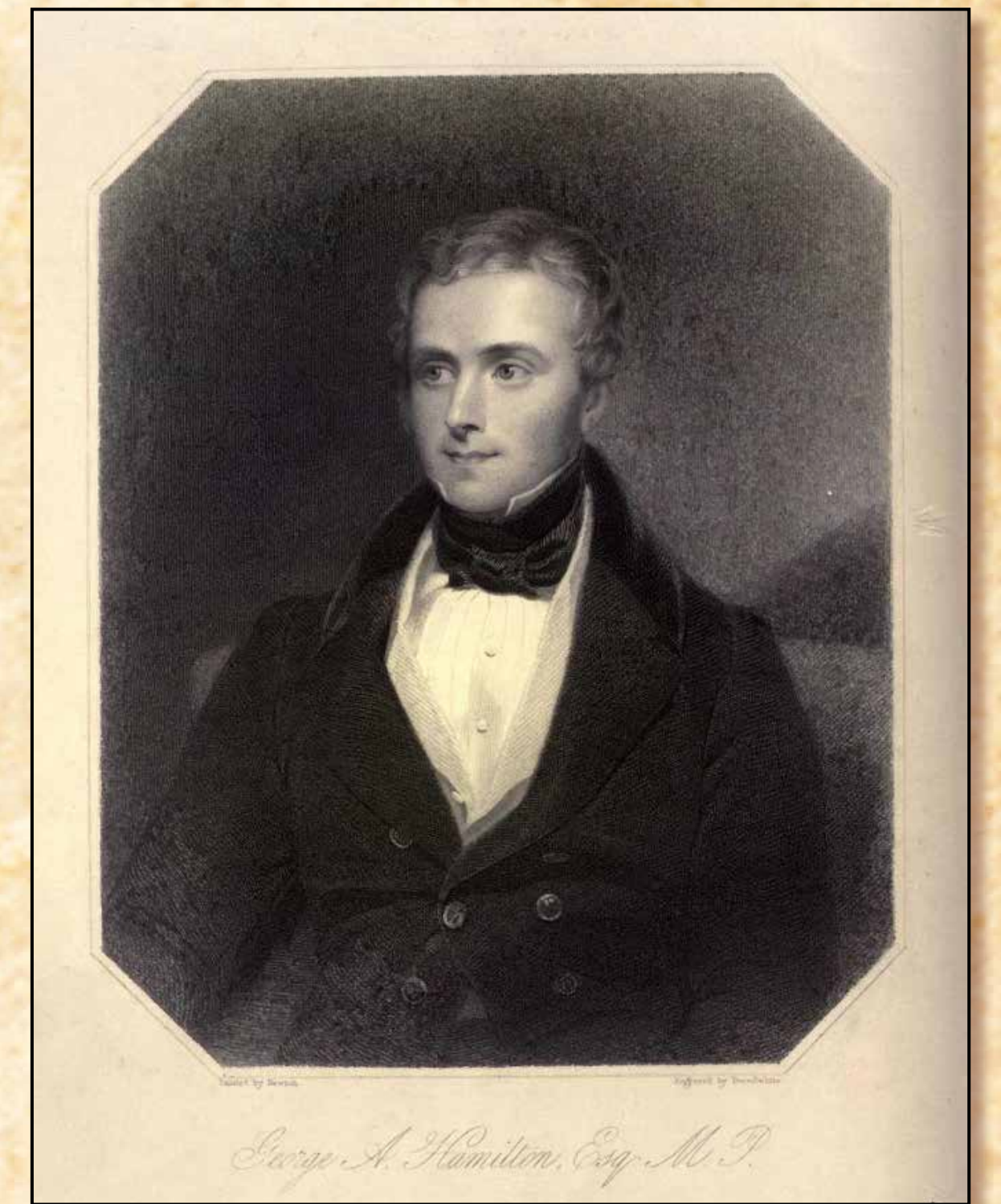




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George Alexander Hamilton, 1802-1871

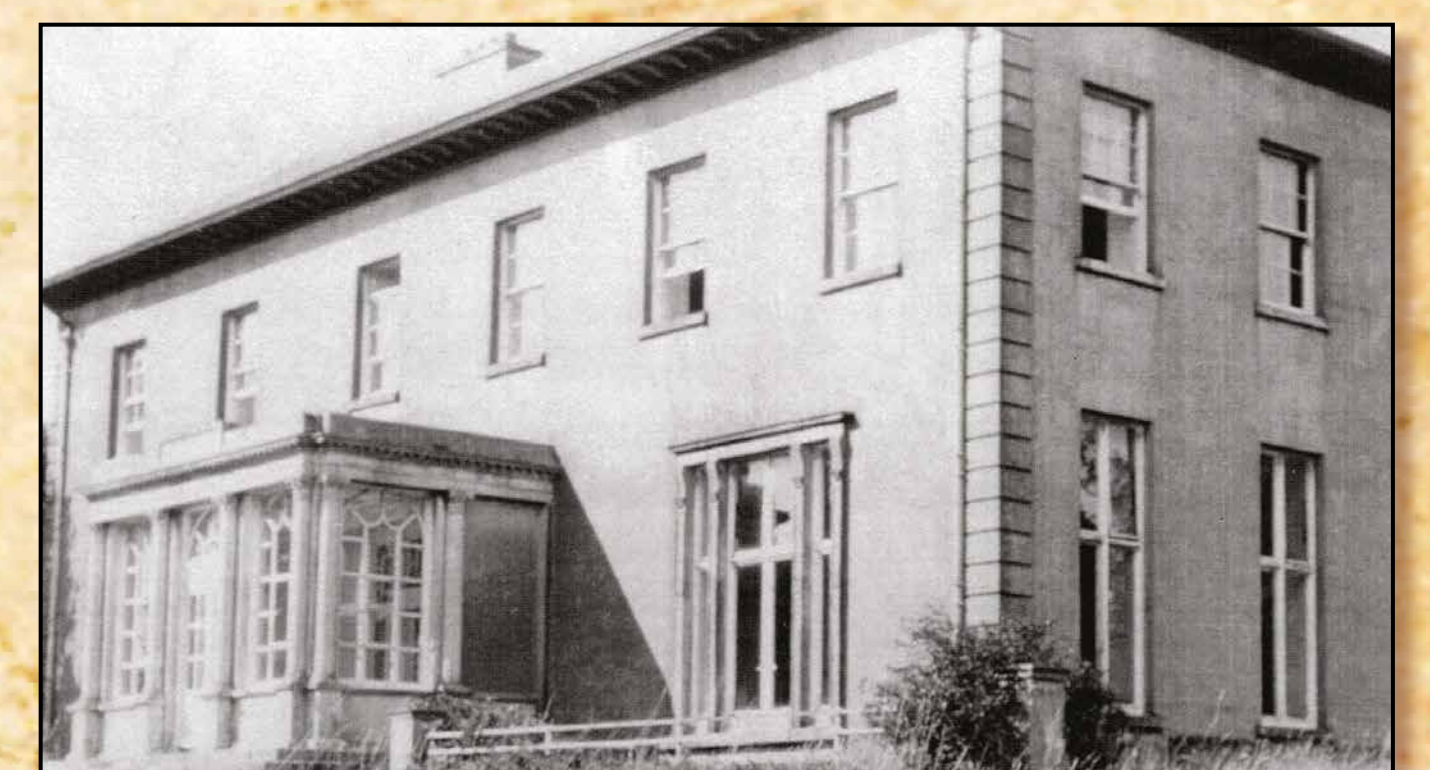
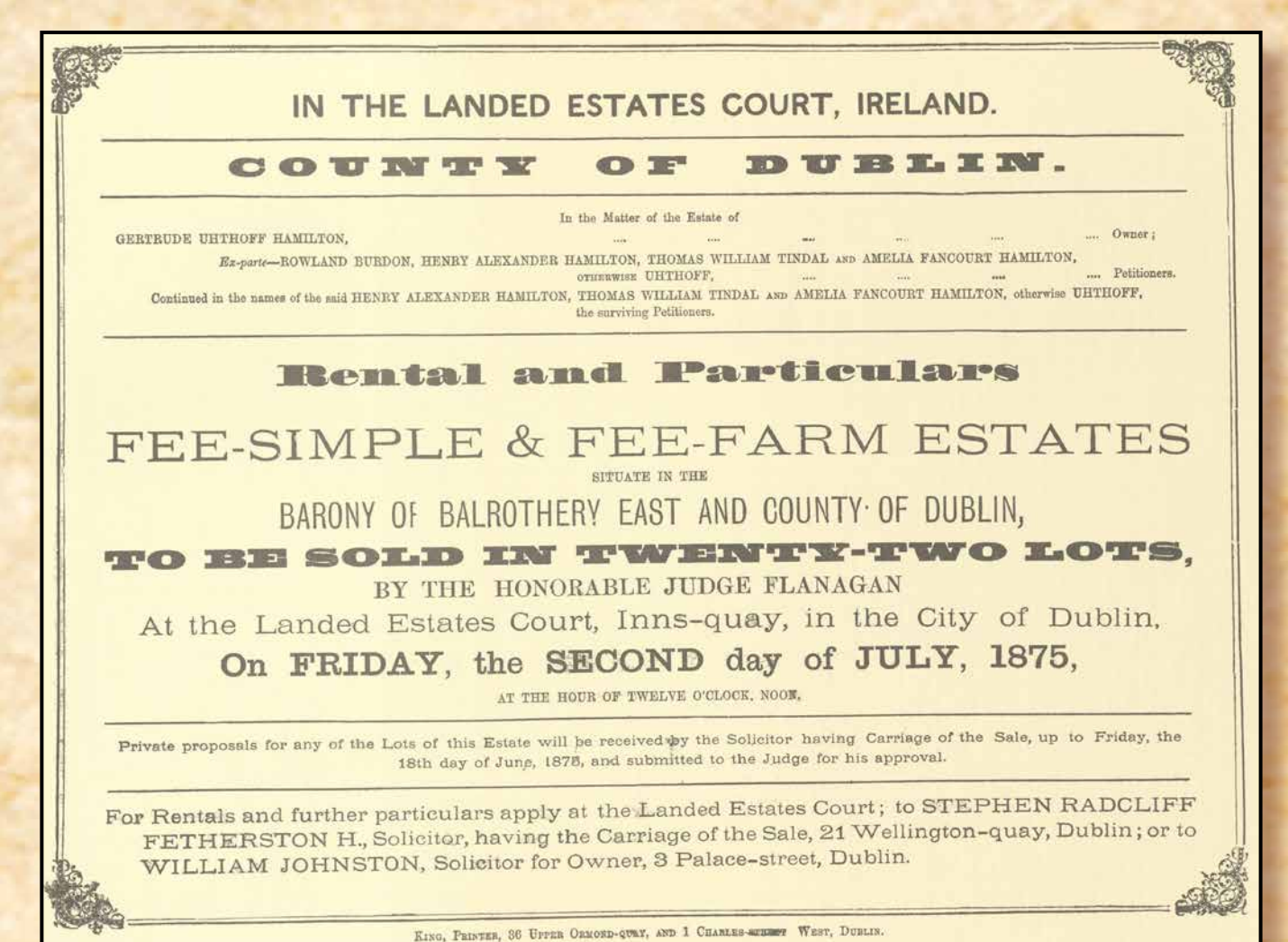
George Alexander Hamilton was the 4th generation of the Hamilton family to reside in Balbriggan. His great grandfather Alexander settled in the area in the early 18th century. From that time, the family invested considerable funds in developing the town's infrastructure and soon established thriving textile and maritime industries. George Alexander became involved in politics upon graduating from Oxford in 1822. Successively defeated in elections in 1826, 1830 and 1832, he briefly served as MP for Dublin City from 1836-37. On 1 May 1835, he married Amelia Fancourt Uthoff. Hamilton was eventually returned to parliament for the University of Dublin in 1843, a position he held until 1859 when he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. He retired in 1870, soon moving from his residence in Hampton Hall, Balbriggan to the house of his sister Harriet and her physician husband some months before his death for medical care. He died there, in Clarinda Park, Dún Laoghaire, on the 17 September 1871, aged 69. The cause of death was given as "exhaustion from overwork".



