE, 1815

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Plan of the museum and library 1931

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Plan of the house before 1990s work_ 9th edition guide book

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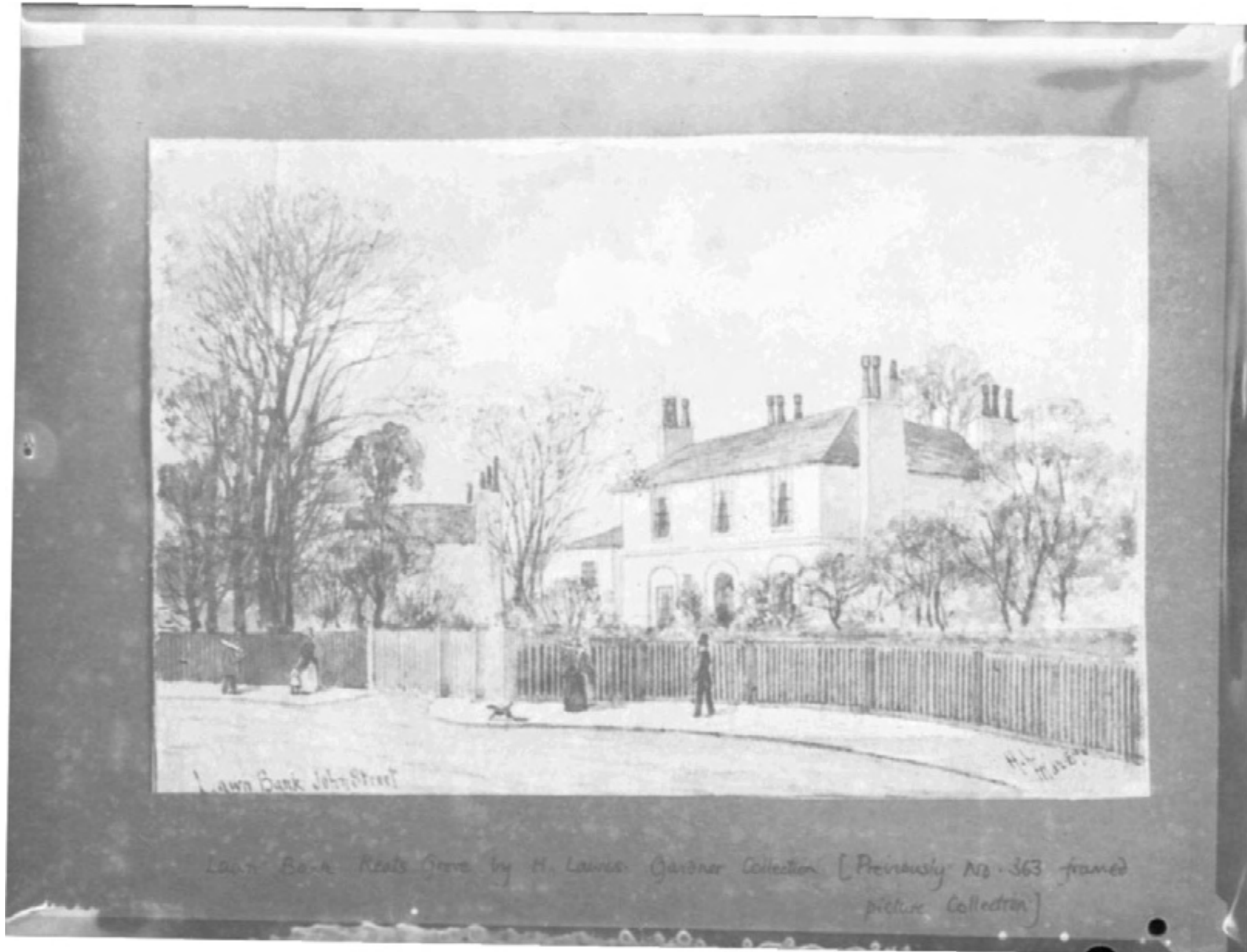
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Keats House (known then as Lawn Bank) early 1890s

