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PATTERNS OF RE-USE: THE TRANSFORMATION OF FORMER MONASTIC  
BUILDINGS IN POST-DISSOLUTION HERTFORDSHIRE, 1540-1600.

TWO VOLUMES, INCLUDING APPENDIX

Bibliography to the Appendix and Selected Illustrations

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## Introduction

The purpose of this section, which serves as a guide to the Appendix, is to provide a list, by site, of all known visual evidence, primary and secondary sources for the sites described in the Appendix. The list for each site is followed by a selection of illustrations, consisting variously of modern photographs, plans, historic views and maps.

The bulk of the fieldwork from which the site reports in the Appendix are compiled was carried out between 1989 and 1992 with an additional visit to Ware Priory in February 1994 when extensive repairs were being carried out to the building as part of a conversion project. The criteria and methodology applied in examining the fabric of each site are described on pages 27-30 of the thesis itself. It is intended in due course to deposit the notes and files which make up the archive at the Hertfordshire Record Office.

In the lists of sources, place of publication for all printed works, both primary and secondary, is London unless otherwise stated.



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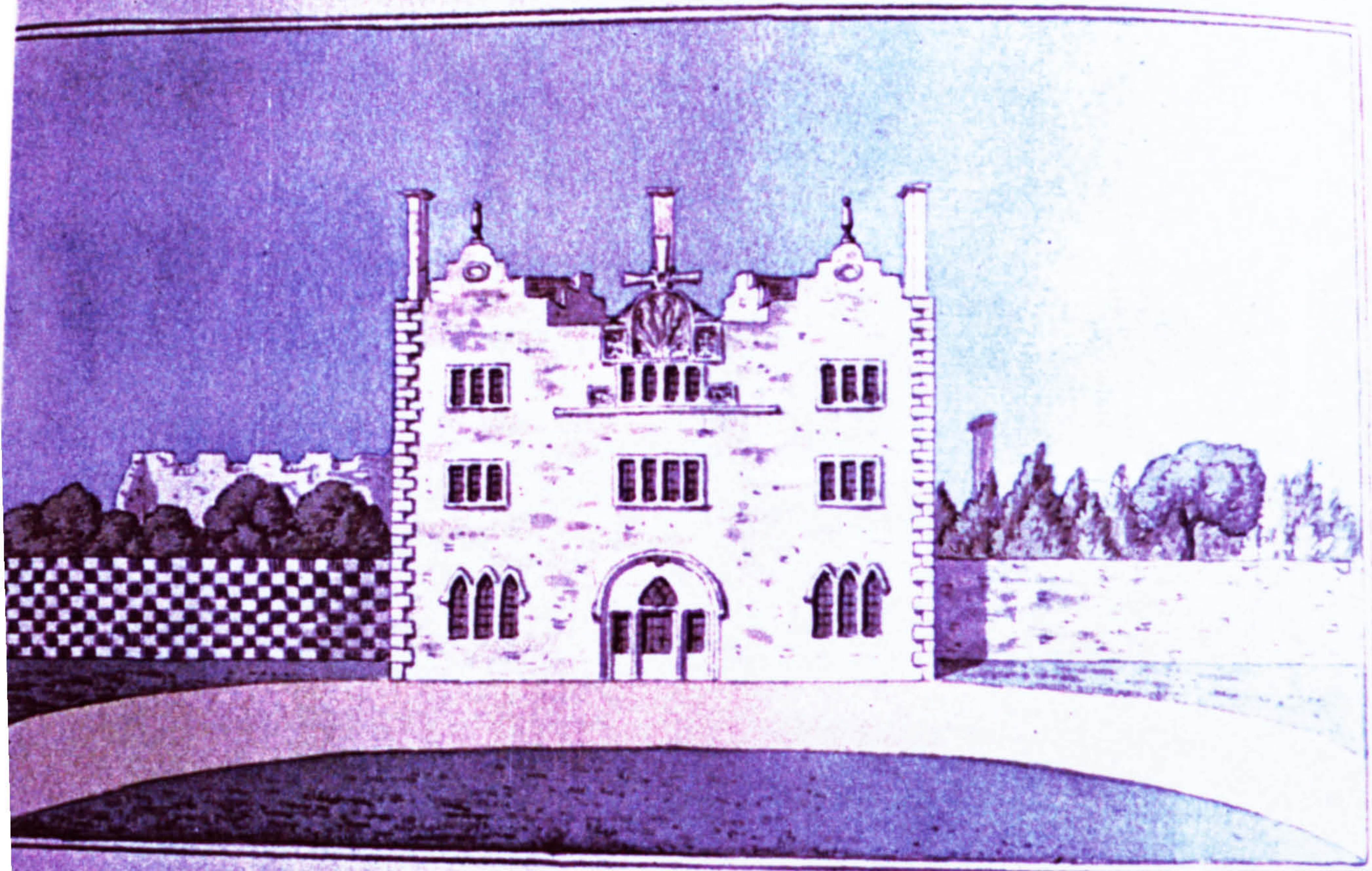
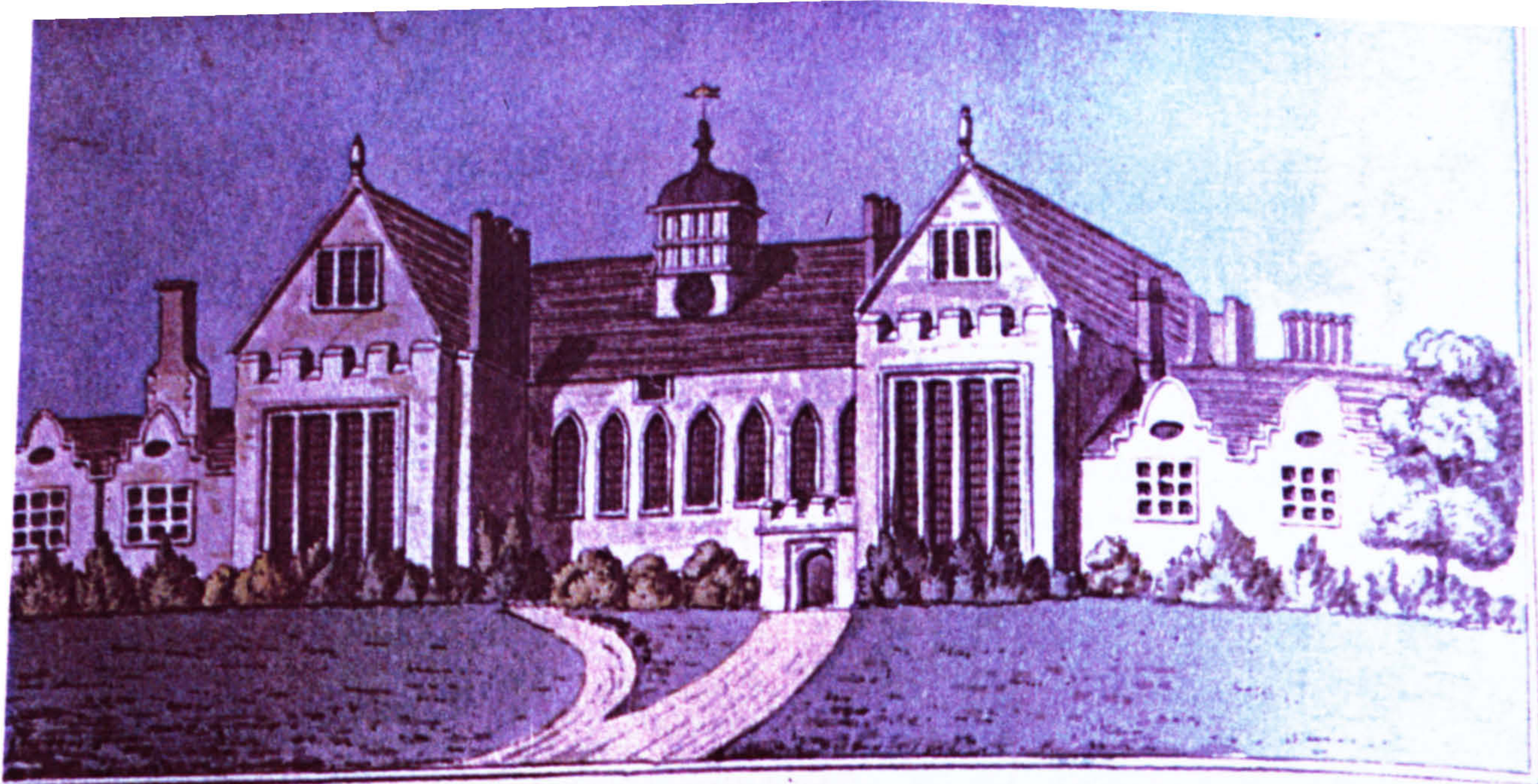
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A. (Top) North front of house, H.G. Oldfield (1802); H.R.O., Oldfield Drawings, III, 186. (Bottom) North front of gatehouse ("The White Lodge"); *ibid*.