The Sale

After George's death, his niece Gertrude seems to have taken over the administration of the estate in place of his widow Amelia, as Gertrude's name is on multiple leases from 1871 to 1875 as the lessor. Hamilton's wife Amelia, remained living in Hampton Hall until her death in 1892 aged 85. George and Amelia had no children, and by 1875, several claims regarding the management and ownership of the estate had been lodged. The outcome of these family disputes contributed to the estate being auctioned, including the entire town of Balbriggan. This auction became known as 'The Sale of Balbriggan'. The sale was of great historical significance as it allowed for the transfer of ownership of the town from the Hamilton family to a new entrepreneurial class.

The sale of the Hamilton Estate took place on Friday, 2 July 1875 at the Landed Estates Court on Inns Quay, Dublin. As the estate was not incumbered, the Landed Estates Court was a faster way to dispose of property. The auction was presided over by the Honourable Judge Flanagan. The estate was divided into 22 lots comprising a mix of urban, which included the town of Balbriggan, and rural areas. The total sale amounted to £54,604.



Maps courtesy of Balbriggan & District Historical Society.



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Maps were not produced for some of the lots which were rural and some distance from the town. This included lots 1, 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 21.

Lot No.1

This lot comprises 218 acres and 8 perches. Mostly pasture, it is situated between Ardgillan and Milverton Estates, consisting of the townlands or part thereof, Strifeland, Grange and Baltrasna, in the barony of Balrothery East. Sale Revised.

Lot No.1a

This lot comprises 59 acres, 1 rood and 31 perches. Mostly pasture, it consists of the townland of Baltrasna, in the barony of Balrothery East. Sale Revised.

Lot No.2

This lot comprises 438 acres, 1 rood and 27 perches. It consists of Hampton Hall and Demesne, it is part of the townland of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 2 sold for £13,750 and was purchased by Mrs. Amelia Hamilton, widow of George Alexander Hamilton.

Lot No.3

This lot comprises 62 acres and 39 perches. Mostly pasture, it consists of the townland of Clogheder, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 3 sold for £2,310 and was purchased by Mr. Thomas Magee who was the tenant farmer on this lot.

Lot No.4

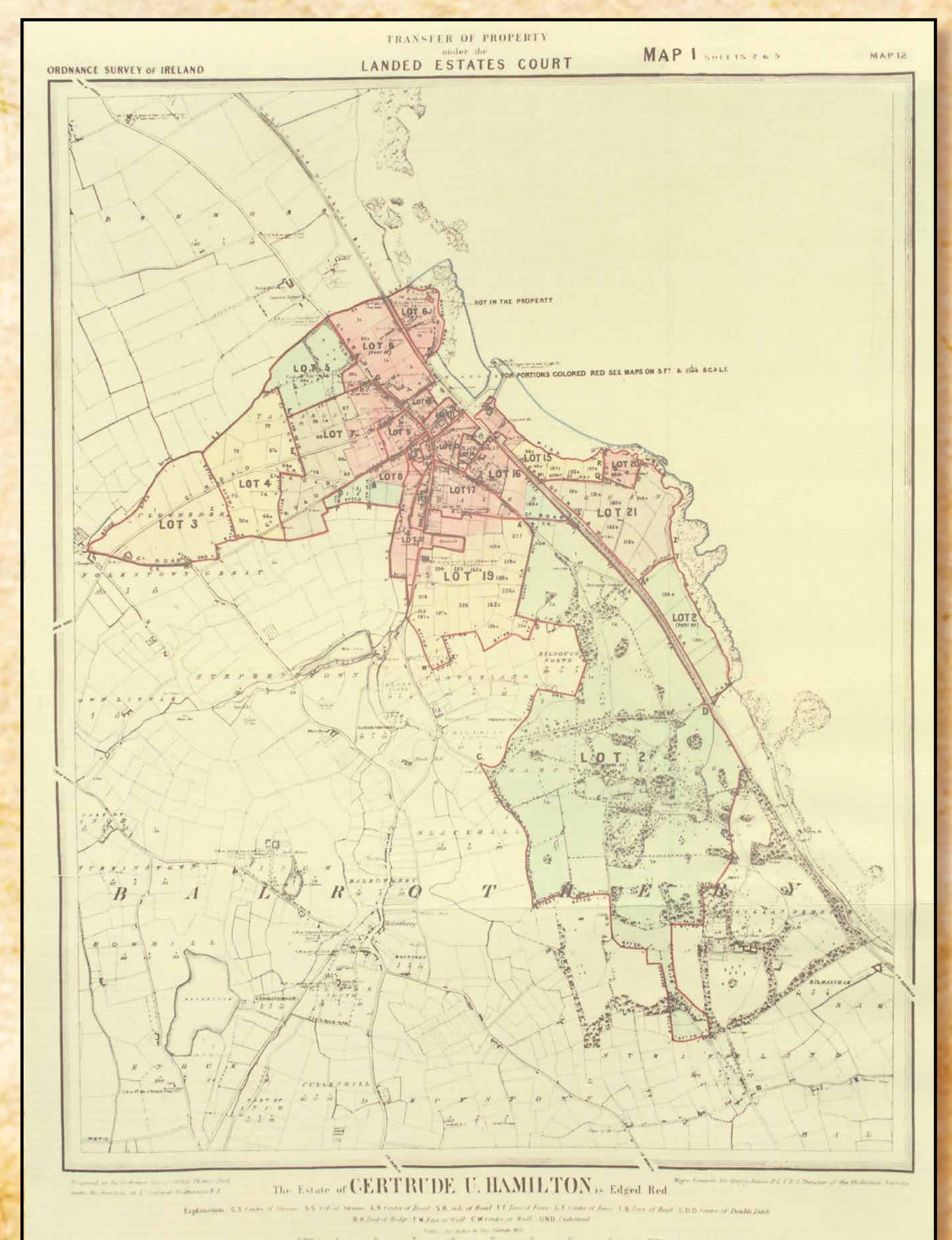
This lot comprises 56 acres, 2 roods and 10 perches. Mostly pasture, it consists of lands, part of Tankardstown and Folkstown Great, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 4 sold for £2,000 and was purchased by Mr. Bernard Sharkey who owned several retail businesses in the town.

Lot No.5

This lot comprises 32 acres and 3 roods. Mostly pasture, it consists of lands, part of Tankardstown, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 5 sold for £1,176 and was purchased by Mr. Arthur Ellis, a local solicitor.

Lot No.21

This lot comprises 49 acres, 2 roods and 32 perches. It consists of part of the townland of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. This lot sold for £2,030 and was purchased by Mrs. Amelia Hamilton.

