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Rodhill Gate Farmhouse

II

House, early C18th. Sandstone rubble with stone slate roof. Double-pile plan with end chimneys and central entrance. 2 storeys, 2 bays. Windows have outer moulding and inner chamfer, and are mullioned and transomed with 6 lights. The door, under a modern gabled stone porch, has an architrave.

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Sawley Abbey Ruins

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Cistercian Abbey, founded 1147, dissolved 1536. Now ruinous. Rubble with some sandstone dressings remaining. The walls of the transepts, with 3 square east chapels on each side, and of the very small nave (possibly shortened in the early C16th), survive to various heights, the maximum approximately 10 metres. Only the lower courses of the chancel, widened and lengthened in the early C16th by adding aisles, remain. Only foundation or low walls of the conventual buildings survive. These include the chapter house, undercroft of the dormer, the rere-dormer, and, on the south side, the frater. On the west side of the cloister were the dormer and frater of the lay bretheren, later converted in part into Abbot's lodgings. At the north end of the west range is a fireplace with segmental arch and bread oven, possibly post-reformation. Scheduled Ancient Monument. Harland, J. Historical Account of the Cistercian Abbey of Sawley, 1853.

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