

		Grade	II
		Date Listed	11/06/1998
Community	Llangollen Rural		
Locality	Trevor	Grid Ref	32680 34215
		Record No	19970
Post Code	LL20 8AR		
Name	Wood Bank		
Entry Name/No	Wood Bank / 799		
Street No, Name			

Location

Situated on hillside between B5434 and Llangollen Canal, overlooking the Dee valley and Pont Cysyllte. Although the rear of house is built tight against the canal bank the gardens at front have been artificially raised above natural hillside.

History

Late C18 house. Reputed to be Telford's drawing office during construction of Ellesmere Canal (renamed Llangollen Canal, 1963) and Pontcysyllte Aqueduct (1795-1805). The constricted space between rear of house and canal bank suggests that the house was built before the final line of the Llangollen Feeder (1804-08) had been determined. Shown on 1838 Tithe Map as 'house and offices, malt kiln and croft', owned by Ellesmere Canal Company and occupied by Thomas Butterson. The malt-house, on site below and SE of house, has been demolished.

Exterior

Georgian-style 2-storey, double-fronted house in local rubble stone with tooled ashlar quoins. Lowish pitch, hipped and slated roof with overhanging eaves and central, red-brick chimney-stack. 16-pane horned sash lower windows with wood surrounds (upper parts replaced) to symmetrical front elevation; upper windows, 16-pane to W and 12-pane to E; central doorway with wood surround and double, 3-panelled doors. Later single-storey extension to W incorporates stone pillars which may have belonged to original entrance porch. Plain side elevations. 2-storey rear wing with lower roof built in two phases at right angles to main block. Corners of later phase of rear wing are chamfered. Curved bread oven at E junction between two phases of rear wing. Later single-storey lean-to extension to W of rear wing.

Interior

Symmetrical plan with small entrance lobby backing on to central chimney-stack. Stairs at rear of chimney-stack. Living Room to W has wood-boarded floor and plain plaster ceiling; Dining Room to E has wood-boarded floor and timber joist ceiling; both rooms with wood-surrounded fireplaces backing on to each other. Original kitchen has quarry tiled floor, timber joist ceiling and wide-arched fireplace with original grating. Bread oven opens off rear extension.

Listed

Listed as a fine and well-preserved example of late Georgian villa-type house.

Reference