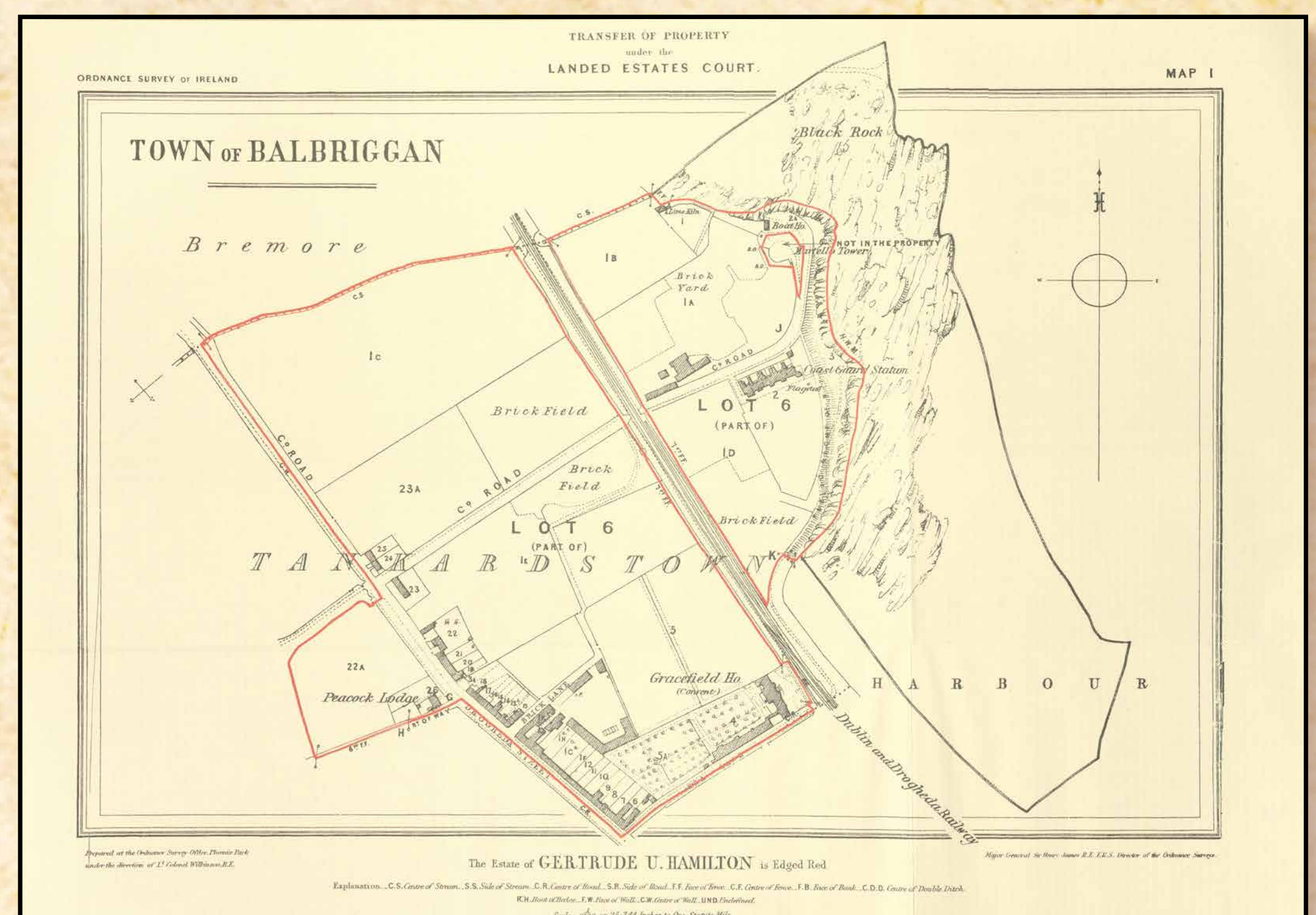




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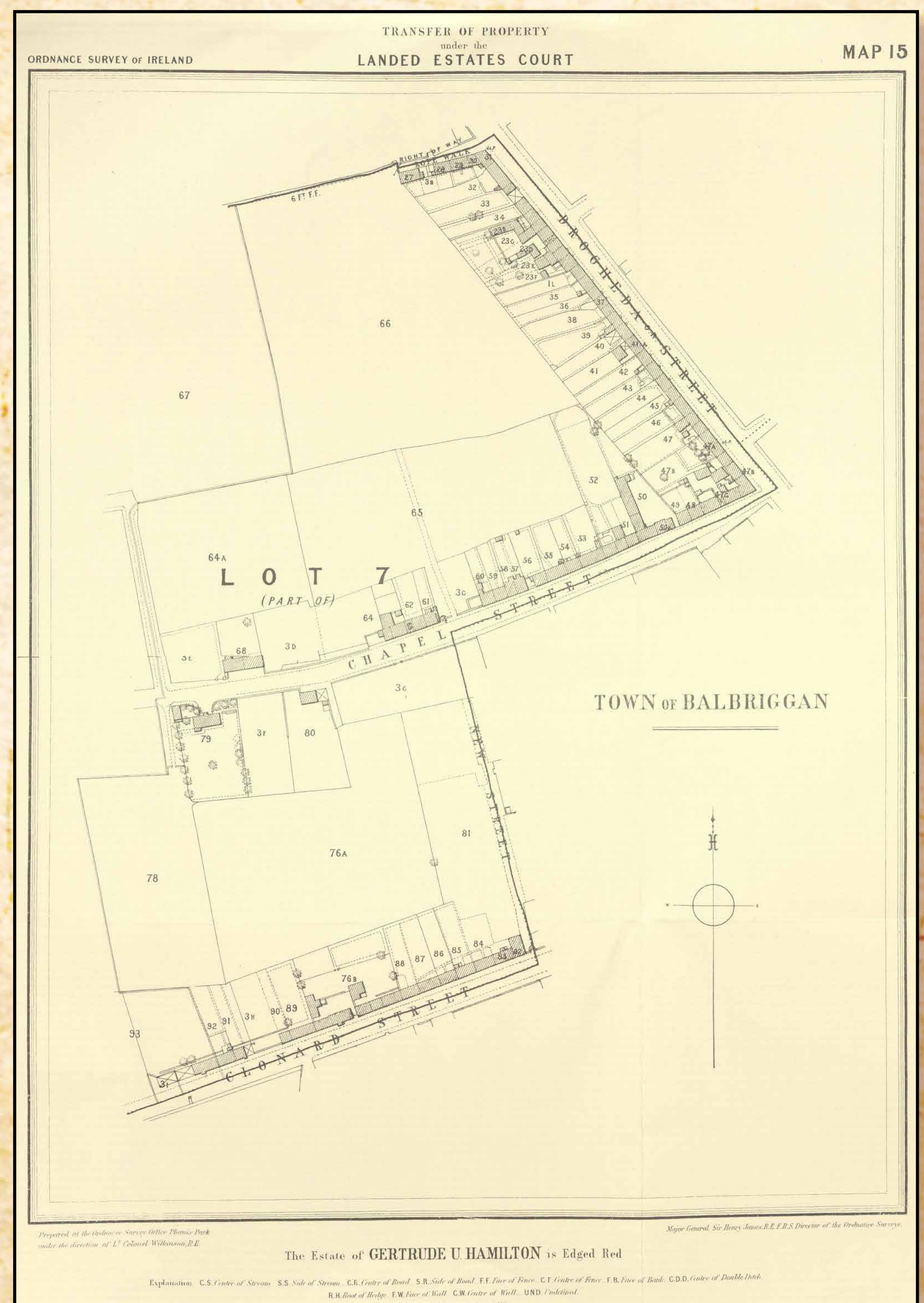
Lot No.6

This lot comprises 54 acres and 13¾ perches. It consists of lands, part of Tankardstown and part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 6 sold for £2,500 and was purchased by Messrs' Thomas & William Cumisky, who were local coal and brick merchants.



Lot No.7

This lot comprises 65 acres and 5¼ perches. It consists of lands, part of Tankardstown and part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 7 sold for £4,250 and was purchased by Mr. Terence O'Neill, a local grocer, linen merchant and land agent.

