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Dinton



Philipps House

Dinton, Wiltshire

Grade II* - Listed 23rd March, 1960

Country house. 1813-16 by Jeffry Wyattville for the Wyndham family, on site of earlier house. Limestone ashlar, Welsh slate hipped roof, ashlar stacks with moulded cappings. Large rectangular block with rear service courtyard and stables. Two-storey, 9-bay classical front. Tetrastyle Ionic portico with central French window in pilastered surround with slender consoles, 15-pane sash either side, portico flanked by three sashes to left and right. Plat band to first floor with nine 12-pane sashes, moulded stone cornice to pediment and plain parapet. Right return has central French windows flanked by two 15-pane sashes to centre projecting bays, either side is tripartite sash in semi-circular headed panel, first floor has plat band and five sashes. Left return has 15-pane tripartite sash in semi-circular headed panel to right, three sashes to left and four to first floor. To left is curved outer wall of former service wing, now apartment, with central semi-circular alcove and seat to centre; five 9-pane sashes to first floor only. Left return has external stack and sashes. Rear has 15-pane sashes and two 6-panelled doors to ground floor of service range, 12-pane sashes to first floor, three 6-pane sashes to attic storey over moulded stone cornice, rear of west range has large 18-pane tripartite sash and smaller 6-pane and 9-pane sashes, round-arched carriage doors to right. Lead rainwater goods.

Interior: Central square stair hall with stone imperial staircase with painted brass balusters with enriched ewels, each side of first floor has Ionic scagliola columns to open gallery on north and south, closed on west and east sides, shallow saucer vault with scrolled foliage frieze, top-lit by drum lantern. Main reception rooms have

double 6-panelled doors, window shutters, marble fireplaces, plaster ceiling cornices and margins with floral ornament; high relief frieze with cornucopia and shields in hall. Little altered, restrained interior.

Stable blocks attached to rear enclose service yard on three sides; ashlar with Welsh slate roofs, 12-pane sashes and square-headed double planked stable and carriage doors, central through entry to courtyard from north has segmental-headed archway with pediment over., This house built to replace C17 Dinton House, sold by Wyndhams to Bertram Philipps in 1916 and renamed Philipps House, given to the National Trust in 1943.

(N. Pevsner, *The Buildings of England; Wiltshire*, 1975; *Country Life*, December 17, 1943)

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