Crooke Hall

Crooke Hall, the former seat of the Catterall family, stood on low ground on the north bank of the River Douglas just west of Wigan, in what was later to become Crooke Village and at the extreme south-western end of the township. The canal now passes between where the house used to stand and the River, and the surroundings were desolate and sordid owing to the working of collieries in the immediate neighbourhood. As the coal industry took off around 1800 so from 1840 onward a colliery village sprang up to the north and west of the Hall. The house was demolished in 1938 as the ground had sunk below the water table due to mining subsidence

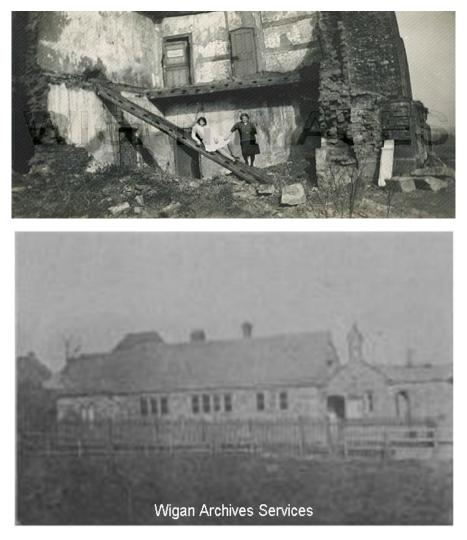


Crooke Hall, Crooke, circa 1900.





Above - The Hall before demolition, below during demolition



Estate buildings now part of the Marina complex