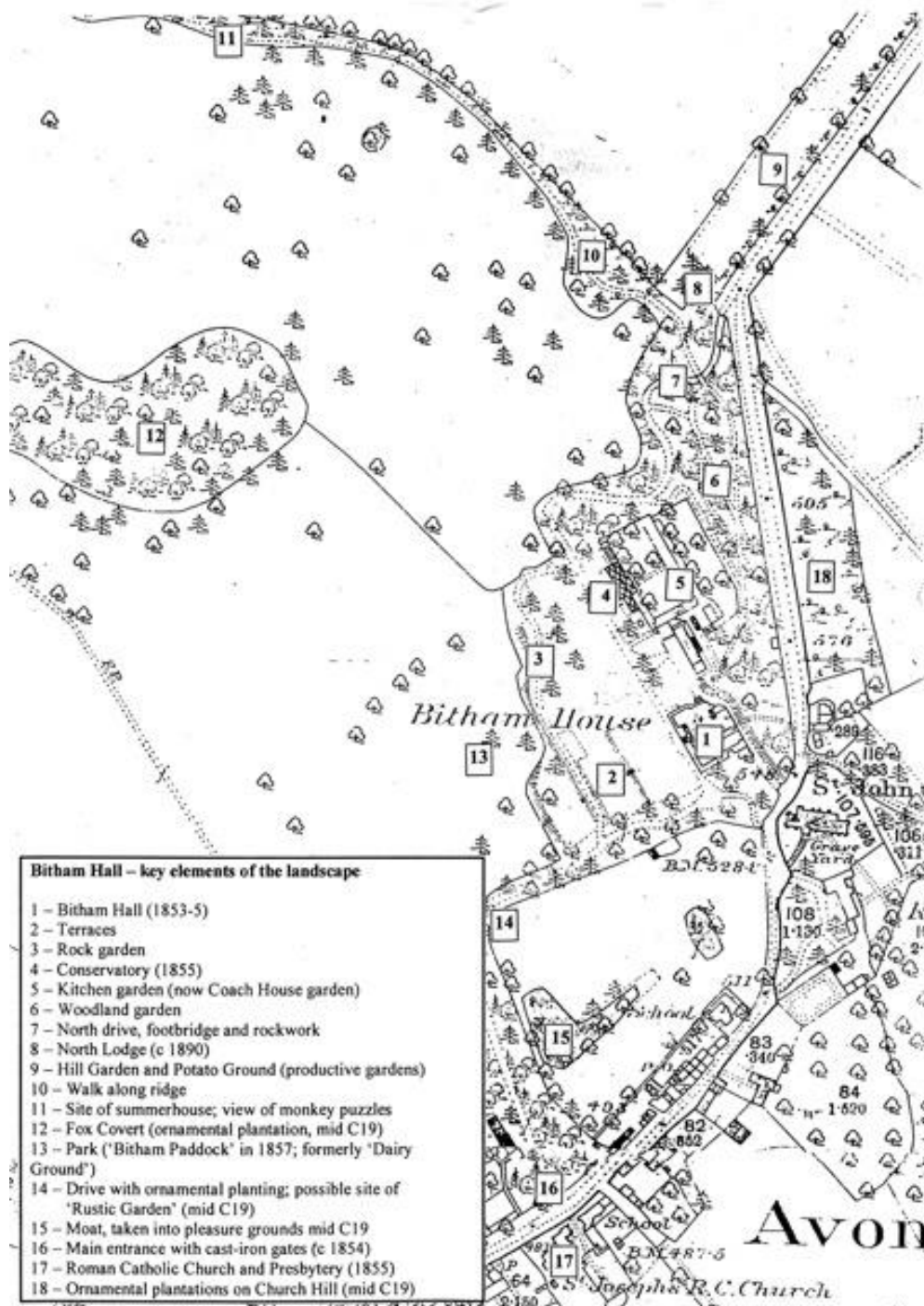


## Trees and Grounds of Bitham Hall, Avon Dassett

We are indebted to Sandra Rice (now of Leamington Hastings) for providing this information on the trees and grounds of Bitham Hall, Avon Dassett. Bitham House and grounds were designed by Joseph Knight and completed in the 1850s. Knight made his fortune importing exotic plants explaining some of the valuable and historic specimens which remain in the grounds of Bitham Hall.



This plan of Bitham Hall demonstrates some of the key elements of the landscaping

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Dear Sandra

Sincere apologies for the delay in replying. The records you sent have now been added to the Register and many are certainly the largest we have on record for Warwickshire. Even the Quercus robur is the largest recorded in recent years and although a few bigger are recorded there is a good chance they no longer survive.

I am presuming that girths are recorded at 1.5m above ground level as per our guidelines for tree measuring. (See web site for details)

The trees which jumped out as being very special are the Sophora japonica which is the 4th largest of any recorded in the British Isles. This sounds like a very important tree, I would love to see a photo of it if possible. See our Web Site for details of the champion just found in the garden of the Bishop of St. Alban's, Hertfordshire.

The Pinus pinaster is also a very large specimen, 11th biggest on record. The Tilia tomentosa 'Petiolaris' is 12th biggest. The Carpinus betulus is another very fine specimen as is the Cryptomeria for this part of England.

Thanks again for sending the records.  
Best wishes

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This letter from the Registrar of the Tree Register of the British Isles explains the significance of some of the specimens at Bitham Hall