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*Stanley Kubrick's House: An Imaginary Travelogue*

*"The Manor House, mainly 18th Century, has 12 Reception Rooms, 18 Bed and Dressing Rooms, 11 Staff Bedrooms, and 10 Bathrooms. Immaculate Timbered Grounds. Walled Garden. Courtyard with Garaging and Flat. Estate Office. Victorian Dairy House with about 19 Acres [77,000 m<sup>2</sup>]. Two Coach House Cottages with Magnificent Stable Yard with Paddock and Woodland 16 Acres [65,000 m<sup>2</sup>]. Cheapside and Shafford Farms, 2 Well Equipped Corn and Stock Farms with about 724 Acres [2.9 km<sup>2</sup>]. 146 Acres [591,000 m<sup>2</sup>] of Timbered Parkland, 37 Acres [150,000 m<sup>2</sup>] of Railed Paddock and 104 Acres [421,000 m<sup>2</sup>] of valuable Commercial Timber". In addition there were "18 Attractive Houses and Cottages, some with Paddocks. Old Mill and other Buildings for conversion, Stud Buildings, 30 Loose Boxes, Potential Riding School, and fishing in River Ver and Mill Race. Total 1,100 Acres [4.5 km<sup>2</sup>]"*

*Source: Wikipedia*

*She is a lovely old woman. She says little. She takes me by the hand to the tree under which he is buried. We stand and say nothing. I lower my eyes. Say a prayer but lose the pattern of the words (forgive us our bread .. trespass our enemies .. ) and so I turn from her, and she releases my hand. I crunch gravel, walking toward the house. Can horses haunt things, places? Can the stories of a mysterious man? Inside is Private Joker: Inside is horrorshow: All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Slim Pickens rides the Bomb bareback and the mushroom cloud billows out of what was formerly the billiards room. Piled in the corner: stacks of VHS tapes .. Roseanne .. Seinfeld .. Johnny Carson .. The Simpsons. Americana. Why am I here, I keep asking myself. Thirty miles north of London, in the incongruous English countryside...*