History of Coxhall Kitchen Garden: The walled enclosure sits on a tract of land once owned by Brigadier General Timothy Ruggles, who bought the land from Elizabeth Cox in 1771. Ruggles was a prominent figure in the French and Indian Wars, and a controversial Loyalist in the Revolutionary War. He built these walls a few years after he purchased the land. Traditional English walled gardens were intended to keep wandering animals out and to create microclimates for fruits and vegetables.