B. The cloister looking north with great hall beyond, artist unknown (1788); H.R.O., D/EC 1, 181b.

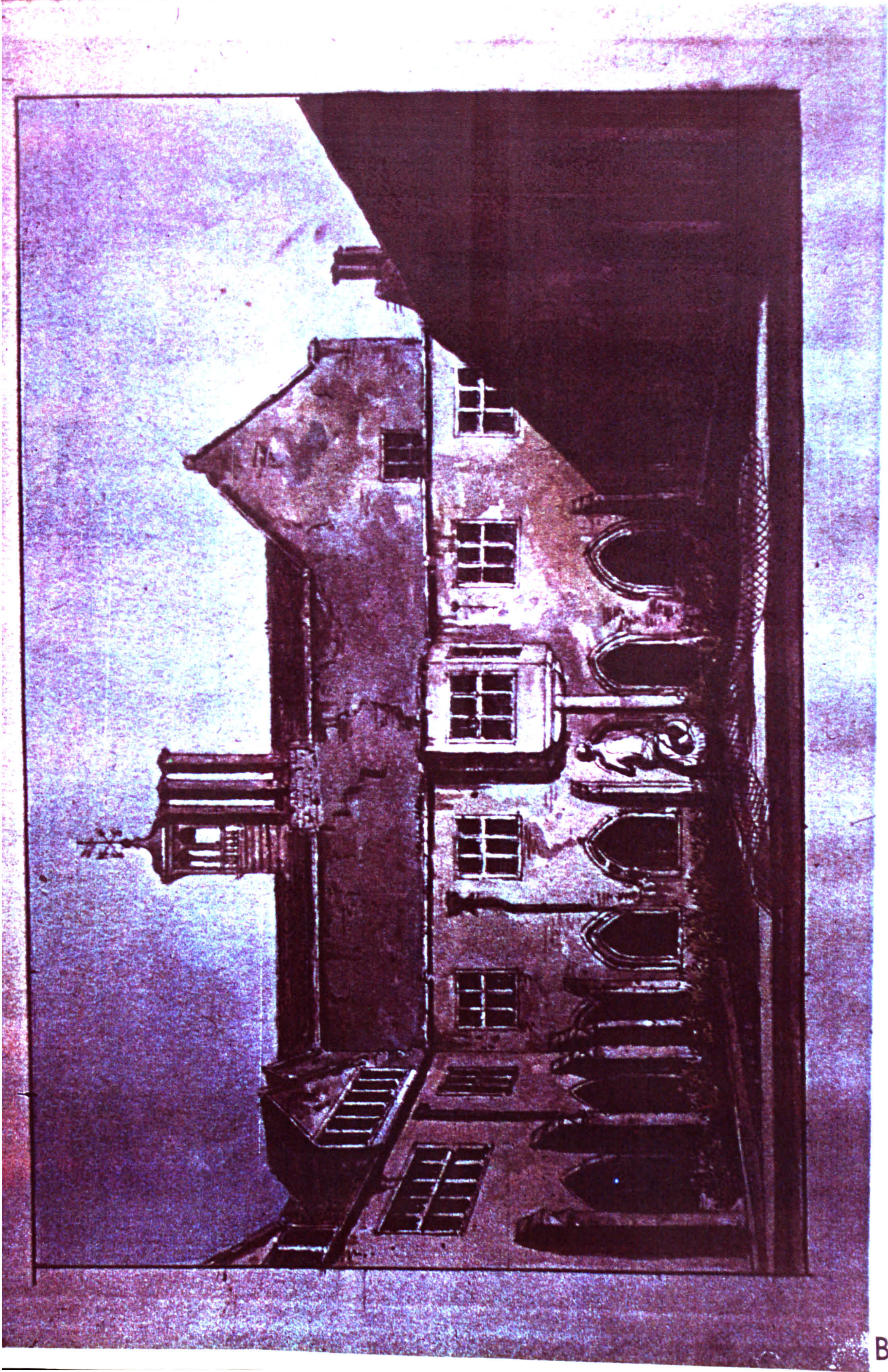
- C. View of cloister walk and detail of angel bosses with armorial shields, H.G. Oldfield (c.1800); H.R.O., Oldfield Drawings, III, 189.
- D. The great hall during demolition, S. Lysons (c.1802); D. & S. Lysons, Magna Britannia, i (1806), 492.
- E. Plan of the house and outbuildings from Grey's estate map (1762); H.R.O., AH 2770.



