Architecture and Architects

The range of architectural styles across four or more centuries means that there is a wide range of literature to consult, either on individual architects, buildings or specific periods. Architects rarely restricted themselves to country house building alone so considerations of their work will often cover all sorts of other designs and constructions.

Traditionally the eighteenth century has received the main focus of attention, with the styles/periods known as Baroque, Palladian and Neo-Classical. Of late attention has begun to look at later periods, including country houses of the twentieth century.

This section should be read in conjunction with the lists on Houses and Owners, Interiors and Style, Gothic, and Household Management.

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