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Social decline of the house.

So by the time we get to the mid 17th century this is quite a sophisticated house, and it is probably lived in by quite prosperous people; and then, what happens we don't know, but by the time we return to the house again sometime in the mid 19th century, it has plummeted right down the social scale: it's split up into two houses, so that the medieval house forms one two up, two down house and the wing forms one, one up, one down or possibly two up, one down cottage, and they are lived in by artisans and they're lived in by people with huge families, interestingly. And so for some reason this split seems to happen sometime between the mid 17th century and probably the mid 19th century.