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Catalogue of Drawings

In the catalogue below, in addition to any contemporary numbers or names, the Somerset Historic Environment Record (HER) record number is given. These refer to definite locations where structures remain or are certain to have existed; the contemporary system saw changes and also contains mistakes.

The HER can be consulted at www.somersetheritage.org.uk (accessed 21 Apr 2020).

Drawing Book

The pages are not numbered in the original.

Page	Notes
1	'Wests'. 'Pill box N20' but likely to be a mistake as the next page is also titled this. Unless these are alternative drawings for the same pillbox, this is probably N21 (HER 11950) which lies near Hawkhurst Farm; the camouflage requires 'Plaster tiles painted to match old roofs of Hawkhurst Farm'. Camouflaged as a riverside building with 'old boats' placed around it.
3	'Pill box N20' headed 'Untidy Shack'. See previous for possible confusion. HER 11949.
5	'Pill box N19'. A nondescript riverside building. HER 11948.
7	Faint number '18' overwritten by 'Pill box N18'. Headed 'Fishermans Boat Hut', festooned with nets and life belts with lobster pots and an old boat aground. HER 11951.
9	Faint number '[1]7' partly over written by 'Pill box N17' 'Dunball Wharf. Black shed. Completed. Very good'. No drawing. HER 15986. Below this, 'Dunball Station, Vickers posts' with added numbers NV7 and NV8 probably partly overwriting '7 + 8'. Sketch and lengthy description of how these were to be disguised with real and fake vegetation to merge into the hillside. HER 17594, 17595.
11	Faint 'No 12' above 'Pill box N12'. Headed 'Brickyard Clyce Pawlett'. A nondescript river-side building with adjacent boat. HER 15985.
13	Three pillboxes: 'Vickers NV 3', 'Vickers Emplacement NV 4' and 'Pill box N8' drawn with the road running down the left-hand side. Headed 'Libbers Field Pawlett', overall described as 'Straw and haystacks' with 'Mowlem' in the top right corner. HER 11957, 11958 and 11960. Fig 9.
15	'Pill box N7'. 'Centre of Levletts Field Pawlett Hill'. Disguised as a shed with large twin doors in the gable end and pigeon loft entrances above. HER 11959.
17	Two drawings headed 'Pawlett Hill Gaunts Farm V.M.S'. Upper is 'Vickers Empl NV5'. 'Chicken huts and run. Real coops dotted around'. 'Higher' added in fainter pencil. HER 11624. Lower is 'Vickers Emplacement NV6', 'Lower' added. Headed 'Rubbish heap' with preceding 'Bon fire' and 'Manure' added. HER 12161.
19	'Vickers Emplacement NV 2' overwriting 'VM 2'. 'Pawlett Hill Baloon Barage [sic] Field'. A small building with a stable-door and the door blast-wall as an external privy. HER 15916.
21	'Vickers Emplacement NV1'. Headed 'Pawlett Hill'. A small cottage with garden. Loose sheet 18 is rough version of this drawing. HER 15915. Fig 8.
22	An indeterminate faint sketch with no annotations.
23	'Pill box N1' overwriting '1'. Headed 'Pawlett in corner of Gaunts Farm buildings'. A simple windowless farm building built into a stone wall. HER 12263.
25	Two pillboxes. 'Pill box N2', corrected from 'N1'. Headed 'Corner of field beside road north of Baloon [sic] barrage'. The initial thought 'Haystack. Broken down' has been crossed out in fainter pencil and replaced by 'Foliage with willows and cullacorts'. A very simple sketch of a pillbox with scribbled vegetation. HER 11953. Below this is 'Pill box N3'. Headed 'North of Hill Farm by road' and 'Late Dods Field'. Described as a 'rusty black shed sprayed lightly with W.O.15 green to look mossy'. HER 11954.
27	'Pill box N4' overwriting '4'. Headed 'Pawlett opposite Hill Cottage'. A wooden shed with 'bundles of sweedes [sic]' visible through the open door. HER 11961.

Loose sheets

The three groups of drawings, as indicated by paper clip and pin marks, are given first, followed by unclipped drawings. The numbers are arbitrary in the order they were received.

