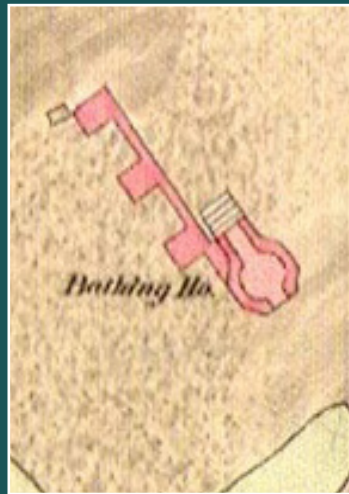
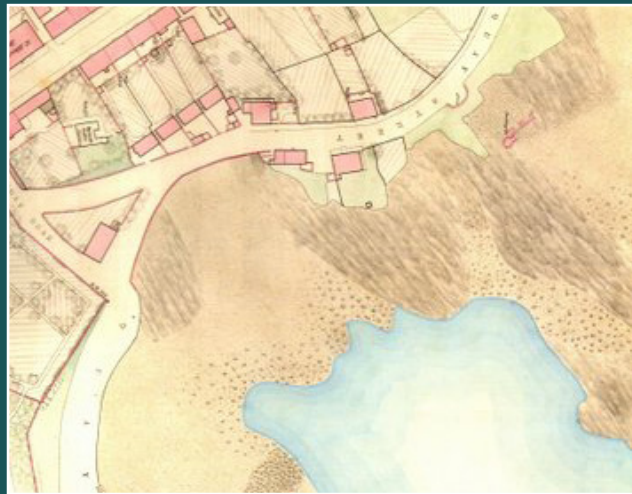


BATHING HOUSE, ARDGLASS





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The Follies Trust was formed in 2006 to encourage the appreciation and conservation of Irish follies. Follies are fantastic, a little crazy in desire or design but also joyful buildings which aim to please. Follies take many forms but eccentricity is an essential characteristic.

Bathing House, Ardglass

This small structure, which is probably the only extant example of a bathing house in Ulster, is lapped by the tide on the shoreline at Ardglass. It is a pleasing hexagonal cut-stone structure built c.1830 by the local proprietor, William Ogilvy.

It has toy fort crenellations and is a reminder of the days when Ardglass was a town where people came to seek the recuperative benefits of sea bathing.

In 2015 the Follies Trust undertook the conservation of the bathing house with funding from Down District Council through the Landfill Communities Fund administered by Ulster Wildlife and also from the Ardglass Vikings.

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Front: Bathing House, Ardglass 2015

Back: OS c.1840 showing bathing house and other related structures