

2 & 3 Church Street, Harwich.

An 18th century timber-framed building aligned NW-SE with 19th century roof raise

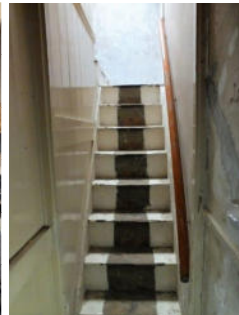


and rear brick extension. Front elevation is rendered and lined out to represent ashlar stone work. 19th century vertical sliding sashes of 3:3 long style panes, shop front and 4 panel doors, top panels with rounded heads and glazed.

Where the timber-frame is visible internally it appears to be consistently in pine. The plan is of a handed pair of one up one down houses with a straight flight of



stairs sandwiched between the rear wall and stack. Both flights similar but to attic they vary as No.3 turns to follow the



outer wall.

No. 2 has a

truncated and rebuilt cooking hearth and mantel beam with chamfer and lamb's tongue stop to one end. A small cast iron fireplace heats the first floor bedroom and another to the first floor room of the rear extension.

No. 3 has a corridor along the SE side of wide horizontal boarding, most probably constructed when the front room

Stairs in No.2.

Stairs in No. 3.

Multi-level turn at top of stair in 2



was converted into a shop and leading to the rear extension, shop and stairs. Winder stairs give access to the attics and in No. 3 the line of the original roof pitch is shown by a surviving rafter adjacent to the winder stair. The stack to the rear brick extension would have originally contained a cooking range and the bedroom above was also heated.

Comment

It would appear that this pair of houses stayed in the same ownership at least until the extension of the original one up one down by the identical rear brick extensions.



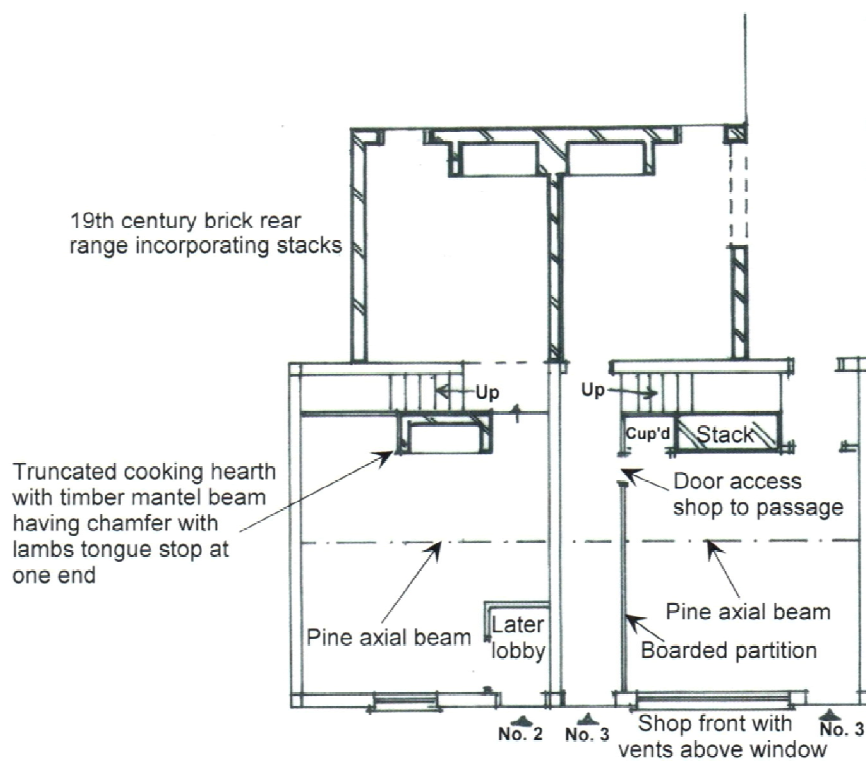
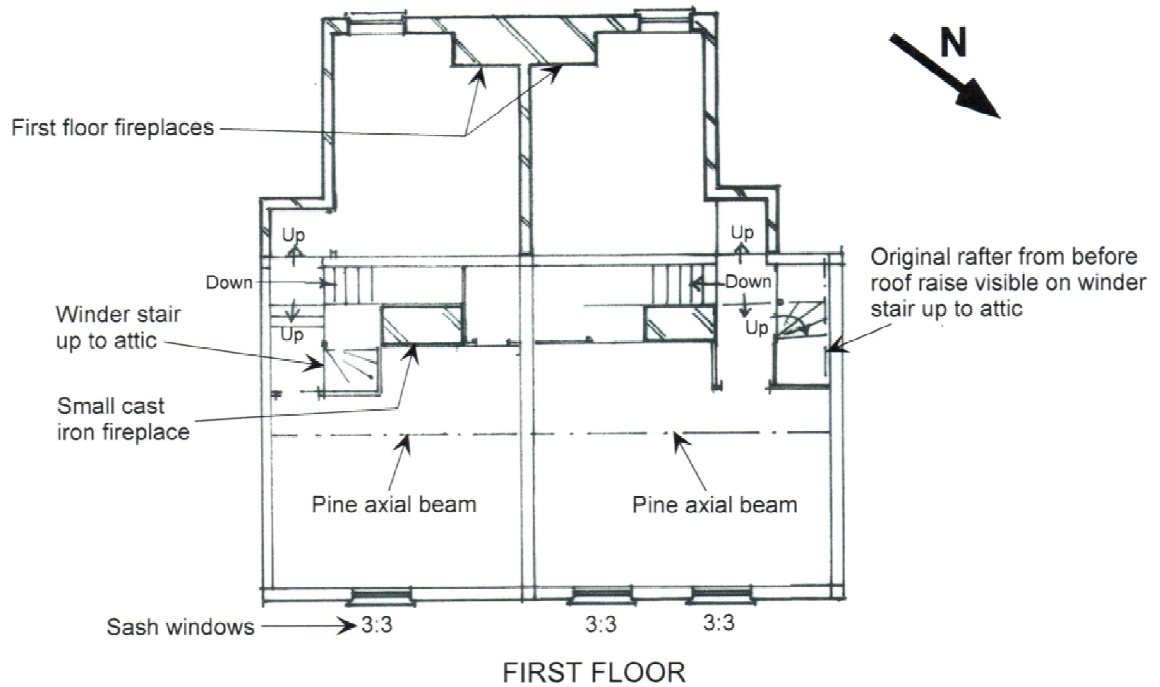
Reduced fireplace to No.2.



Vents above the shop window in No.3.

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GROUND FLOOR

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