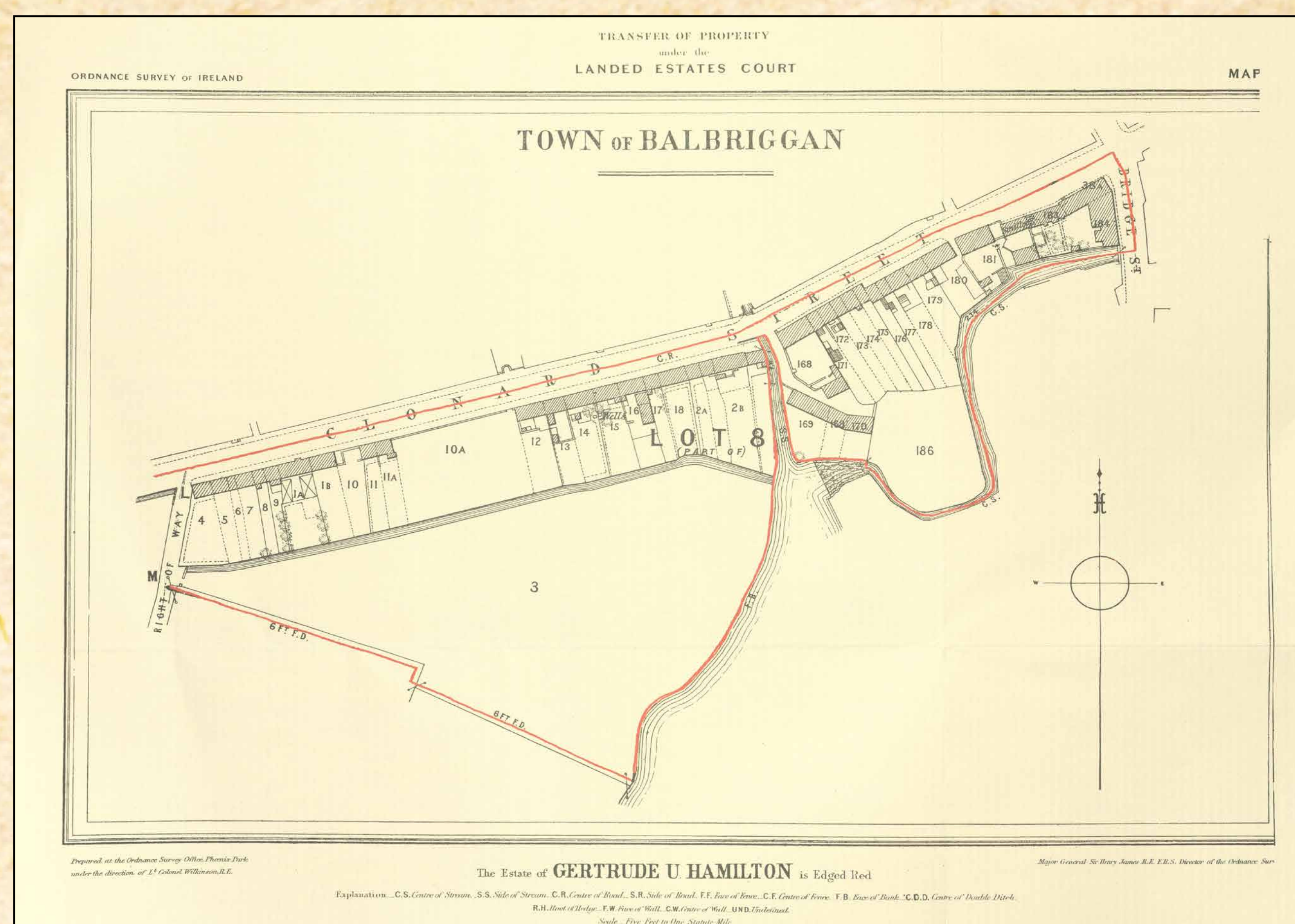




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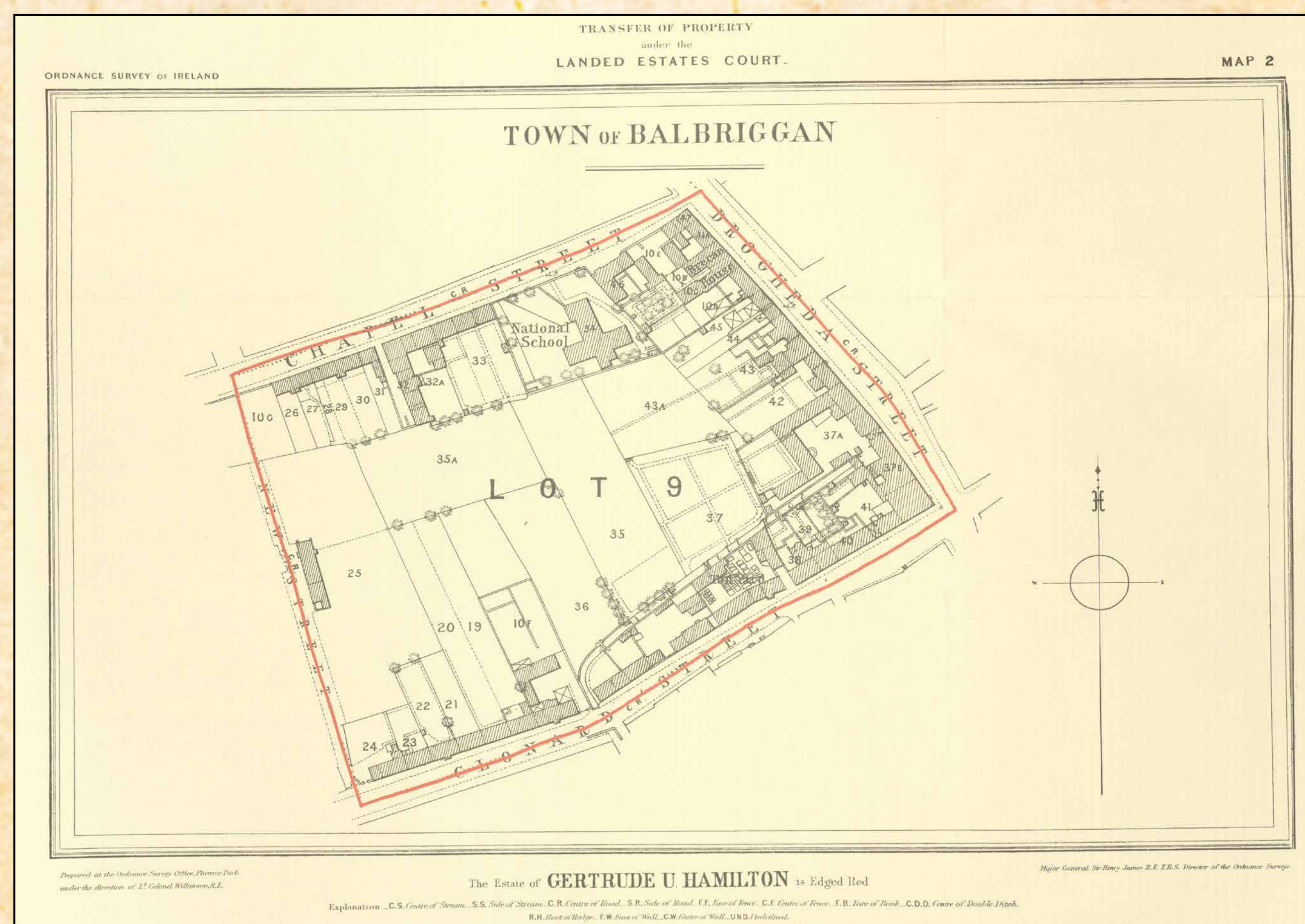
Lot No.8

This lot comprises 17 acres and 24¾ perches. It consists of part of the town of Balbriggan and part of the townland of Folkstown Great, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 8 sold for £1,220 and was purchased by Mr. Terence O'Neill.



Lot No.9

This lot comprises 8 acres, 1 rood and 23¾ perches. It consists of part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 9 sold for £1,350 and was purchased by Mr. Robert B. Daly, land agent and auctioneer from Drogheda.