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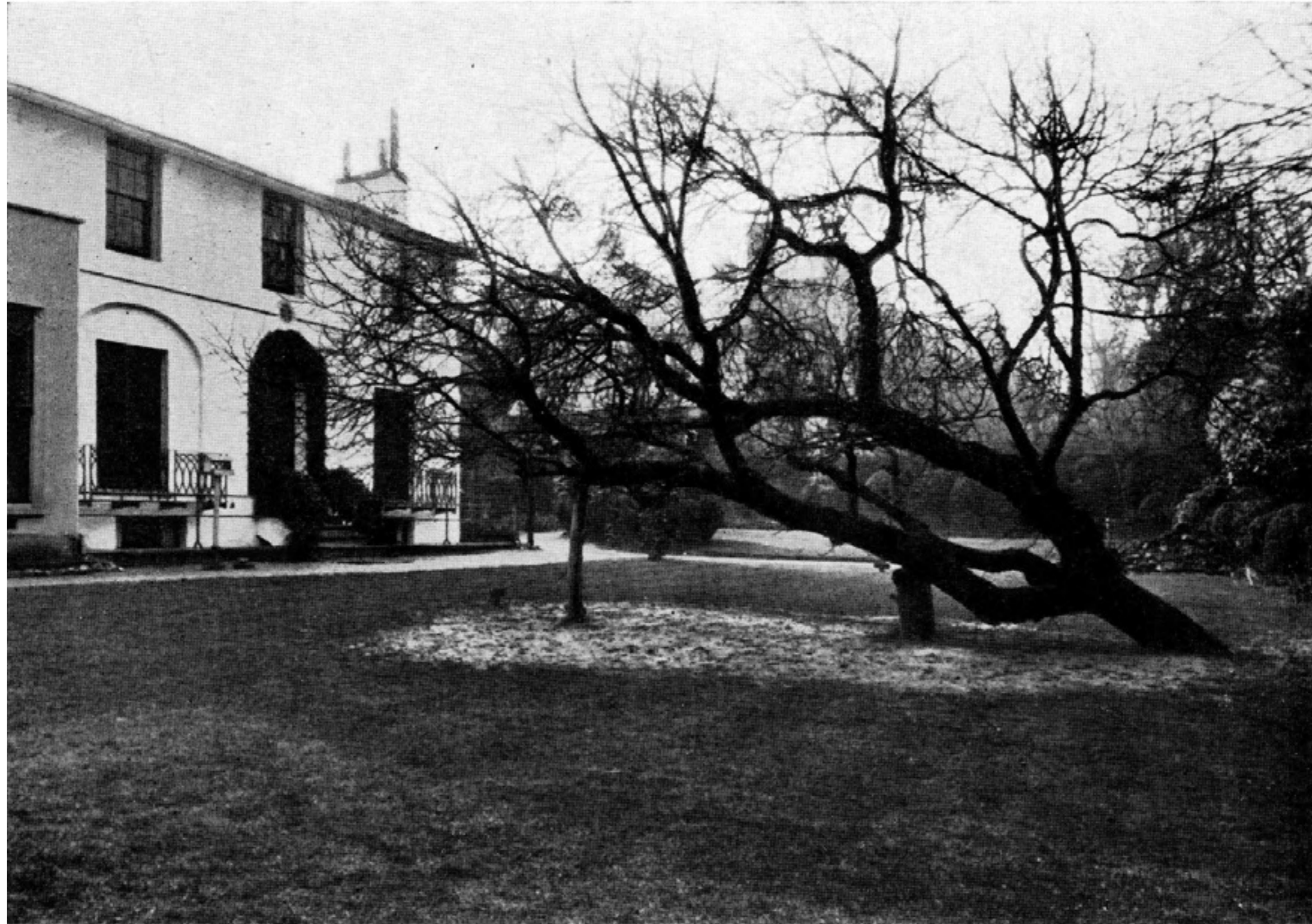
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Keats House (Lawn Bank) c. 1890s? The gates are for the driveway to the coach house (where the library path is now).

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Keats House (Lawn Bank) c. 1890s

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Keats House (Lawn Bank) by Hull, 1907

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Keats House (Lawn Bank) c 1920

Keats House Historical Development



Existing Refuse & Grass Cuttings Store

Library added in 1931 replacing original stables and kitchen gardens to house collections from Hampstead Central Library in a more convenient location

