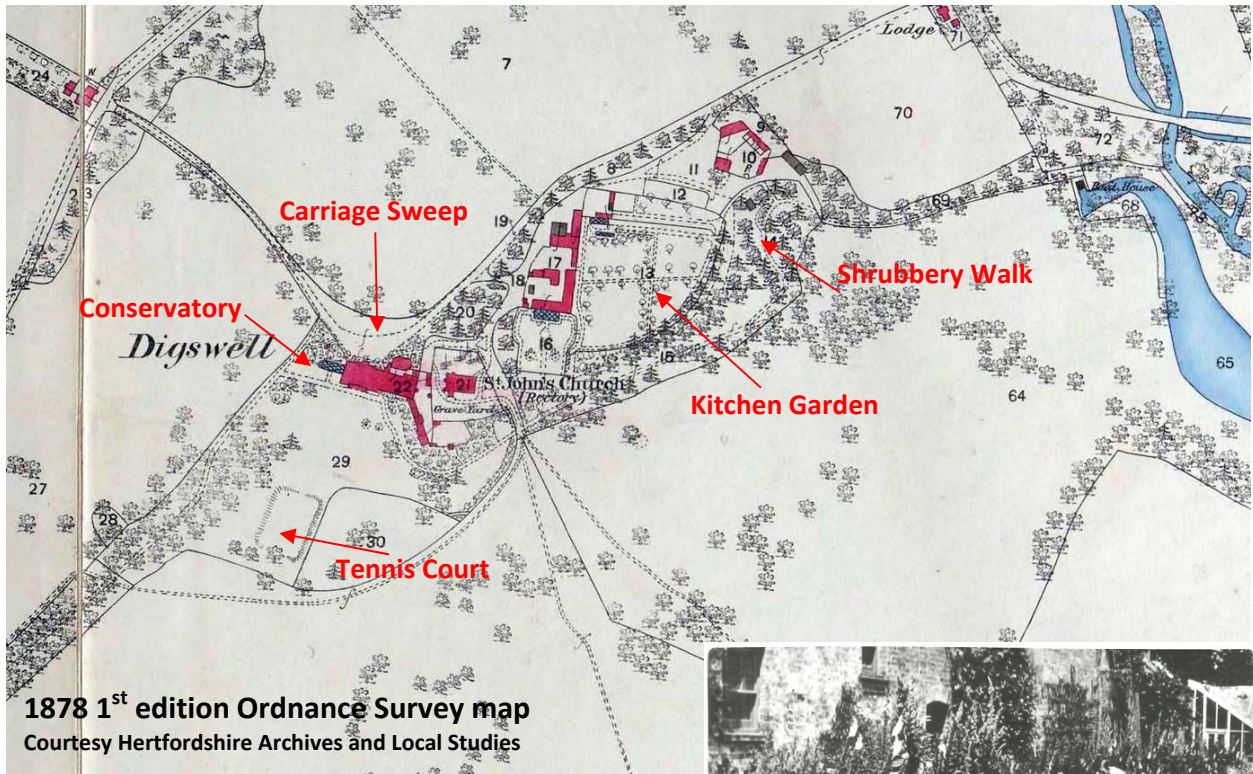


# The Gardens of Digswell House

The formal gardens of the 17<sup>th</sup> and early 18<sup>th</sup> century were swept away by Capability Brown in the 1770s, but after 1800 Hardenberg baskets appeared, followed by flower beds on the lawn. By the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, flower gardens were an essential part of the country house, along with tennis courts, croquet lawns and if space permitted, cricket grounds and 9-hole golf courses.



**Black and white photograph of The Rose Garden**  
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**Digswell House with Cedar, Tennis Court and Conservatory.**  
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