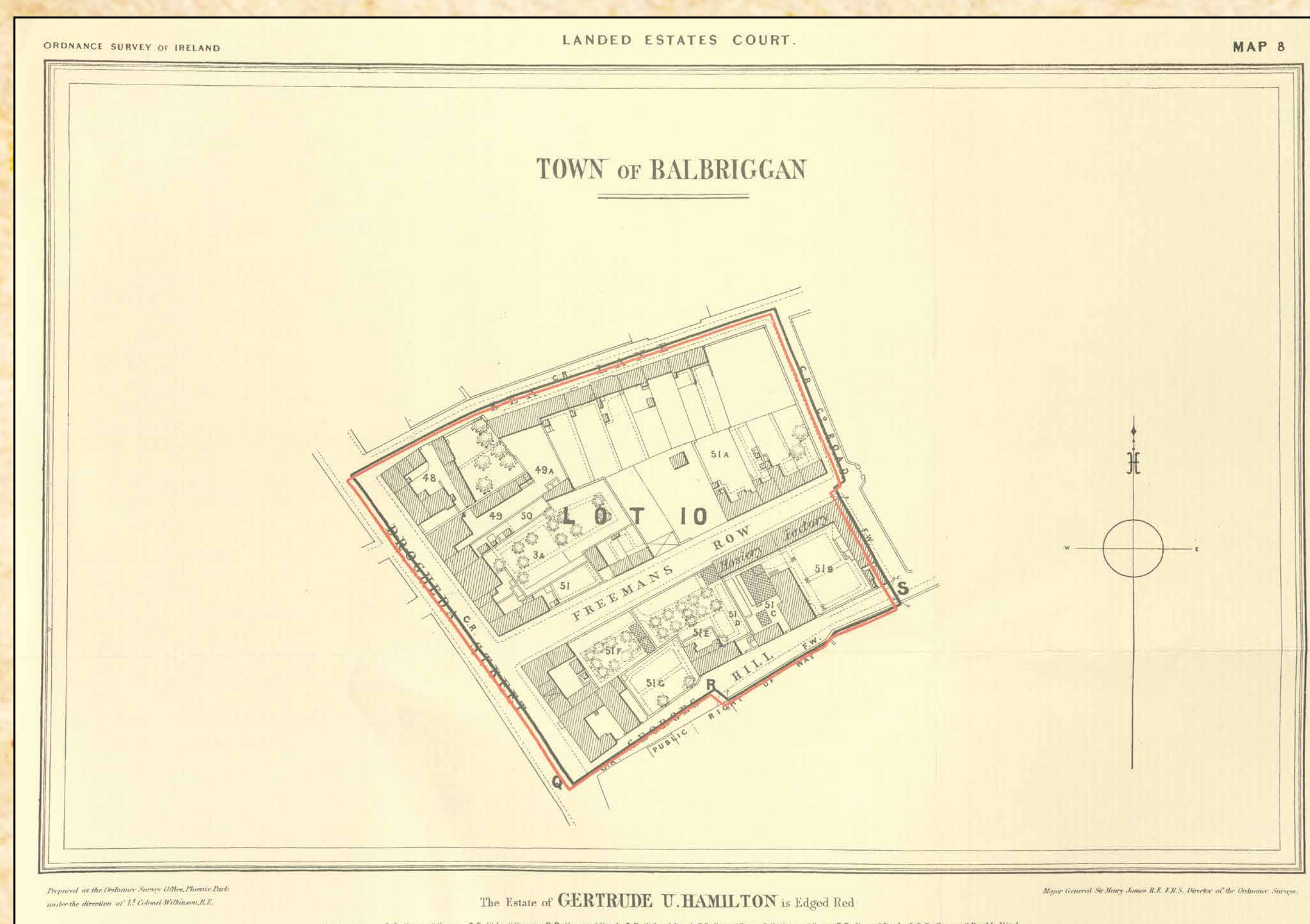




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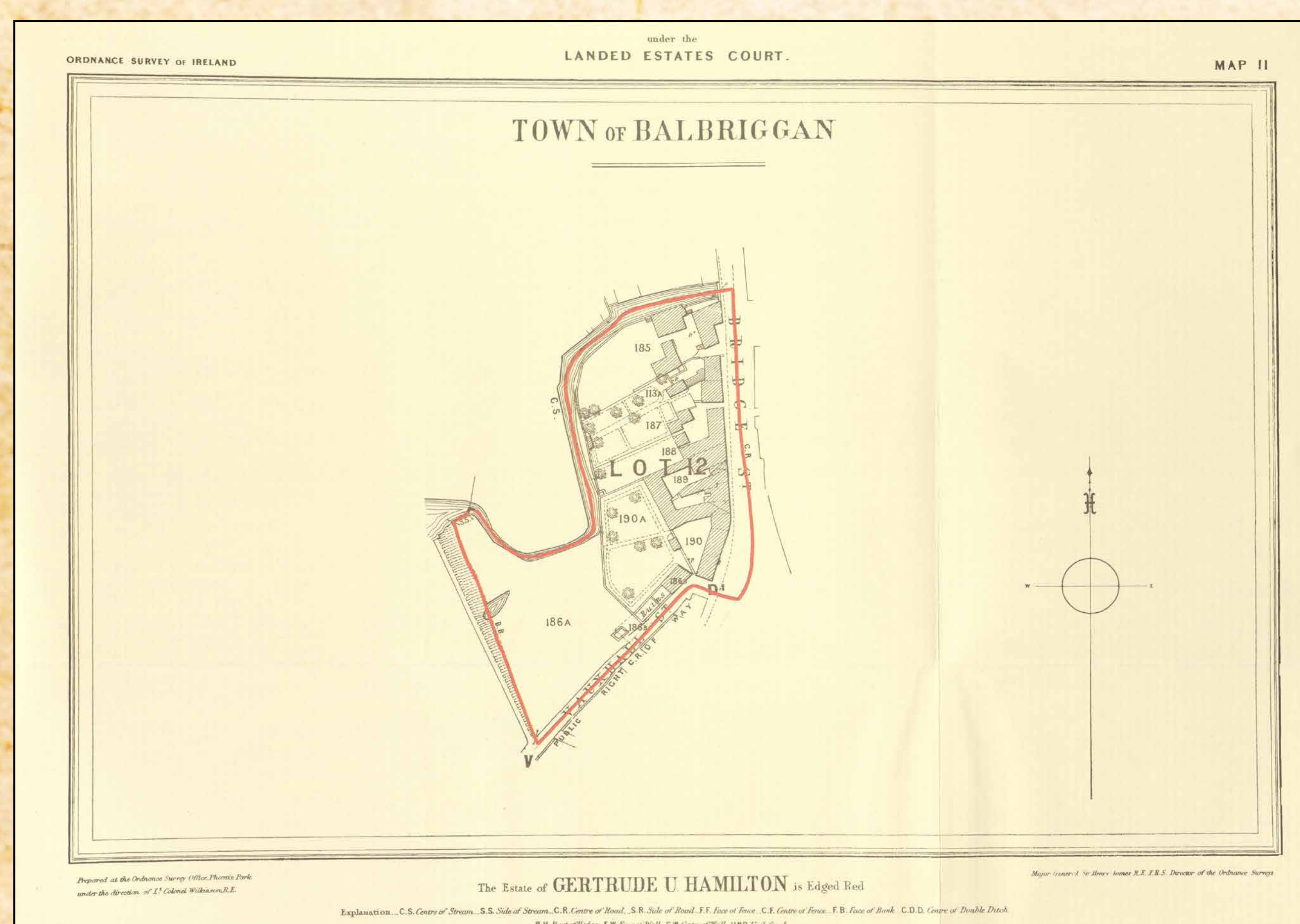
Lot No.10

This lot comprises 4 acres, 1 rood and 8 perches. It consists of part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 10 sold for £2,050 and was purchased by Mr. William Whyte Esq, M.D. of Smyth & Co, local hosiery manufacturers.



Lot No.12

This lot comprises 2 acres, 1 rood and $\frac{3}{4}$ perches. It consists of part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 12 sold for £312 and was purchased by Mr. Terence O'Neill.

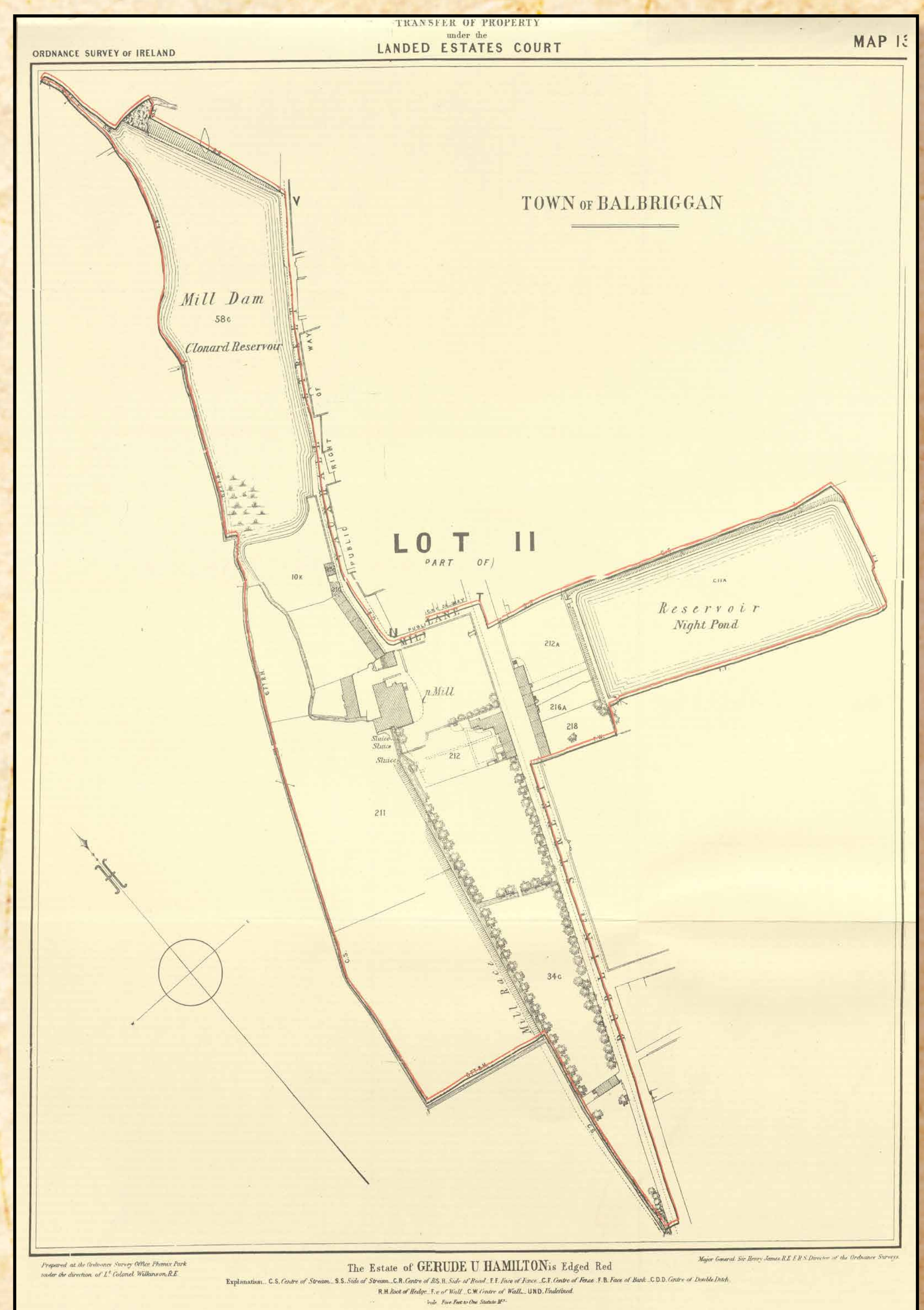
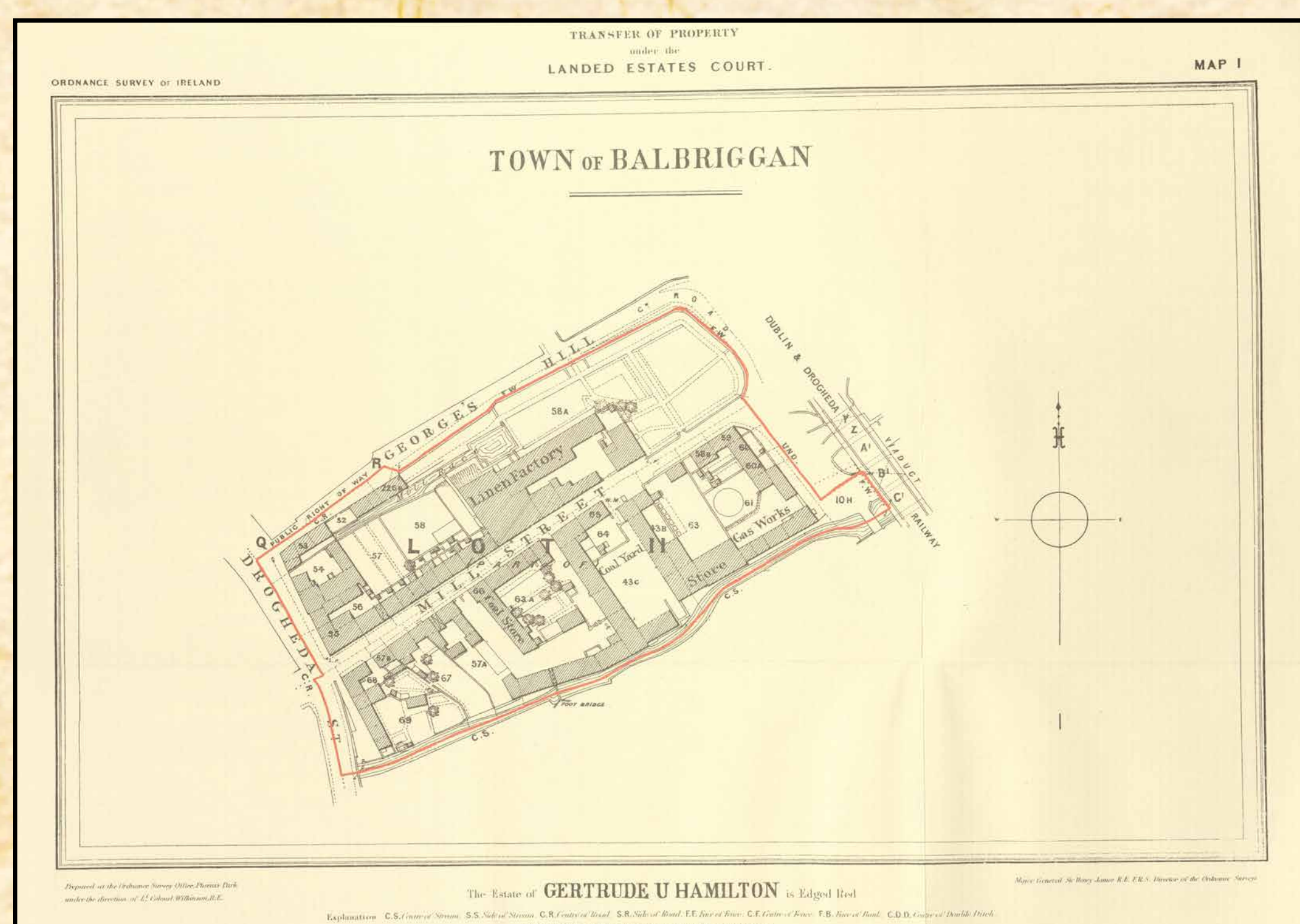




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Lot No.11

This lot comprises 23 acres, 1 rood and 7¼ perches. It consists of part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 11 sold for £4,390 and was purchased by Messrs' Thomas & William Cumisky.

