





THREADS OF THE PAST (August 2024)

APPENDIX B: Comparison of historical and current positions of the Samson tapestries

The disposition of the tapestries in the late nineteenth century as recorded by Frederick H Evans in 1896: four tapestries (one of them with the insertion of a section from the fifth) were hung in the Tapestry Room, with two of them in different positions to today. The remaining section of the fifth tapestry was hung on its side in the Garden Hall. Beginning at the south-west corner of the room and thence clockwise:

- **KM257.5** (H x W, cm: 263 x 255) *Samson Breaking the Pillars* was hung in its current position in the south-west corner of the Tapestry Room
- **KM257.4** (H x W, cm: 263 x 361) *The Wedding Feast* was hung in the north-west corner of the Tapestry Room, with one section tacked to the back of the door through to William Morris's Room. The tapestry extended into the corner and then to the outer edge of the full-height 'door' into the closet partition. It currently hangs in the south-east corner of the room.
- **KM257.3** (H x W, cm: 264 x 517) *The Blinding of Samson* was hung in its current position in the north-east corner of the room, but rather than extending into the window alcove as it now does, it extended across the timber partition forming the closet (currently absent)
- **KM257.1** (H x W, cm: 263 x 258) *Samson Rending the Lion* had its right-hand column removed. The left-hand section of **KM257.2** *Samson and the Philistines* was joined to it and the column then joined to the right-hand edge. This composite tapestry was then hung in the south-west corner of the Tapestry Room. KM257.1 is currently off site. KM257.2 currently hangs in the north-west corner of the room.
- The right hand section of **KM257.2** (H x W, cm: 263 x 331) *Samson and the Philistines* was hung on its side in the Passage to the Panelled Room (now called the Garden Hall)

Acc. no.	Historical position	Current position
KM257.5		
KM257.4		

KM257.3



KM257.1
&
KM257
(part)



KM257.2
(part)