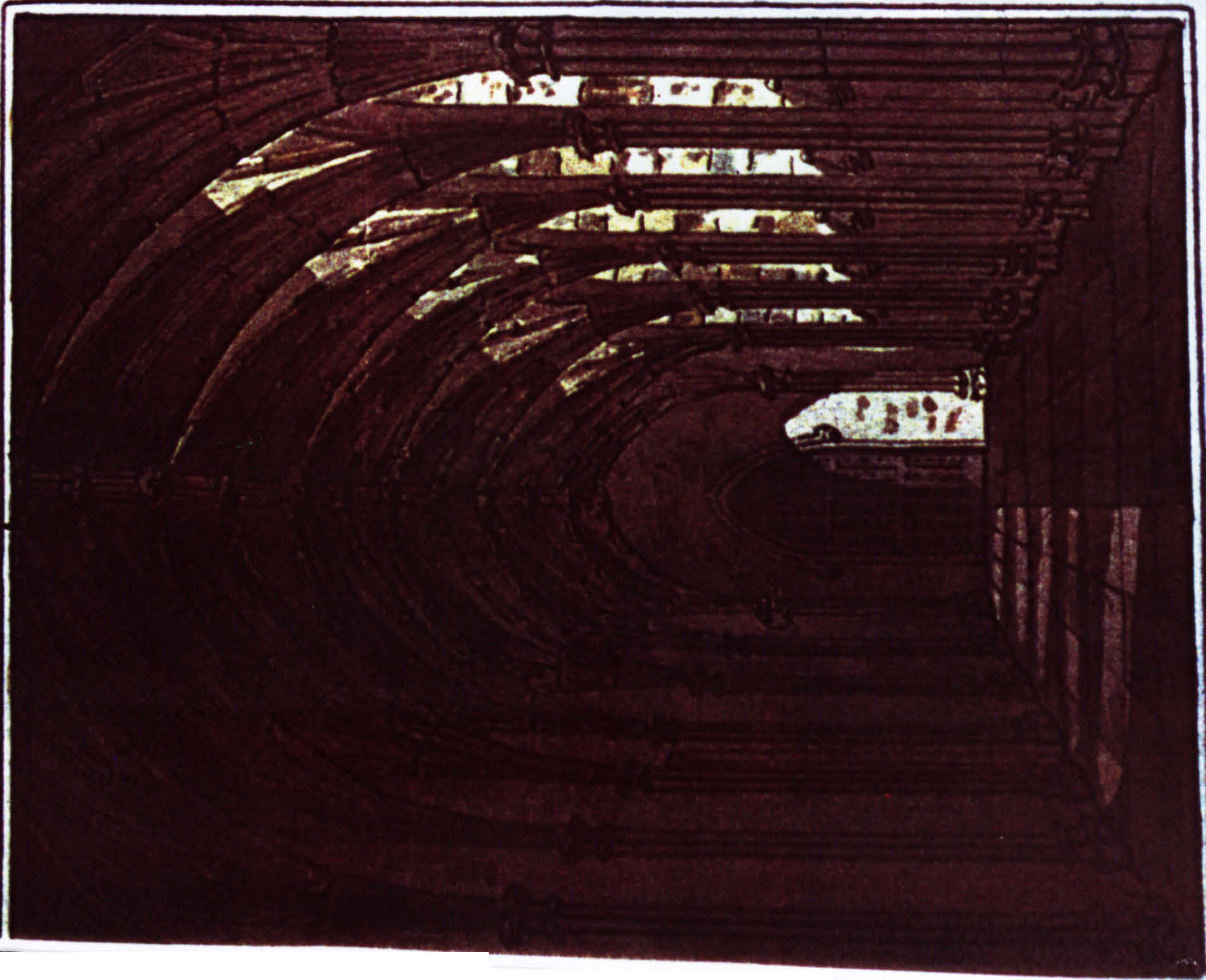


Ashridge House the seat of the Duke of Bridgwater once the Monastery of  
 Ashridge: the upper drawing is copied from an engraving made about 1700 years  
 ago, the part it represented has been taken down near two years ago. It remained  
 in its original state till it was destroyed. Some part of the buildings and  
 amongst the rest the beautiful Cloisters are now being taken down —  
 Lower drawing is taken from the Lodge House which appears once to have been  
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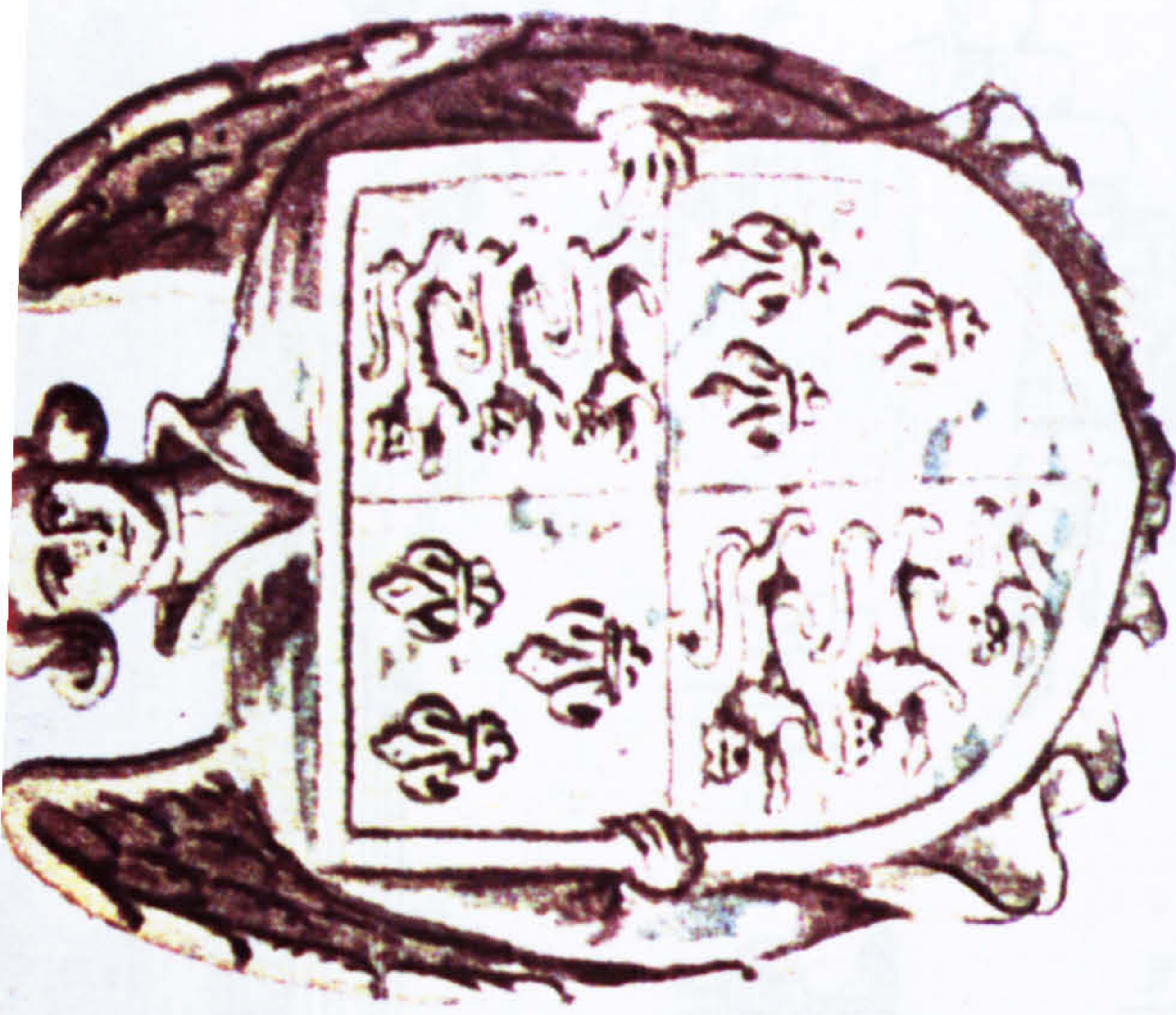