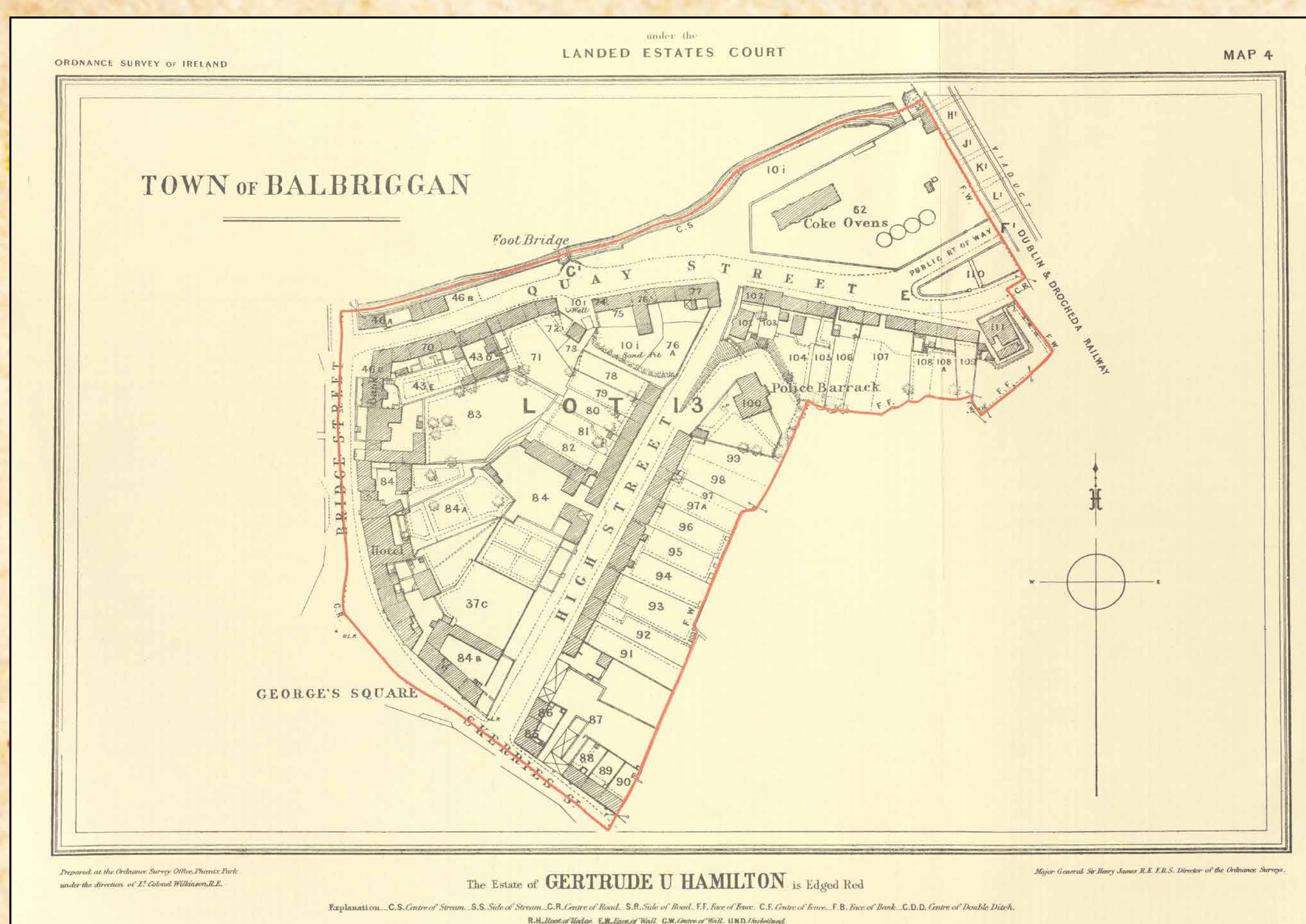




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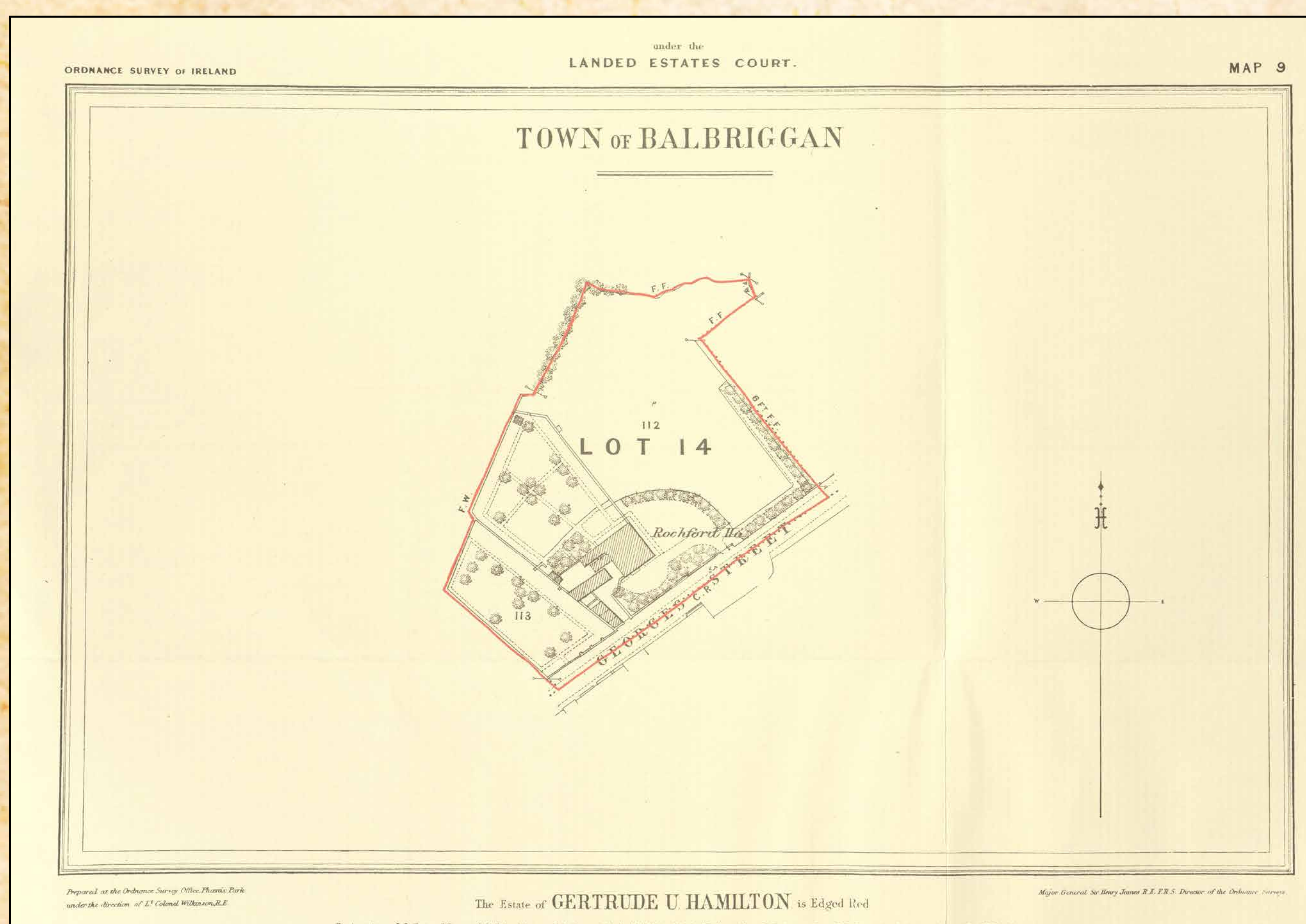
Lot No.13

This lot comprises 8 acres, 1 rood and 15¼ perches. It consists of part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 13 sold for £2,020 and was purchased by Mr. Becher Fleming, magistrate and land agent.



Lot No.14

This lot comprises 2 acres, 3 roods and 1 perch. It consists of part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 14 sold for £750 and was purchased by Mr. Henry A. Hamilton Esq, Justice of the Peace and cousin of the late George Alexander Hamilton.

