

BONVILLE'S COURT

This large country residence, which has a range of outbuildings, is set in a large garden area. The house does not appear on the 1831 1 inch to 1 mile Ordnance Survey map and seems to have been built sometime in the mid-19th century. It takes its name from the now lost Bonville's Castle or Bonville's Court, which had become a ruin by the 1860s and may have been intended to replace it. The house stands alongside a road which is shown on the 1831 map, but which had become disused by the late 19th century.

The outbuildings to the west of the house actually stand across the former road line, suggesting that the road was put out of use after the house was built. It is not clear who built the house or when.

In 1871, Joseph Cadman and his family lived here. He was C.R. Vickerman's colliery agent and manager at Bonville's Court Colliery during the 1860s. It is therefore possible that the house was built as a colliery manager's house in the first instance. By 1881, the residents here were Sally Child, originally from Kent, and her parents.