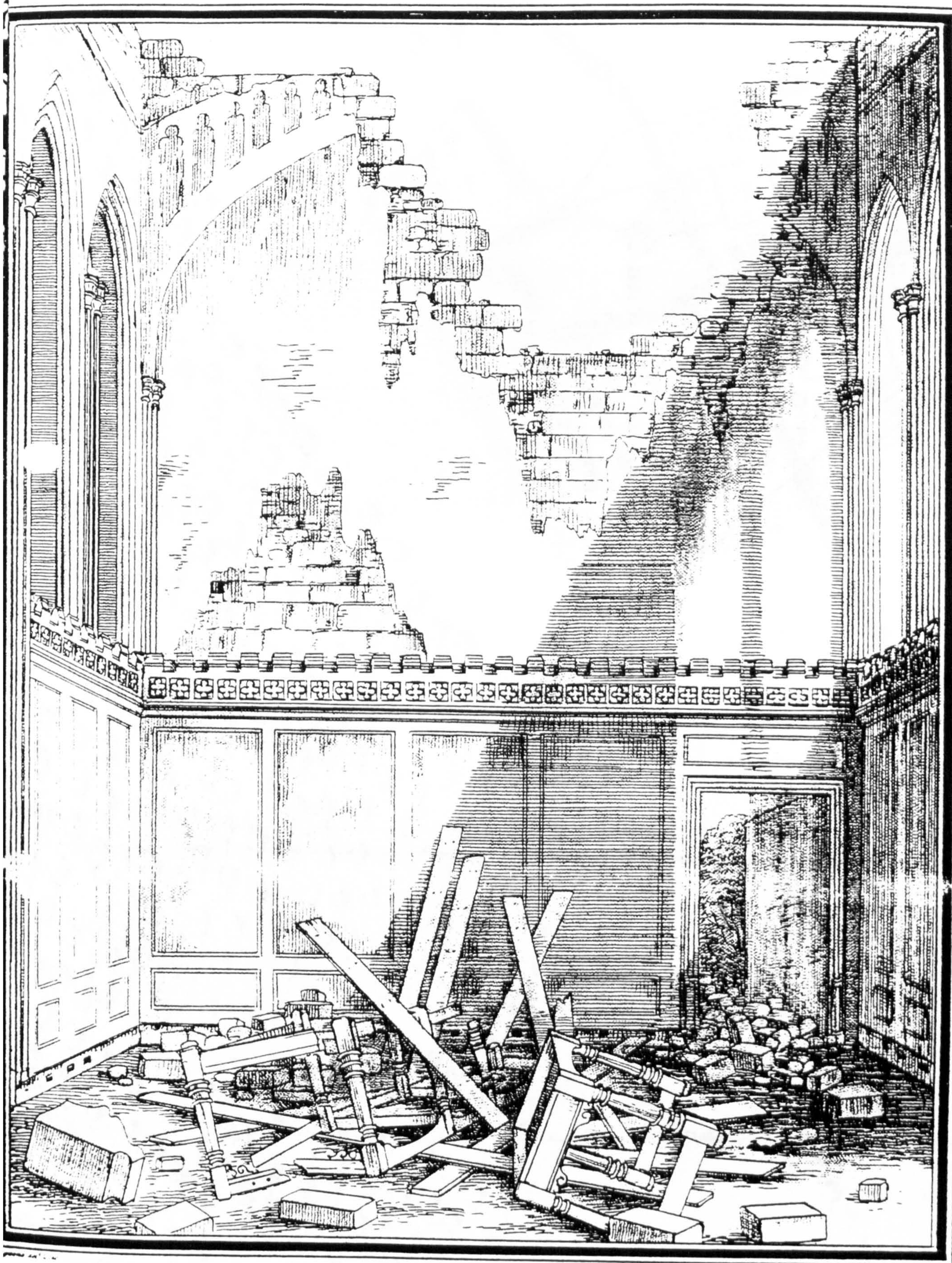




View of one side the Cloister at Ashridge with the Arms &c carved in the centres of the Arches.

