

66 Church Street, Harwich.

A 16th century 2 storey timber-framed house aligned NW-SE with later rear range, attic and brick front façade in Flemish bond with vertical sliding sashes 8:8 and 19th century doorcase and door.

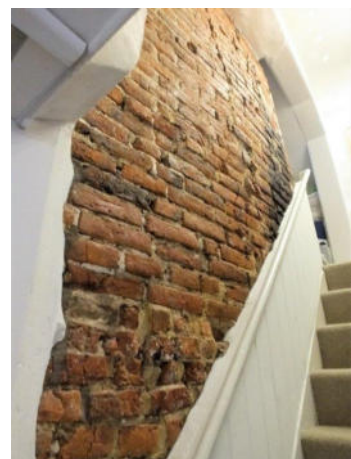
This building was constructed using the late 15th century wall of The Hanover Public House which at

ground floor level has wide double pegged trenched braces of Colchester style. These now exhibit a number of taper burns.

Between the former wall of The Hanover and contemporary SE wall of close studded timber-

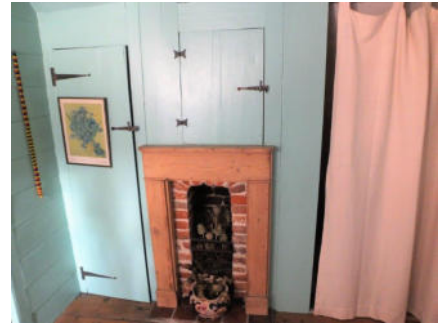
framing spans an axial beam. This has deep chamfers with run-out stops and flat section joists housed with barefaced soffit tenons. A trimmer to the front of the north jamb of the hearth could mark the position of the original stair trap. The existing cooking hearth has been rebuilt and possibly widened so covering the evidence to confirm the original position of the stairs which now take the form of a straight flight behind the stack.

At first floor level the original roof level has been raised. The wall of The Hanover is visible with midrail showing above floor level and is of close studded style without braces. The SE timber-framed wall has trenched tension braces falling from front and rear jowled storey posts to mid rail. In a cupboard to the SE of the stack is a scarf joint of semi-splayed edge halved form with face pegs.



The stack has a first floor hearth with reused mantel beam.

The attic is lit by a flat roof dormer behind the front brick parapet and another dormer in the rear roof lights the winder stair. A small basket fireplace with pine surround has been added to the stack and a number of 19th century fittings and fixtures of good quality survive.

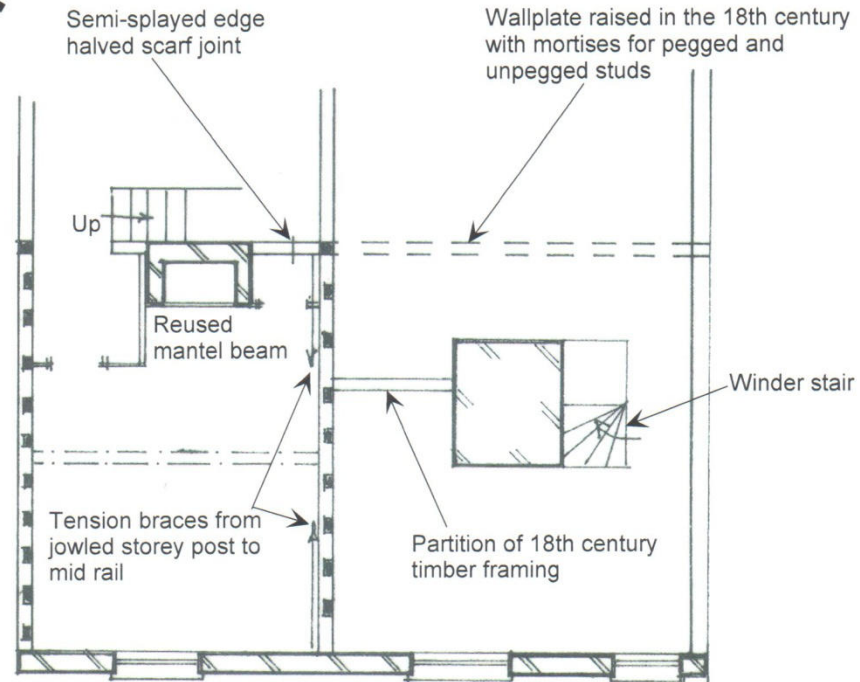


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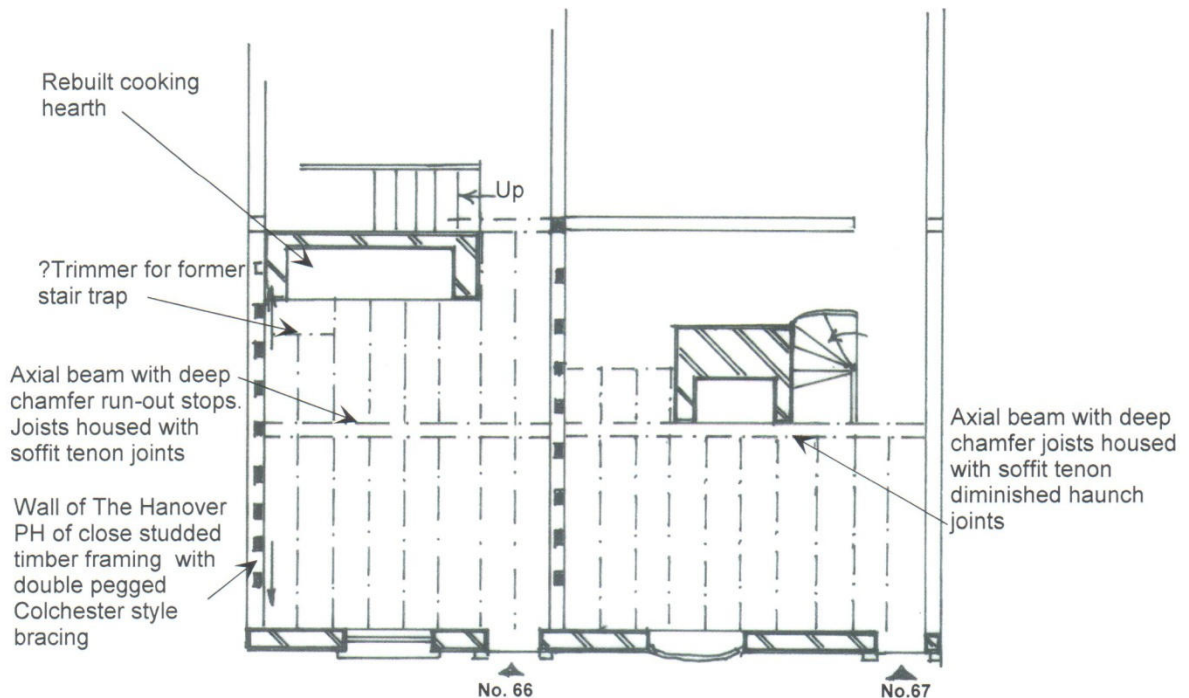
The list description makes comment on the possible connection with No. 67 but no means of access between the two properties at ground or first floor level were found. It appears to have been constructed as a one up one down, possibly with No. 67 which would then explain the position of the scarf joint so close to the dividing wall. However, each property has then developed in a completely different way unlike Nos. 2 and 3 Church Street.

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FIRST FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR

Church Street