

WIVENHOE TOWNSCAPE FORUM: LOCAL LIST RECORDING SHEET AREA F

ADDRESS Old Customs House. The Folly, Wivenhoe (Husk's House)

POST CODE CO7 9DB

WARD

Cross

Quay

CONSERVATION AREA

YES

NO

MAP REFERENCE TM 040214

PHOTOGRAPH

YES

NO

DATE OF ASSET 1840s

TYPE OF ASSET **Building** Group Landscape Vista Item Other (please specify)

DESCRIPTION

Recently renovated (2011) and renamed (formerly known as Whitehouse) but retaining all the main external features of the house. Low-pitched slate, hipped roof. Ground floor level raised when renovated to avoid flooding.

HISTORY AND CONNECTIONS

The family home of James Husk, ship-builder. He and his successors occupied a downstream shipyard site next to the house from the late 1840s, building smacks and yachts, until 1937. Husk paid for the building of the Swedenborgian Chapel in Alma Street in 1864. The house is all that is left of the downstream shipyard site.

RESEARCH SOURCES

Victoria County History of Essex X (2001) pp 282-287.

Butler, N. *The Story of Wivenhoe* (1989) p96

Collins, J and Dodds, J, *River Colne Shipbuilders* (2009) pp163-183



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CRITERIA: HIGHLIGHT IN BOLD AS APPROPRIATE

ARCHITECTURAL VALUE

A++ (very high)

A+ (good)

T-F (timber-framed i.e. C18th or earlier)

?T-F (timber-framed – needs investigation)

HISTORIC VALUE

H++

H+

CONDITION

C++ (complete with no inappropriate alterations/extensions)

C+ (largely complete)

C (good or restorable)

OTHER VALUES

I = iconic value **H = contribution to the historic area in which it stands**

P =prominence Q = quirkiness R = local rarity S = sustainability

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