

The view in 1978



The Pond



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The pond dates back at least to the 17th century, and a few trees dating from the 18th century or earlier stand on its bank. The pond lies at a lower level than the driveway, which skirts its northern edge. Between the drive and the pond are two or three terraces for planting. The view across the pond towards the house is one of the classic views of Rothamsted, and the subject of several historic paintings and photographs. The group of sycamores (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) in the left foreground are undoubtedly self-sown and probably date from the war years, when garden maintenance was minimal.



Lady Caroline Lawes' watercolour of the south front of the manor in the middle of the 19th century