Sheet number	Position in group	Notes
13	Group 1, dwg 1	'Stansell, M Tarrant'. 'M84' in a different hand, should be N84 (HER 16505). Gothic tollhouse with pitched roof and 'small garden'. A 'polygonum or rosa rugosa' was to be planted and trained up the building at the rear and another polygonum planted in a pot by the porch. Fig 7.
4	Group 1, dwg 2	'Stansell, Mr Tarrant' in pencil at head. Pencilled notes on progress overwritten in ink. 'M73' needs the hedge around it replaced. This may refer to a small sketch below which shows N74 (HER 44282) on the canal aqueduct with hedges. 'M72 Black hut by railway' is described as finished and may be N73, HER 44338. 'M71 Black hut on bridge' is also finished and may be N71, HER 44530. 'M? Chicken house by canal' is also finished and may be N70, HER 44532. Two sites at Durston, 'on high bank' (probably NV13, HER 12600) and 'in the nursery' (probably NV12, HER 11981) need bushes planted around them.
5	Group 1, dwg 3	'Stansell, Mr Tarrant' in pencil at head. Pencilled notes on progress overwritten in ink. Two anti-tank gun emplacements at Lillesdon. These are not recorded as having been built. Pillboxes at Thornfalcon: 'M80 Hayrick' N80, HER 44297; 'M81 Old cart shed', N81, HER 44299, 'M82 Corn rick', N82, HER 44301. All complete. 'M83 on DYR [possibly overwriting 'Dyke']'; possibly N83 on canal tunnel spoil bank, HER 33425. 'M79 Chicken shed' with sketch, N79, HER 15981.
6	Group 1, dwg 4	'Durston' in ink. 'Stansell, Mr Tarrant' in pencil. Pencil drawings of 3 unnumbered pillboxes at Cogload Junction some inked over. 'VMG', HER 44322; 'VMG', HER 44323; 'PP', HER 44321. The last may indicate 'planned pillbox' as this is T23 in the Durston anti-tank island which was shown with a 'planned but not yet built' symbol on a map of 17 January 1941.
7	Group 1, dwg 5	'Durston' in ink over pencil. 'Stansell, Mr Tarrant' in pencil. Pencil sketches inked over. 'Low mounded with turf and steel wool' HER 15310, 'Low open shed back half stack of wood', HER 15312.
2	Group 2, dwg 1	Pencil sketch 'ATM 1A Higher Wrontage [Wrantage] Farm' in pencil capitals over correctly-spelt script. 'Mowlem?' This emplacement later became MAT602, HER 44331.
17	Group 2, dwg 2	Very sketchy pencil. 'M1a' and 'ATM'. 'Higher Wrantage' 'Durston'. 'R1 R2 Puriton'. Wrantage should be HER 44330 and 44331. R1 and R2 at Puriton became N101, N102; HER 12713, 16120.
10	Group 3, dwg 1	'Puritan [Puriton]', 'R2'. 'Mr Tarrant Stansell'. Pencil sketch of shed. Walls 'stone or use CI [corrugated iron] shuttering'. Later numbered N102, HER 16120.
12	Group 3, dwg 2	'Monzel [Maunsel] Locks on canal'. 'Broken hayrick' (Probably N56, HER 12378) and 'Boat house' (Probably N57, HER 12324).
11	Group 3, dwg 3	'Puritan [Puriton]', 'R1', 'Mr Tarrant Stansell'. 'old garden double lean to shed'. Later numbered N101, HER 12713.
9	Group 3, dwg 4	'Outwood Village'. 'Mr Tarrant, Stansell'. Sketch of simple shed. (probably N60, HER 18185).
1		Scribble of branch with leaves.

3		'By canal'. 'Mr Tarrant. Stansells'. 'Bathing house'. Possibly N52, HER 18161.
8		'Stansell. M Tarrant'. Unidentified site mounded with vegetation. Appears to be an anti-tank gun emplacement.
14		'Browns buildings Pawlett'. 'Mr Tarrant, Stansells'. Simple scheme of fake and real vegetation. Probably N5, HER 11964.
15		'ATM Durston'. 'Old cut hayrick'. Later numbered NAT601, HER 15902.
16		'Mr Tarrant Stansells'. 'Foxhall Farm on canal'. 'Paint to match stone wall'. N68, HER 44647.
18		Rough sketch on paper from OHMS envelope addressed to Stansells. Folded into 8. Sketch for drawing book 21. NV1, HER 15915.
19		Three sheets as a booklet. The cover is titled 'Thorn Falcon to Lillesden' and 'Stansells M Tarrant' with detailed instructions for infilling a gap in trees on the rear. Inside is a page with a pencil sketch of pillbox in trees titled 'Thorn Falcon + Lillesdon' and in the inside of the rear cover is an intensely coloured drawing of same site camouflaged. Fig 5.
20		Sketch for framed drawing 2. Annotations in different hand to most. This, 22 and 23 are on the folded rear of three quarters of a cinema poster. The two films advertised were shown at the Gaumont in Taunton from September 30 to 5 October 1940. N66, HER 44300.
21		Architectural drawing of 'Cad Green pill box, camouflage scheme' on folded paper. Signed F Silvester White. Lt RE. 552 A/Tps CM RE. Sheet folded into 8. This pillbox (M11, HER 55201) was one of the original first tranche of pillboxes along the Middle/Railway sector. It was also modified to have a rear porch with loophole as part of the Ilton Anti-Tank Island. This drawing is for the original unmodified pillbox
22		Draft for framed drawing 6. Sketch on folded rear of part of cinema poster (see 20). Poster side has columns of numbers in pencil. Illegibly initialled. N9, HER 11956.
23		Draft for framed drawing 3. Sketch on folded rear of part of cinema poster (see 20). N15, HER 11975.
24		Rough sketch of gothic tollhouse. Not identified. Possibly Dillington drive lodges at Ilminster.

Framed Artwork

These are known to have been framed by Dennis Matravers, their previous condition is unknown.

1	Captioned 'Pill box at Charlton'. N64, HER 44319.
2	Captioned 'Pill box at pumping station between Creech and Charlton'. Loose sheet 20 is draft. N66, HER 44300. Fig 4.
3	Captioned 'Southern pill box between Brickyard Clyce and Dunball'. Loose sheet 23 is draft. Probably N15, HER 11975.
4	Captioned 'Pill box at Coglow [Cogload] signal box'. N63, HER 44304.
5	Captioned 'Northern pill box between Brickyard Clyce and Dumball [Dunball]' Probably N14, HER 18158.
6	Captioned 'Pill box on river by balloon barage [sic] Dumball [Dunball]'. N9, HER 11956.