Moss Cottage

Local Heritage Asset Register

Bilborough

HA635



Status:	Recommendation to add
Age:	Victorian (1837-1901)
Conservation Area:	No
Date added to the list:	
Condition:	

Assessment against Local Criteria

1. Age: pre-1850s
2. Good example of a pre-enclosure cottage
3. Good Example of a Nottinghamshire vernacular cottage

Reason for Designation

Good example of a pre-enclosure cottage disconnected from Trowell Road by modern development. Part of a group with HA458-9, HA461, HA628-35.

Local List Proposal

Grade II Listed Building



Description

Finest and best preserved cottage on the road, No 338, Moss Cottage (183). It is also the least altered having been effectively lived in by only two families in the last 170 years, The Taylor family from 1848 to 1912 and the Bland family since about 1925. The cottage has eight windows on the front and the original brickwork is still exposed, with chimneys at each gabled end and, again, at the rear the roof comes down to the ground floor and there are no rear windows in the bedrooms. There are two front rooms (living room and parlour) with, uniquely a hall between them, with kitchen to the rear with scullery etc. Upstairs there are three bedrooms. The layout is very similar to Nos 131 & 133 and there is here some evidence of a second doorway which has been bricked up, so it is possible that this cottage was originally a pair of cottages.

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Heritage category:	Building
Asset type:	Houses
Original use:	
Current use:	
Currently occupied:	
Architect, style / material:	
Condition:	

Additional Description:

James was born in 1817 in Wollaton and was one of seven children, living with his parents who rented Cedar Cottage (right), which formerly stood on the site of the garage on Crown Island, and the two fields behind it on “Long Plantation”. In 1841 he is described as “agent” and is still living at Cedar Cottage, but he was in an intimate relationship with young Catherine Slack (b. 1821), the eldest daughter of Samuel Slack, the “cordwainer”(see page 3). She gives birth at the age of 17 to the first of two illegitimate children by him, Sarah born in 1838, though she may have died soon after, the second is Kesiah born in 1840. She was baptised by the curate and was subsequently adopted by her grandmother Ann Slack after Catherine married James in 1845. By 1848 they are living in the cottage and also renting the two adjoining paddocks. He is, according to the Rector a “coal bailiff”(RL). Catherine was to have six further children in the six years between 1846-52. However something must have happened to James, for in 1871 he, now aged 52, is described as a “bricklayer”in the census, as is his eldest son. Was he having a joke with the enumerator, or was it true? By 1881 he is a “colliery clerk”and the family now include some grand children and daughter Anne. He dies before the next

Part of a group of heritage assets:

Yes

Associated with historical events or people:

Is it associated with any buried remains or archaeology? If so please describe:

How is it of importance to the local community? :

Selection Panel Date:	Date added to the list:
05/02/2019	

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