

ISLAND OF INSANITY

Return to the Mansion of Madness

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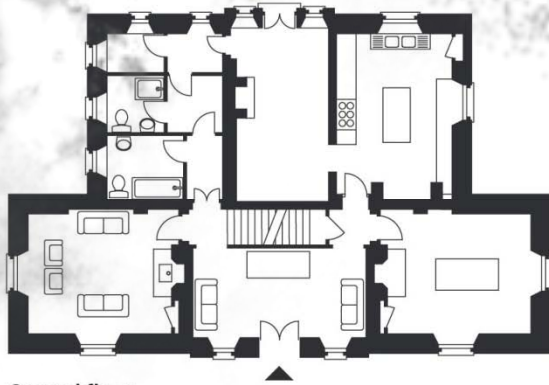
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Milcombe House

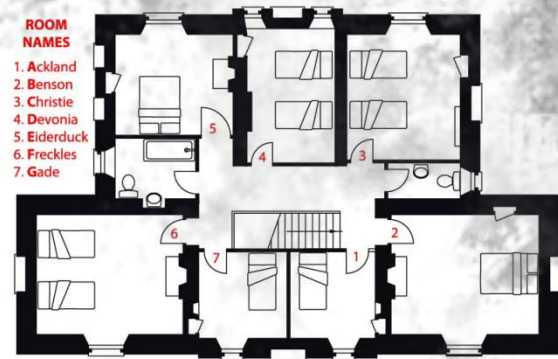
(a.k.a The Mansion of Madness!)



Built in plain classical style in 1835 for the Heaven family, looking down a wooded valley and out to sea, Milcombe is a pleasing and sociable house, planned around a central hall on the ground floor and a central staircase above. Renamed from simply "The Villa" to Milcombe House by owner Martin Harman in 1925 after the watermill which gave the valley its name.



Ground floor



First floor

Milcombe House - Floor Plan

History

In 1836, a year before Queen Victoria came to the throne, William Hudson Heaven completed the purchase of Lundy, for which he paid £9,870. The only inhabited buildings were the Lighthouse (now Old Light), the Farmhouse (now Old House) and a couple of cottages.

He considered building his home at Gannet's Combe, some way towards the North End beyond Admiralty Lookout but instead chose Milcombe Valley, considerably closer to what was then and is now the heart of the island and its landing beach. It is a perfectly sheltered position - described by Nikolaus Pevsner as "the only place where Lundy can be seen in so gentle a mood".



Milcombe House - Central Hall



Milcombe House - Kitchen



Milcombe House - Dining Room



Milcombe House - Sitting Room



Milcombe House - Landing

