

16 Cross street

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This 16th century timber framed two storey house was converted to a lobby entrance house in the 17th century by building a back-to-back chimney stack in the high-end bay of the hall against the hall's centre truss C as shown above.

Beams have mainly been painted over with brown paint which may obscure marks. There is an older ceiling in the loft which was not inspected.



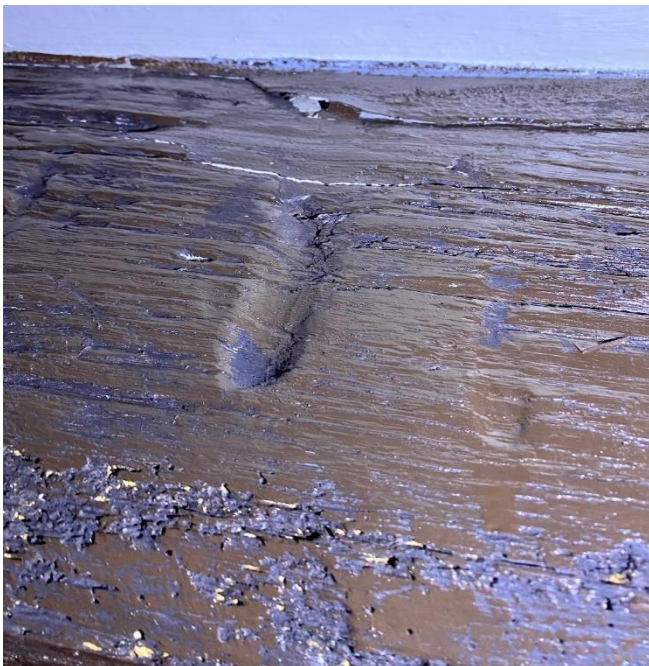
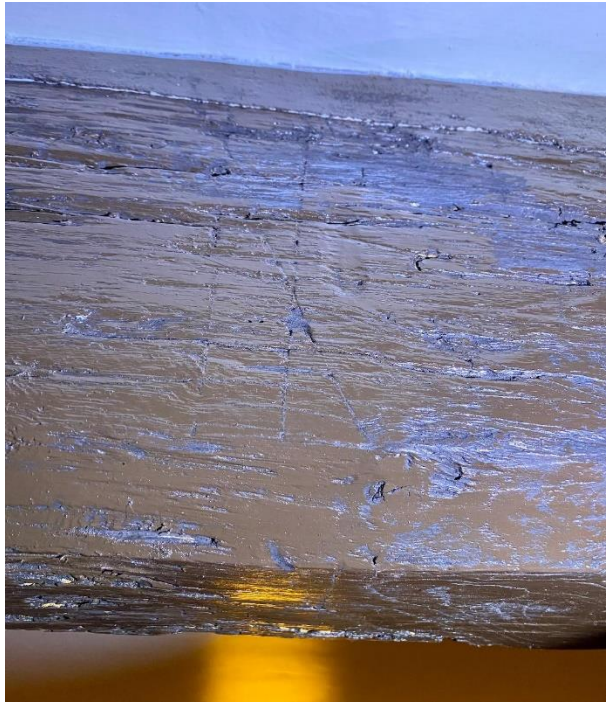
Lobby door frame South side = deeply incised compass drawn circle (3cm diameter) and other marks which may be carpenter's marks.

Downstairs, south room = one burn mark and three compressed X marks (two on the original 16th century dearn door and one on the north wall).





Upstairs = in southern first floor room south beam = butterfly mark and two burn marks (shallow). On the beam facing the inserted chimney = 8 burn marks, possibly one M (incomplete) and lightly scored out. One other sharp "A?" marks could be carpenter's marks



Discussion: Downstairs compass-drawn circle next to the inserted 17th lobby door so of that date or later. Presumably the compressed X on the blocked up 16th century door was contemporaneous with the door. The butterfly mark in in a similar upstairs position as seen in 54 Low Street (similar aged house). All but one burn mark were in one upstairs room.