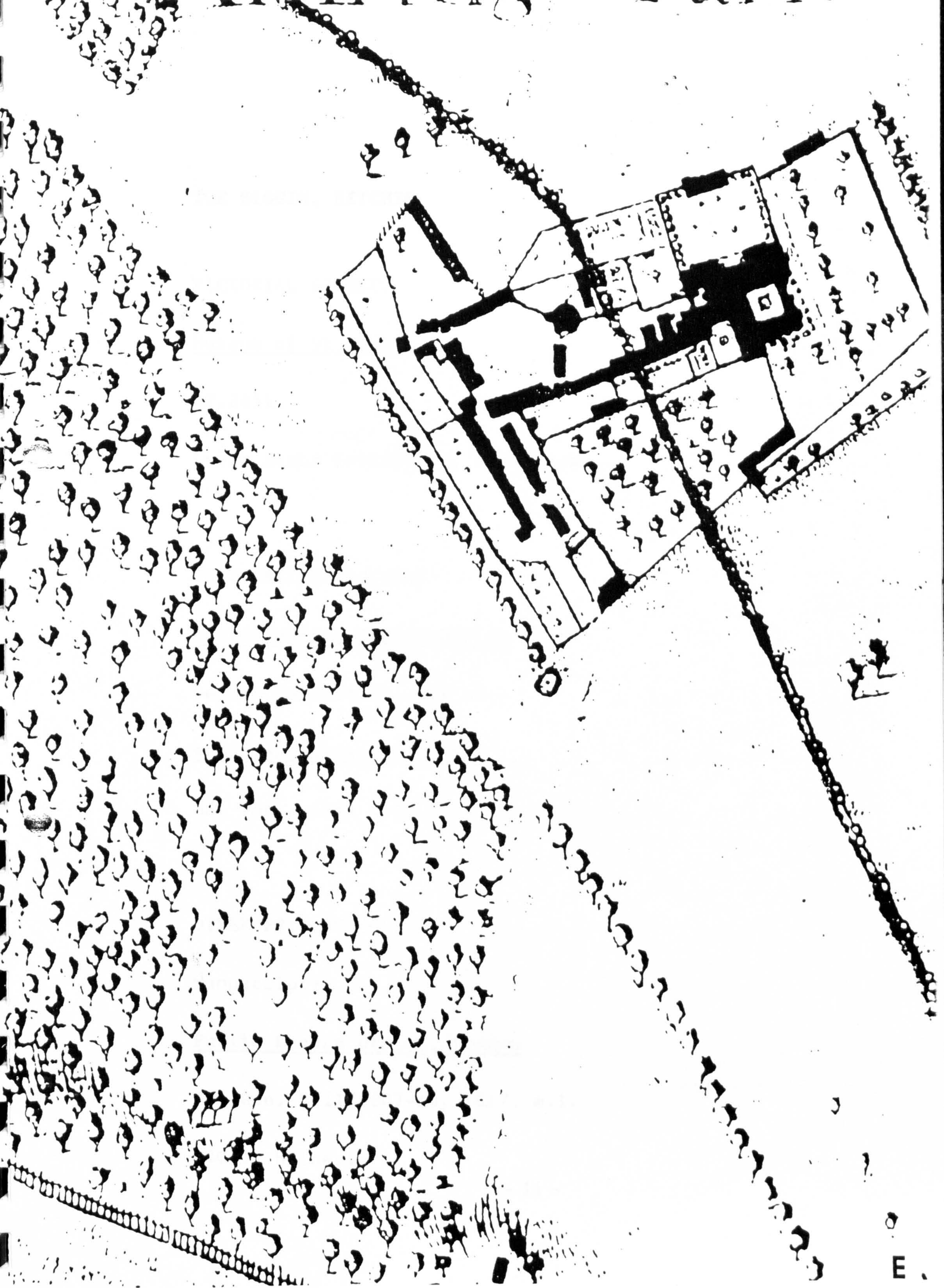






RUINS OF THE HALL OF ASHERIDGE HOUSE.







## THE BIGGIN, HITCHIN

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- A. The Biggin viewed from the west (April 1989); photograph by N. Doggett.
- B. Late 16th-century colonnade on west side of courtyard (1984); photographs by N. Doggett.
- C. Panelling dated "1585" in first-floor room at southern end of west range (July 1989); photograph by N. Doggett.
- D. Crown-post roof truss in attic of west range (July 1989); photograph by N. Doggett.
- E. Sketch-plan of excavations at The Biggin (1969); C.A. Beresford-Webb, The Biggin, unpublished manuscript in Hitchin Museum.



















# PLAN OF EXCAVATIONS AT THE BIGGIN, 1969.

H.D.C.



ENTRANCE (?)