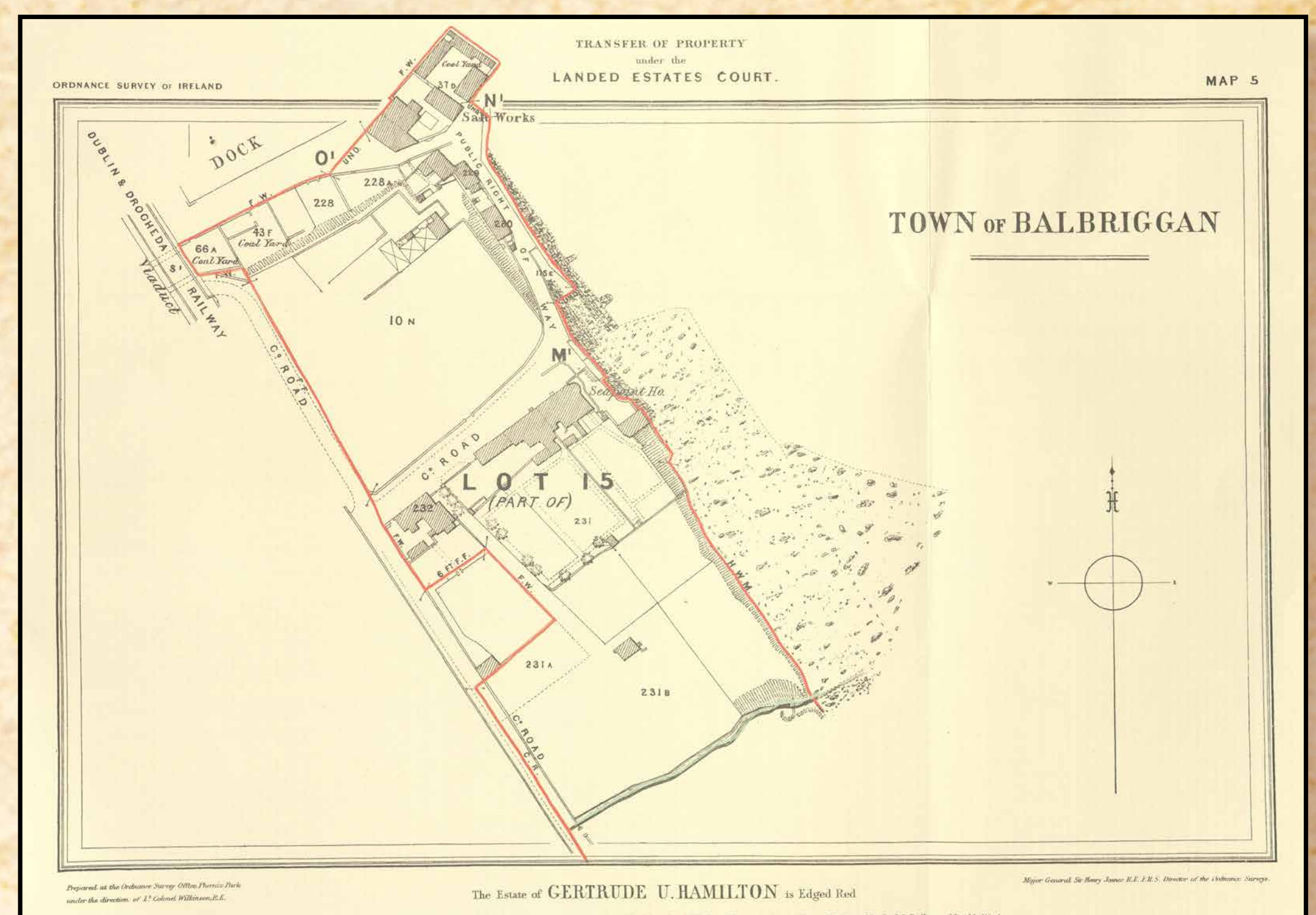




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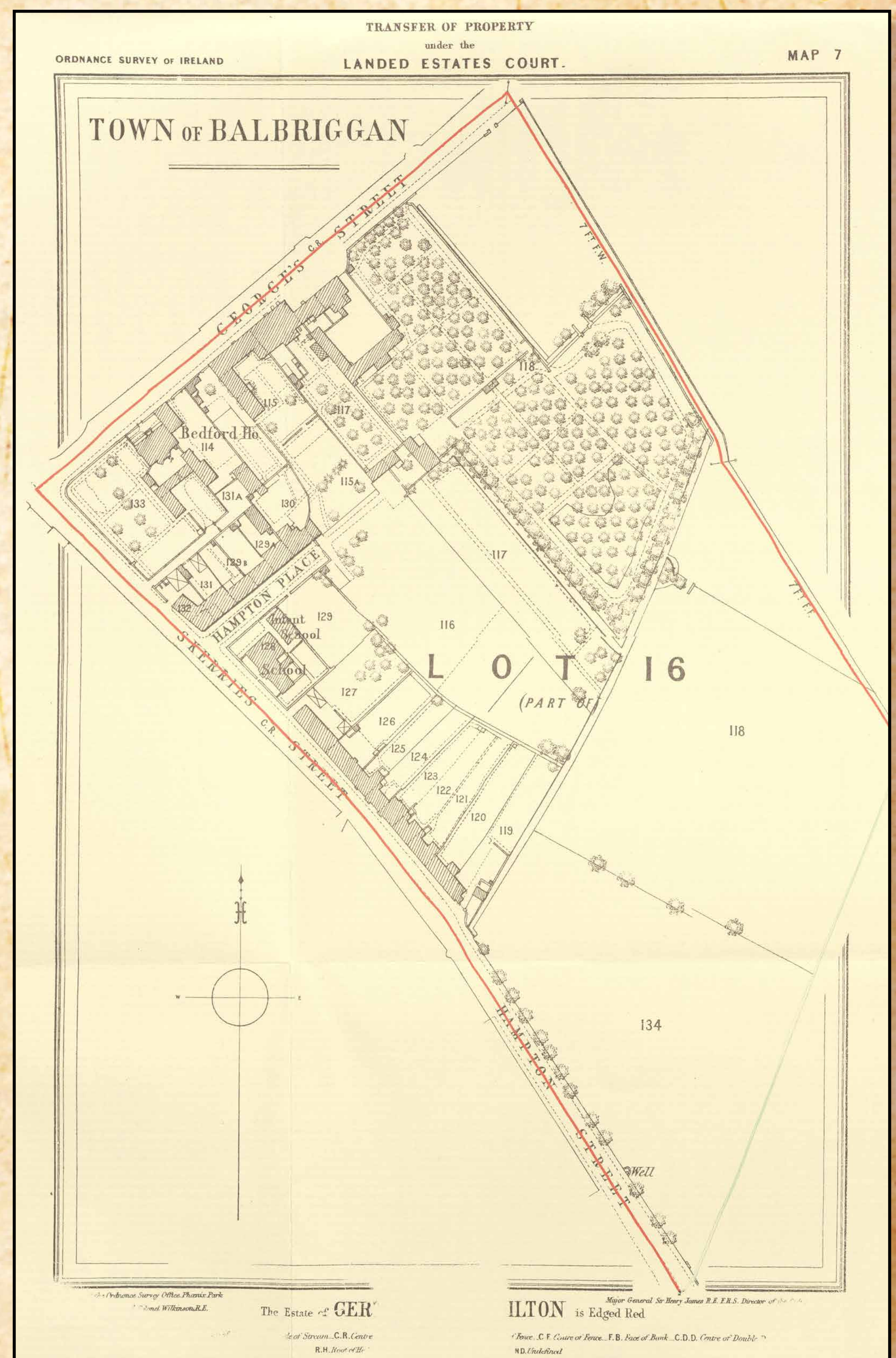
Lot No.15

This lot comprises 19 acres, 3 roods and 28¾ perches. It consists of part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 15 sold for £2,320 and was purchased by Mr. John Barber Bankhead Esq, a local investor, magistrate and former Town Commissioner.



Lot No.16

This lot comprises 21 acres, 1 rood and 28¾ perches. It consists of part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 16 sold for £3,200 and was purchased by Mr. Thomas Adler Cusack, a solicitor based in Dublin.

