

## Gardens

These two pictures show you what is left of the old walled garden and orchard areas. The orchards are now very overgrown.



## Glasshouses

Glasshouses allowed the gardeners to grow more exotic fruit and vegetables because the glass gave them more shelter and heat. These were the first glasshouses in Belfast!



Look at the size and layout of them.  
What does this tell you about the  
family that lived in the house?





## Canals & bridges

The bridges and canals (“canal” means “channel”) were all man-made and they were put in the garden to make it look nice and impress the visitors. The ladies would have taken gentle walks around this area admiring the beautiful gardens.



## The Deramore Oak

The Deramore Oak was one of the largest trees in Ireland. It was also hundreds of years old. It was very famous. When Thomas Bateson became a lord, he had to choose a name for himself, so he called himself “Lord Deramore” after the oak.

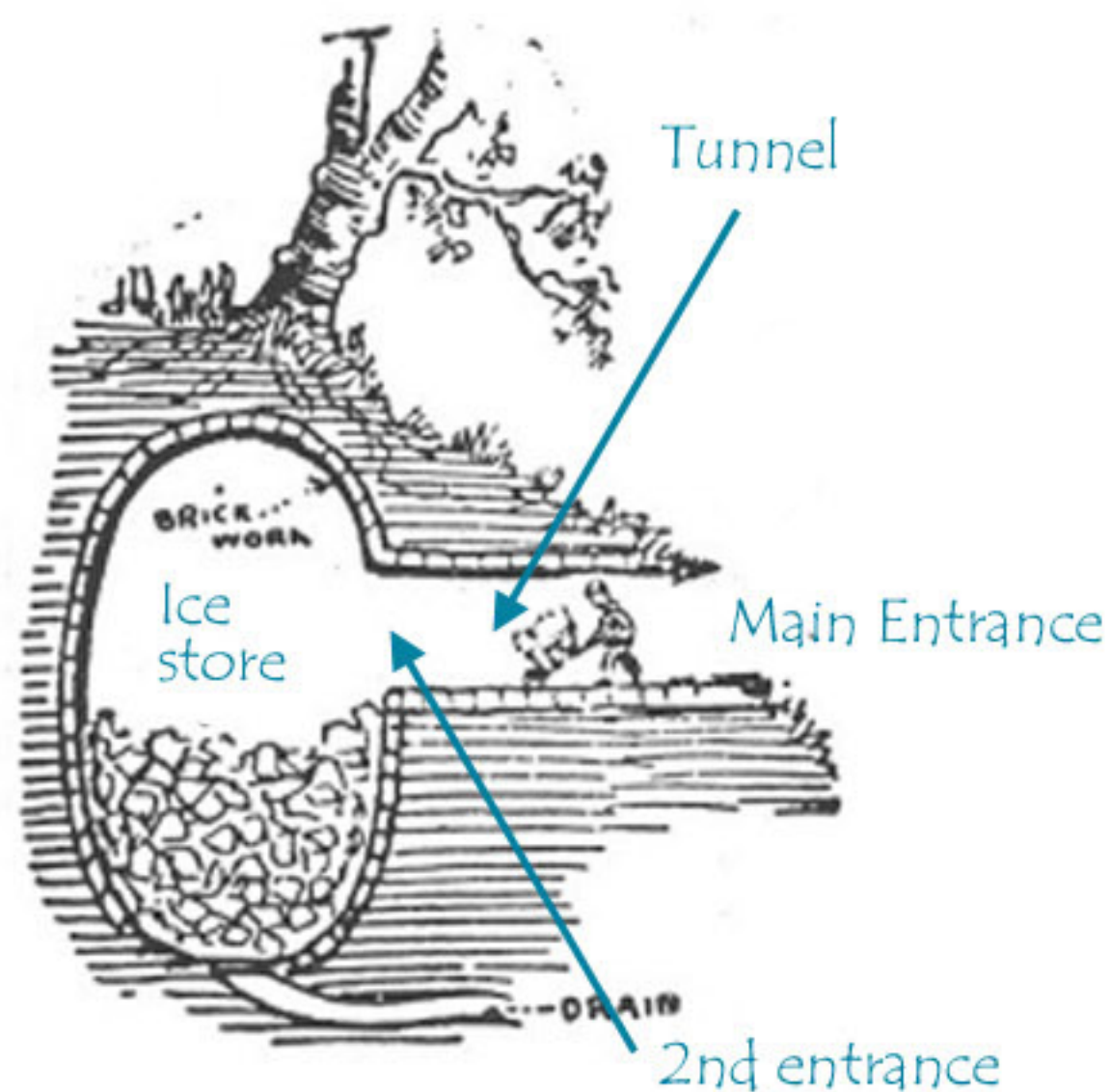




## The Ice House

In the 1700s and 1800s people did not have fridges so they had to think of different ways of storing food. The rich families like the ones at Belvoir built ice houses which became very fashionable. There was no electricity and no way of freezing water to make ice unless it happened naturally so the ice houses were designed to keep river ice frozen for long periods. The temperature is lower underground so they stored the ice underground and covered the ice house with earth. In Belvoir, when the River Lagan froze, the head gardener and his staff went down to the river and lifted the ice. They took it to the ice house, put it in the store and then blocked the entrance tunnel with straw.

## Diagram of an icehouse



## Belvoir Ice House today



The picture on the left is a diagram of an ice house in operation. The one on the right is a picture of Belvoir as it is today.

If you look closely you can see lots of similarities and you can see where the walls and the roof of the original tunnel were.



## Ornamental Fishpond

These two photographs were taken from about the same angle about a hundred years apart. You can see the same bridge in the background. The fish ponds, like the canals and bridges, were built so that the people in the house would have somewhere pretty to walk.