DORMER

OVER

WASHING HOUSE

PASSAGE

ACE

POSSIBLE SITE OF  
CHAPEL HOUSE

QUIRE

HITCHIN UNRED CHARITIES

FRATERNITY

Roof  
space

Flat 8 first

Flat 2

COURTYARD

WELL

A

B

NAVE

Flat 11

Flat 1

Flat 12

SITE OF  
BUILDING  
DEMOLISHED  
IN 1958



Scale in feet

RIVER HIZ

C. J. B. 1969  
J. B. 1969  
H. D. C.

MARKET  
YARD

## CHESHUNT NUNNERY

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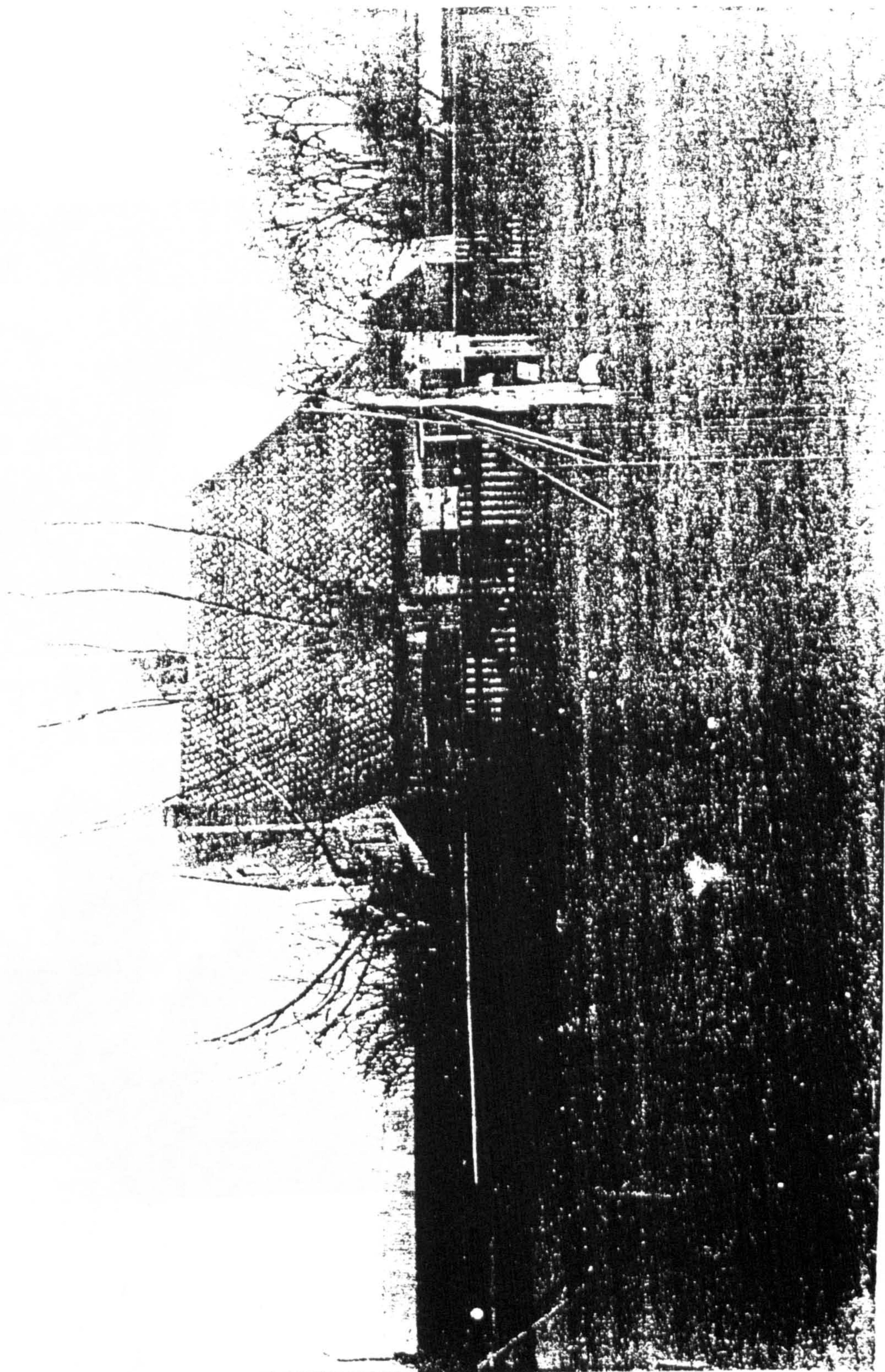
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A. Photograph of the nunnery site (c.1914); H.R.O., Gerish Collection, Box 24.

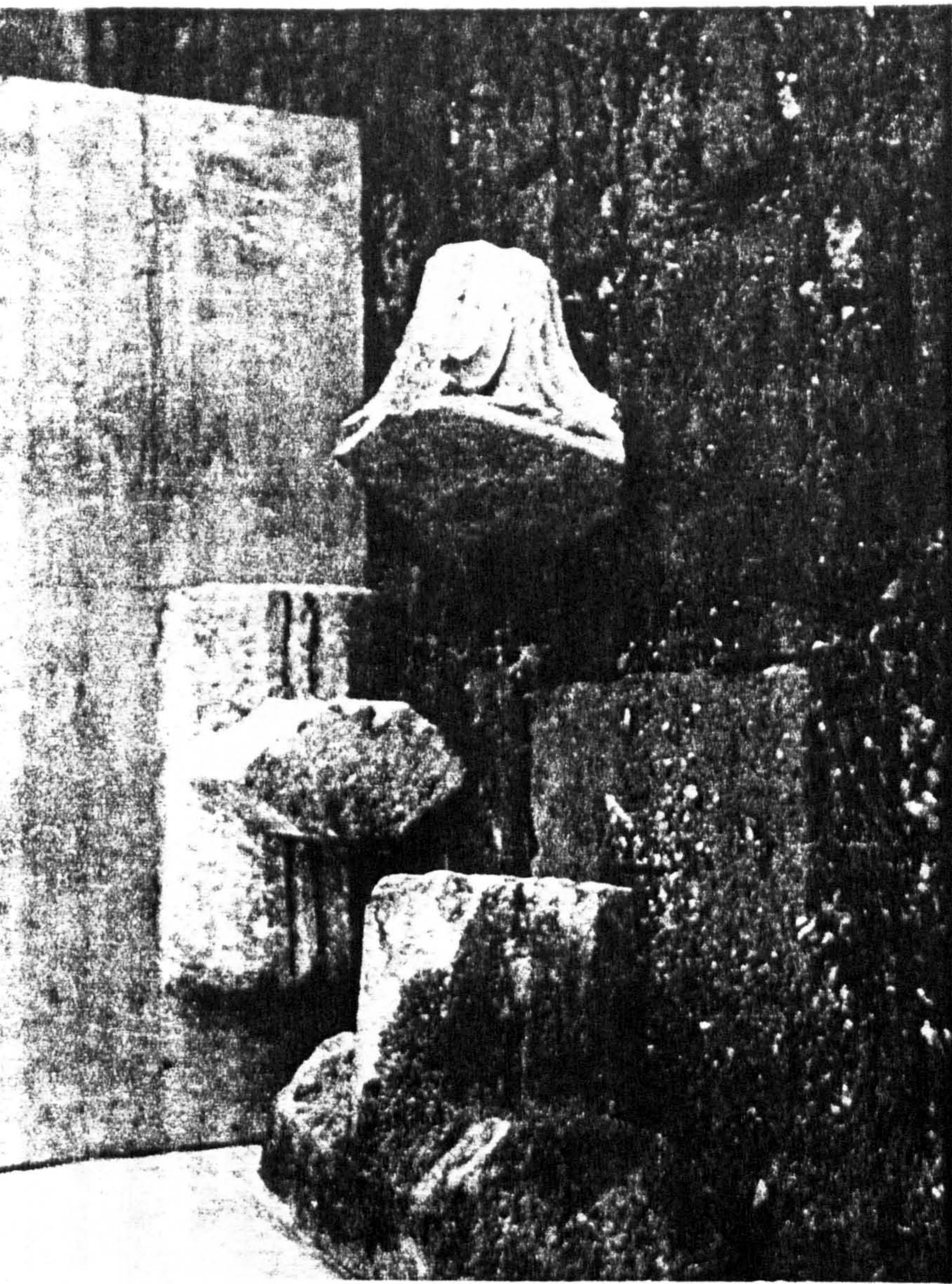
B. Photograph by T. Howlett of stonework fragments recovered from the nunnery site (December 1957); H.R.O., D/EHw Z 13.

