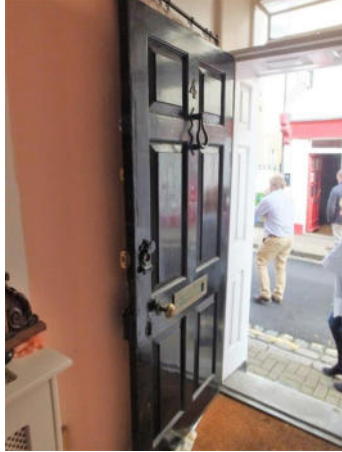


4 Church Street, Harwich.

A 2 storey building with attics facing NE and constructed with a brick façade and timber-framing



with gambrel roof. Vertical sliding sash windows of small pane design 6:6 and against NW flank wall a six panel door with geometric design fanlight over.

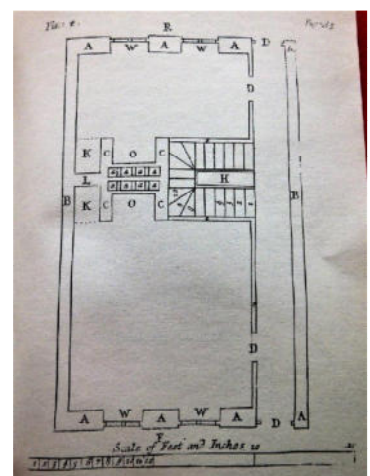
At ground floor level a long corridor against the NW flank wall gives access to the front room through a door with 'eared' surround, the rear room and central winder stairs. The front room has two vertical sliding sash windows with shutters an arched alcove with low cupboard against the SE flank wall and adjacent stack.



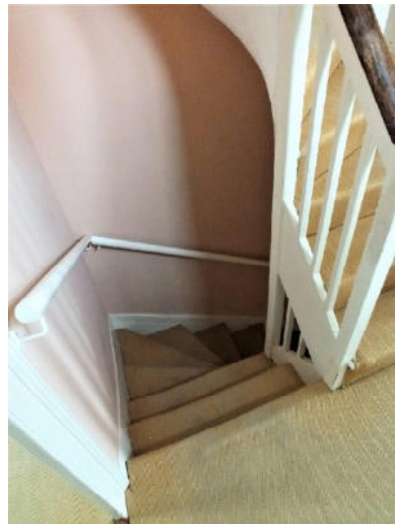
The rear room also contains an arched alcove with low cupboard against the SE flank wall and adjacent stack and panelled NW flank wall. It is possible that the corridor originally



extended to the rear door as shown in a plan contained in the 'Mechanick Exercises or the Doctrine of Handy-Works' by Joseph Moxon and published in 1703. Many houses of similar plan form in Greenwich and Deptford are illustrated in 'The Small House in eighteenth-century London by Peter Guillery.



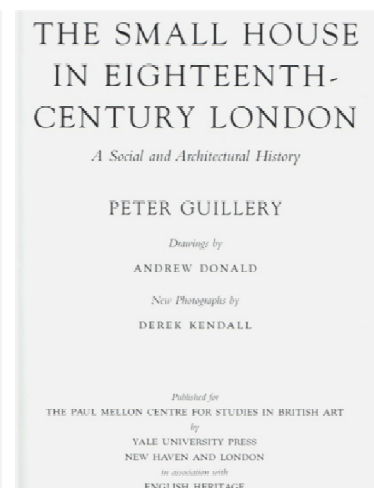
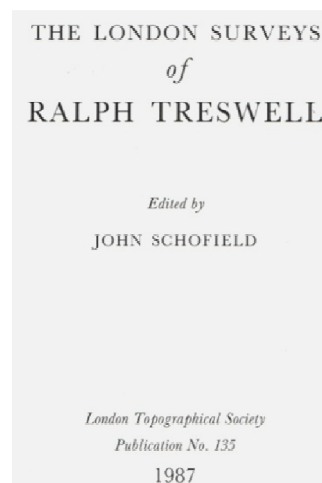
The central winder stairs continue through the house to the uppermost attic with some sections of chinoiserie balustrade surviving. A recessed door at ground floor beside the staircase gives access down to the cellar. The landings give access to front and rear rooms.



In the top attic are box beds noted in the list description as pilot bunks. Three are positioned inline across the building from NW to SE where there is another one on the other side of a central window. The two on the SE side were originally accessed through a door and are dated to the 18th century by the width of board and narrow moulding. The other two are accessed directly from the stairs and are dated as 19th century.



This house is typical in plan to many in urban situations that can be found in the City of London, Southwark and Westminster in 'The London Surveys of Ralph Tresswell (1585-1616) edited by John Schofield. It is almost a direct copy of Moxon's plan variations of which can be found in the 18th century illustrated in Peter Guillery's book. The box beds or pilot's bunks are a remarkable survival.



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