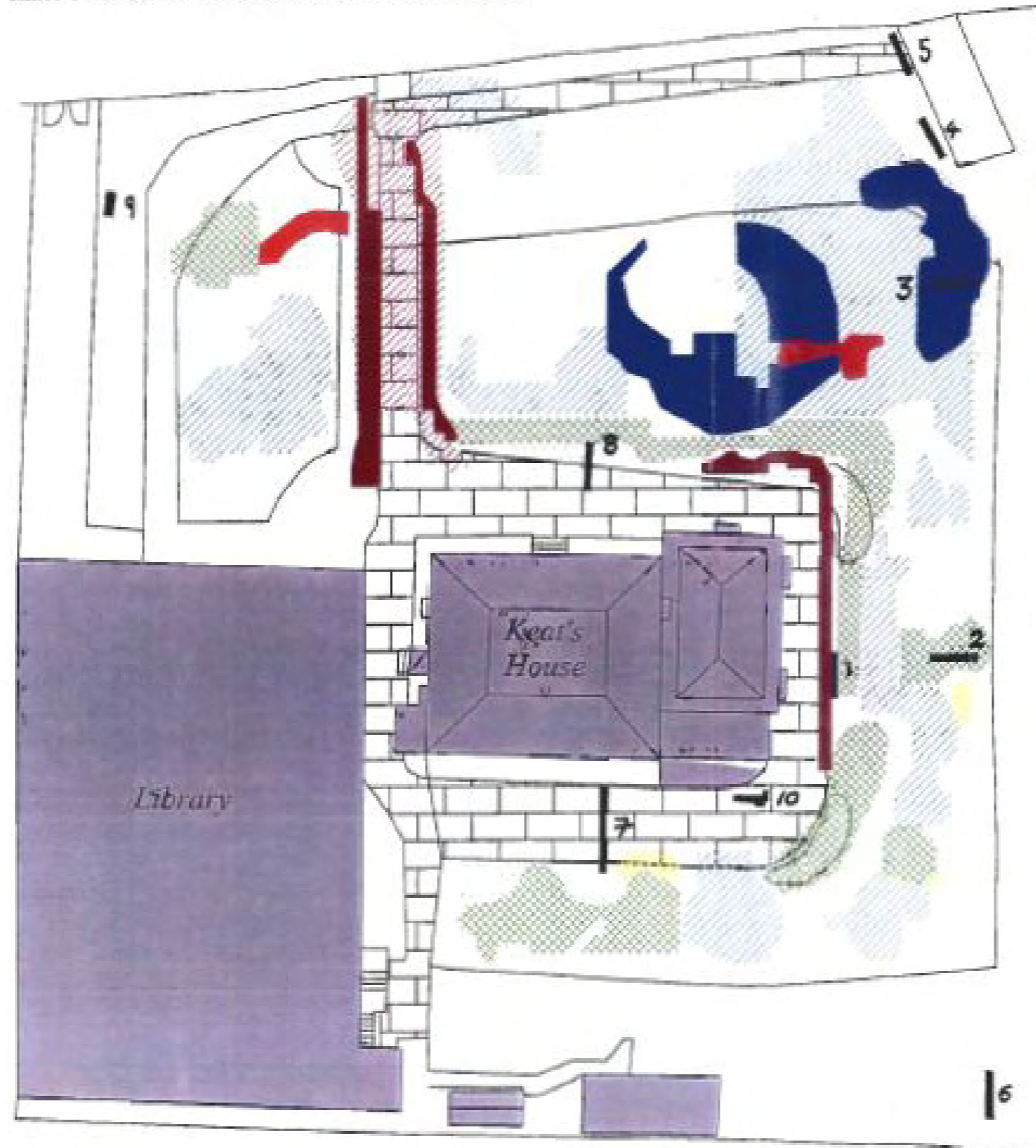
Toilet added in 2004. Planning Application No: 2004/2147/P

Drawing Room "The Chester Room" added in 1838 when the actress Eliza Jane Chester bought the House

The Victorian Conservatory added in 1838 when the actress Eliza Jane Chester bought the House was replaced in 1974-5 by the London Borough of Camden

Keats House Archaeological Survey

KEAT'S HOUSE, ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION 2001



MAGNETOMETER ANOMALIES	
	Discrete positive anomaly - possible cut feature
	Discrete positive anomaly with negative return - ferrous object
	Area of positive response
	Area of magnetic disturbance

RESISTIVITY ANOMALIES	
	Area of low resistance - possible remains of garden features
	General area of high resistance - possible remains of garden features
	Area of very high resistance - possible structural remains
	High resistance linear anomaly associated with the paths

Figure No.	Job no.	Date	Drawn
13	1510	Dec. 2000	EJFM
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Project Title
Geophysical Survey,
Keat's House, London

Subject
**COMPARISON OF ANOMALIES
ABSTRACTED FROM THE
MAGNETOMETER AND
RESISTIVITY DATA**

Scale 1:250	0m 2 4 6 8 10m
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Fig 3 . The combined results of the magnetometer and resistivity surveys with trenches