

A pair of contemporary gateposts is still used as an entrance to South House (originally the old Cobb summer house, converted into a residence in 1824 for a Mrs Martin). These gateposts are only a few yards to the east of the site where the Cobb Mansion stood. Coaches would surely, at one time, have driven through these gates to swing round to the right, on to a short drive, to discharge their passengers to the far more elaborate south facing front?

*Note:* I am most grateful to Christopher Baker of Colerne, Wilts., for pointing me towards George Montagu's correspondence with Horace Walpole, and subsequently to Jeremy Gibson for transcribing the relevant extracts from this. Mr Baker is presently researching yet another member of the prolific Montagu(e) family, a cousin of George Montagu – Dr Richard Trevor.

### **Further reading**

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- Victoria County History [VCH] (Oxfordshire) – Vol. IX, Bloxham Hundred*, London, 1969, especially pp. 7-10.
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### **Map:**

Inclosure Map of East Adderbury dated 1735 – drawn for John Campbell, 2nd Duke of Argyll, of Adderbury House. Reproduced by kind permission of Oxfordshire Record Office [ref. SL/30/3/M/1 1735].

### **Unpublished Source:**

Copy of the 'Last Will and Testament of Sir George Cobb – 3rd July 1761'. The original will (and many other relevant documents) is in the hands of C. Bark-Jones Esq., a later resident of South House.