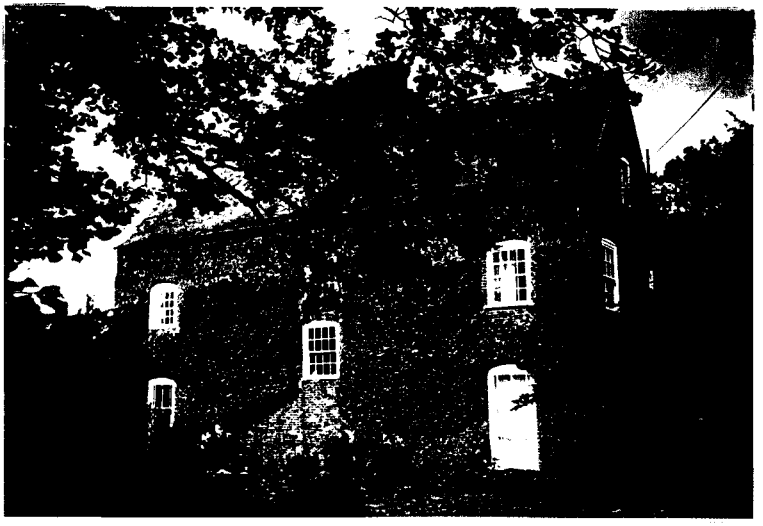


TF 23 NW | DONINGTON | WIKES ROAD (east side)

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Farmhouse. 1680, built by Thomas Cowley, founder of Donington School, altered and extended C18 and C19. Red brick in English bond, machine plain tiled and pantile roof, large axial ridge stack. T-plan. 2 storey and garret, irregular 3 bay front, originally 5, with plinth, first floor band, 2 tall margin light sashes to ground floor, one glazing bar sash lighting stair mezannine at the centre. To first floor 3 glazing bar sashes and 2 blocked openings. All openings have brick segmental arches. In the right hand gable an ashlar datestone inscribed"TC1680," with fan above. In the right hand gable, which is offset, the initials TC in the tie plates. To the rear a single storey C18 kitchen range, partly covers the site of the original door, and has a 6 panel door and overlight and a tripartite plain sash, both with segmental heads. Above a 3 light dormer. Behind a mid C19 addition. Interior. Contemporary dogleg stair with large turned balusters, wide moulded handrail. Large square panelled newels and panelled risers. Bolection moulded panels to stair wall. Small cellar beneath stair. Left hand room with full height bolection moulded panelling, deeply moulded cornice, bolection moulded architrave to door. To first floor a very fine room with full height bolection moulded pine panelling, bolection moulded fireplace surround with large C18 cast iron grate, cornice, architrave to match, double doors, full wooden cornice. Doors have original H hinges. 6 bays of staggered butt purlin roof in sawn softwood, pegged. The principal rafters rest on posts. The chimneys join in an arch to form the ridge stack. Original planked doors, and stair partition. 2 roll moulded beams in former kitchen.