

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Former Farm House to Singleton Park, Sketty Lane, Swansea
Grade:-	II
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Notes:-

Singleton Farm is situated about 0.5km north west of Singleton Abbey on the W side of Singleton Park. Reached from main road by a lane midway between Singleton Hospital and the drive to Sketty Hall. The former farmhouse is on sloping site near the top of the farm and is set behind a boundary wall with rounded coping.

History:-

In 1829 John Henry Vivian bought Singletons farm which he transformed into a model Home Farm for his country house which he was in the process of remodelling. Work on the house was by the London architect P F Robinson (1776-1858) and it is possible that he would also have been asked to design the farm buildings. The former farmhouse therefore probably dates from 1830s. Now used as offices.

Singleton Abbey was the result of a complete Tudor remodelling and enlargement mostly between 1823 and 1837. The Vivian family owned the Hafod Works and dominated the Swansea copper industry throughout C19. Singleton Park is now occupied by the University College of Swansea together with Singleton together with Singleton Hospital.

Description:-

Tudor, 2 storey, gabled farmhouse with randomly coursed rubble masonry, slate roof and stone gable end chimney stacks. 3 bay front to S, with plinth, has advanced central bay with pointed arch entrance, partly infilled with narrower boarded front door. Mullioned windows with 4 centred headed lights and hoodmoulds; 2 light to 1st floor and 3 light below – said locally to have been reused from Plas House, Swansea. Single storey ranges project to either end; that to right is larger with broad kneelers to tall gable and broad square-headed entrance containing Tudor arched boarded door; small 2 light window above. Cross range to centre rear with some diamond paned glazing.

Listed as the best preserved part of the former Home Farm to Singleton Abbey.

References:-

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