

Farm Buildings at Tasset Hall A0044

Site Type	Farm buildings [and possible site of Fulling Mill, see notes]
Site Name	Tasset Hall, Farm buildings
Other Name(s)	
Ownership	Tasset Hall, Tasset, Hexham, NE48 1JY
Related Sites	Tasset Hall A0043

LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7870 8545	Km Square	NY 7885
TAG 2006 Atlas : Map	M1	Air Photo. No	Run F--OS/74062--107

Modern Parish	Tasset
Historic Parish & Township	Bellingham -- Charlton West

LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument		Listed	
National Monument Record		English Heritage Pastscape	
Historic Environment Record		Tasset & Greenhaugh HVA	43
Grundy	TAR 60	Tasset & Greystead Books	MM- LX-

EVIDENCE

Extant.

DESCRIPTION

The farm buildings stand a little to the north of the house, and are arranged around a rectangular yard open to the south. Although at first sight a relatively regular group they are the product of at least three building phases. The oldest part is the western half of the two-storeyed north range, built in roughly-coursed and roughly squared stone with substantial quoins of late 18th century character, and two doorways which may be original, one with a narrow chamfer and the other with an external rebate. There is an external stone stair to a granary door that looks like a later insertion, as does a window above the rebated doorway further east. Inside the granary the west end shows a slit vent and below it, c1.5m above the floor, a series of projecting through stones, a similar series can be seen in the external face of the east wall, now within the extension to the granary over the later eastern part of the range. This, perhaps of c1840 has two segmental-headed arches below granary windows that have chamfered alternating block surrounds.

The single-storeyed east range is of similar fabric to the eastern part of the north range, and seems to be of the same build. It has chamfered and rebated doorways, and a series of slit vents; at its south end is an unusual narrow external stair, with indented steps the width of a single foot cut into a series of inclined slabs. These look to be re-used from some earlier building, possibly the nearby Castle. The rear elevation of the range has more slit vents and an elliptical-headed arch to a cart shed at its north end.

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The west range is the latest part of the group, being added in the later 19th century. It is single-storeyed, and built of roughly coursed stone, with a roof of artificial tiles in contrast to the Welsh slate of the other ranges. It has doorways and windows with narrow chamfered surrounds; the window jambs are formed by one upright stone with a horizontal one at top and bottom, like those of the inserted granary window in the northern part of the north range. Later 20th century sheds cover the rear elevation of the west and north ranges. Peter Ryder, Farm Survey [for A0043]

IMAGES



NOTES

Reported to have been the site of a **Fulling Mill** but there appears now to be no trace of this or of any associated works such as a weir in the Tasset Burn or a leat. [HVA] During the excavations at Tasset Castle by Mr. W.S. Charlton in 1888 a well-built stone-lined passage was found extending from the castle past Tasset Hall farm. The stone was taken out and used to build a cottage near the railway station, probably Tasset Lodge A0362. A sketch plan was made which shows the 'passage' on and running roughly parallel to the left bank of the Tasset Burn. [2, 3] It seems likely that this was a mill leat in which case the mill would probably have been downstream of the present road bridge over the Tasset Burn, which is on the site of a ford. A 'fine bronze key' is said to have been found in the passage and a sketch of this was published in *Archaeologia Aeliana*. The original of the sketch is probably the drawing held by the Northumberland record Office. [4]

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2	Hope-Dodds, M. (1940). <i>A History of Northumberland (Simonburn, Rothbury, Alwinton)</i> .15. Newcastle upon Tyne. p.247.	
3	Northumberland Record Office: SANT/PLA/3/2/7 <i>Underground Passage at Tarset castle.</i>	
4	Northumberland Record Office: SANT/BEQ/ 12/1/145B	



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