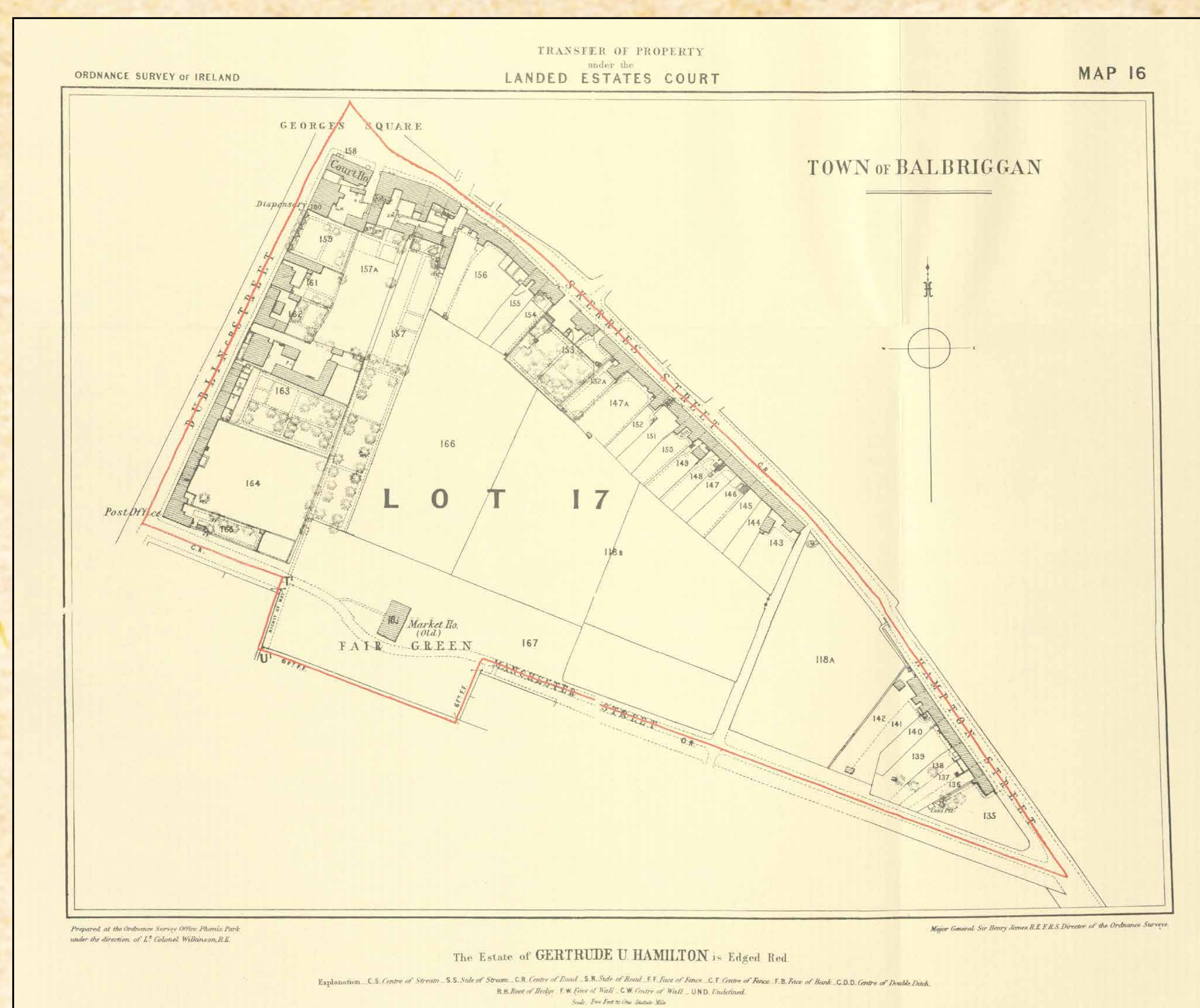




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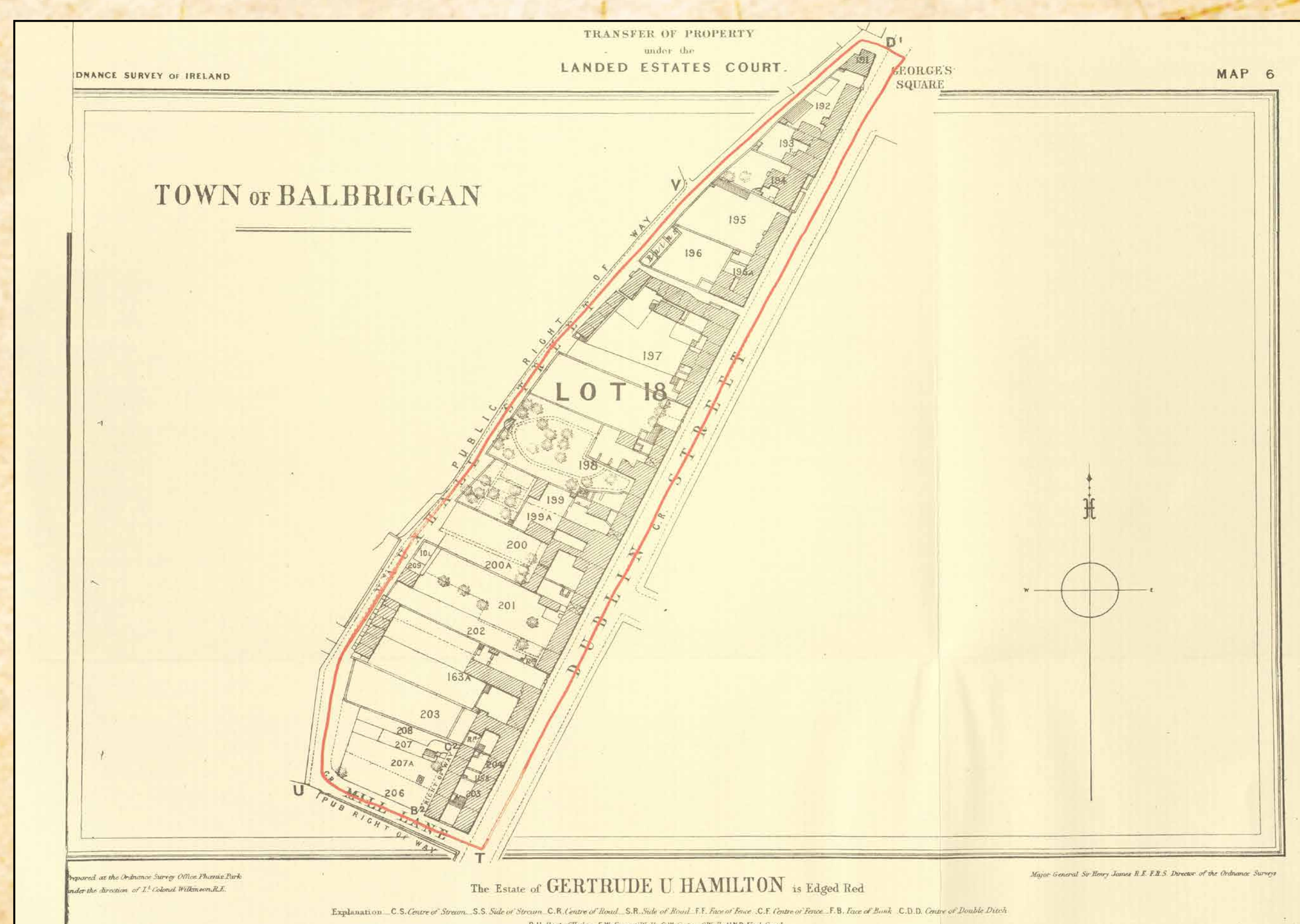
Lot No.17

This lot comprises 17 acres, 3 roods and 19½ perches. It consists of part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 17 sold for £3,166 and was purchased by Dr. Francis McEvoy, a local surgeon.



Lot No.18

This lot comprises 4 acres, 2 roods and 27½ perches. It consists of part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 18 was sold for £1,610 and was purchased by Mr. Francis Leonard, a local grocer and merchant.

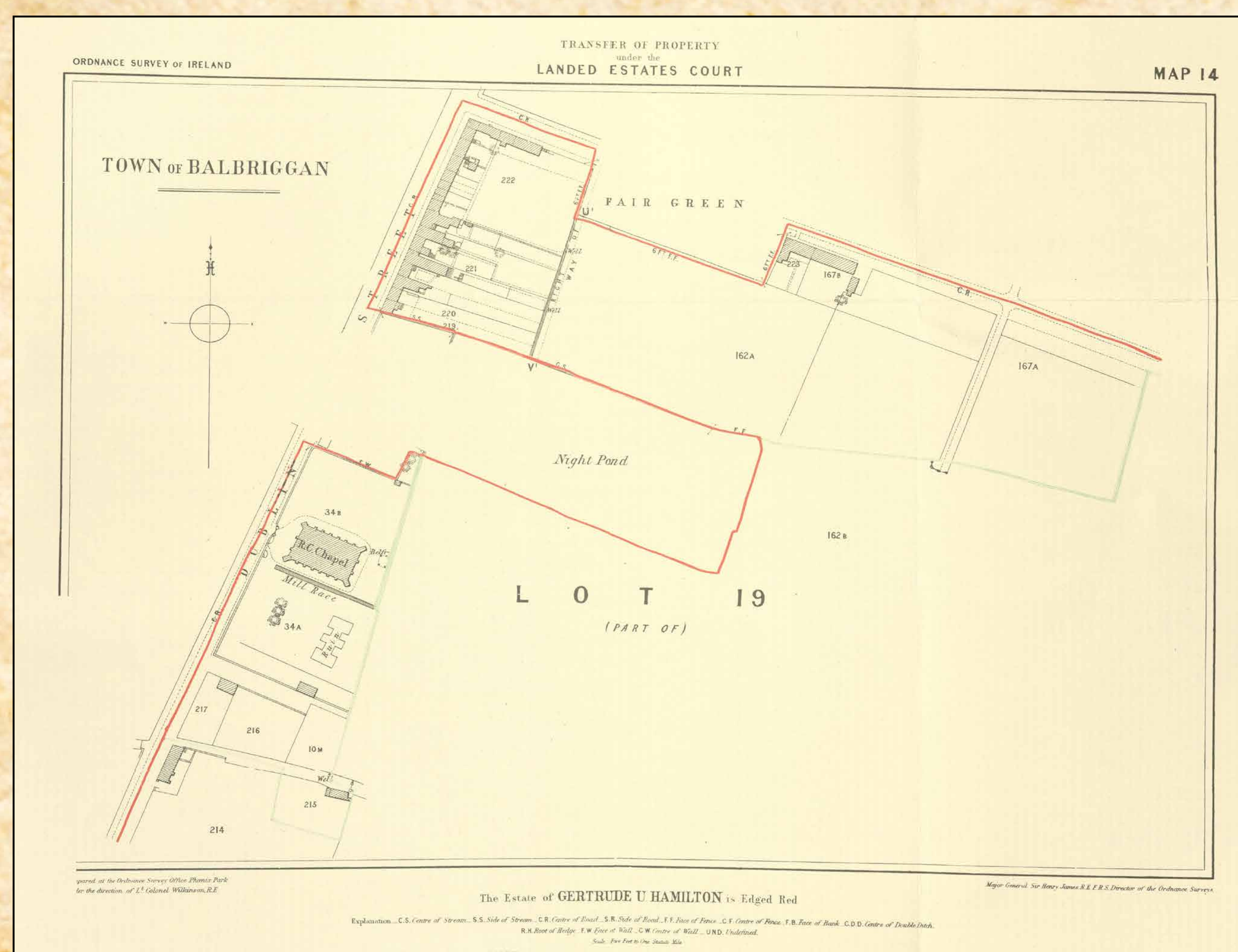




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Lot No.19

This lot comprises 83 acres, 2 roods and $\frac{1}{4}$ perch. It consists of parts of the town of Balbriggan, and the townlands of Kilsoghs and Castlelands, in the barony of Balrothery East. Lot 19 sold for £3,500 and was purchased by Mr. Henry A. Hamilton.



Lot No.20

This lot comprises 6 acres and 33 perches. It consists of part of the town of Balbriggan, in the barony of Balrothery East. This lot sold for £700 and was purchased by Mr. J.B. Bankhead Esq.