C. Sketch-plan of gravel extraction and archaeological features recovered on the nunnery site by T. Howlett (c.1957); *ibid.*



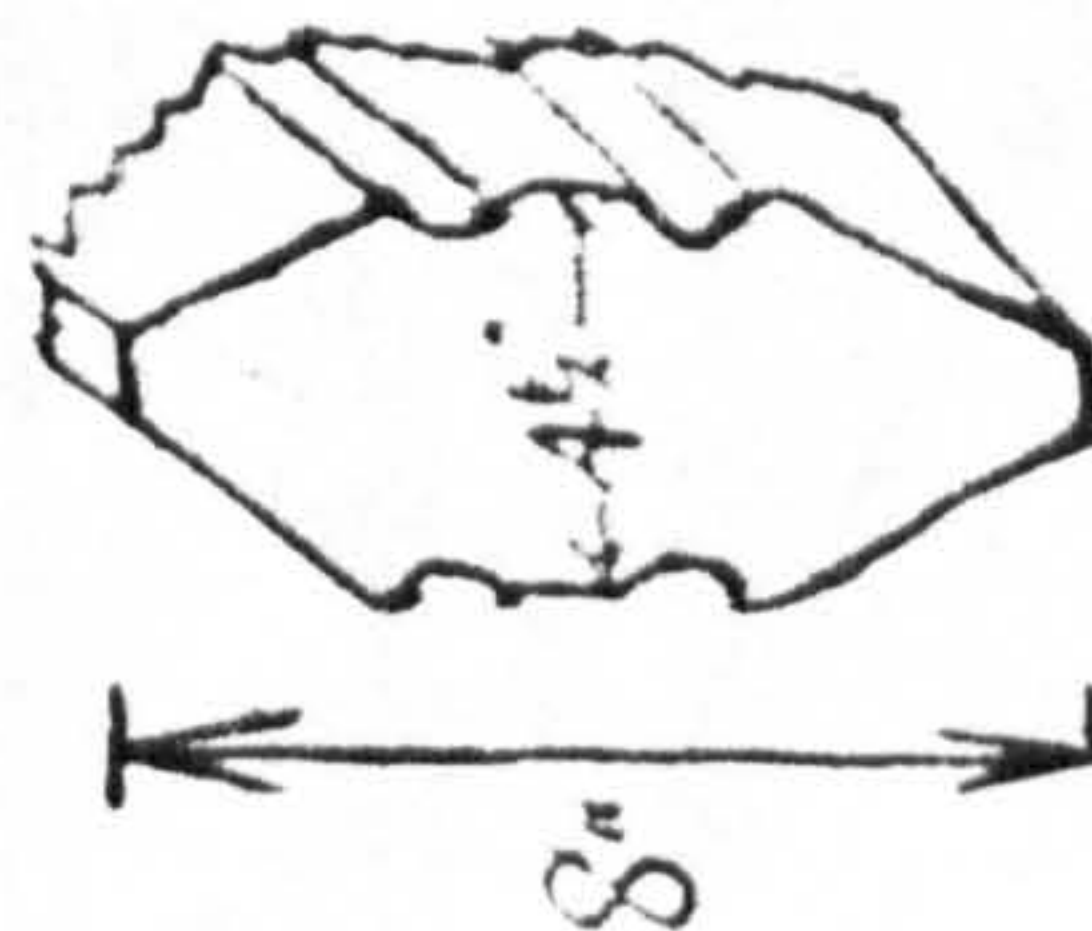






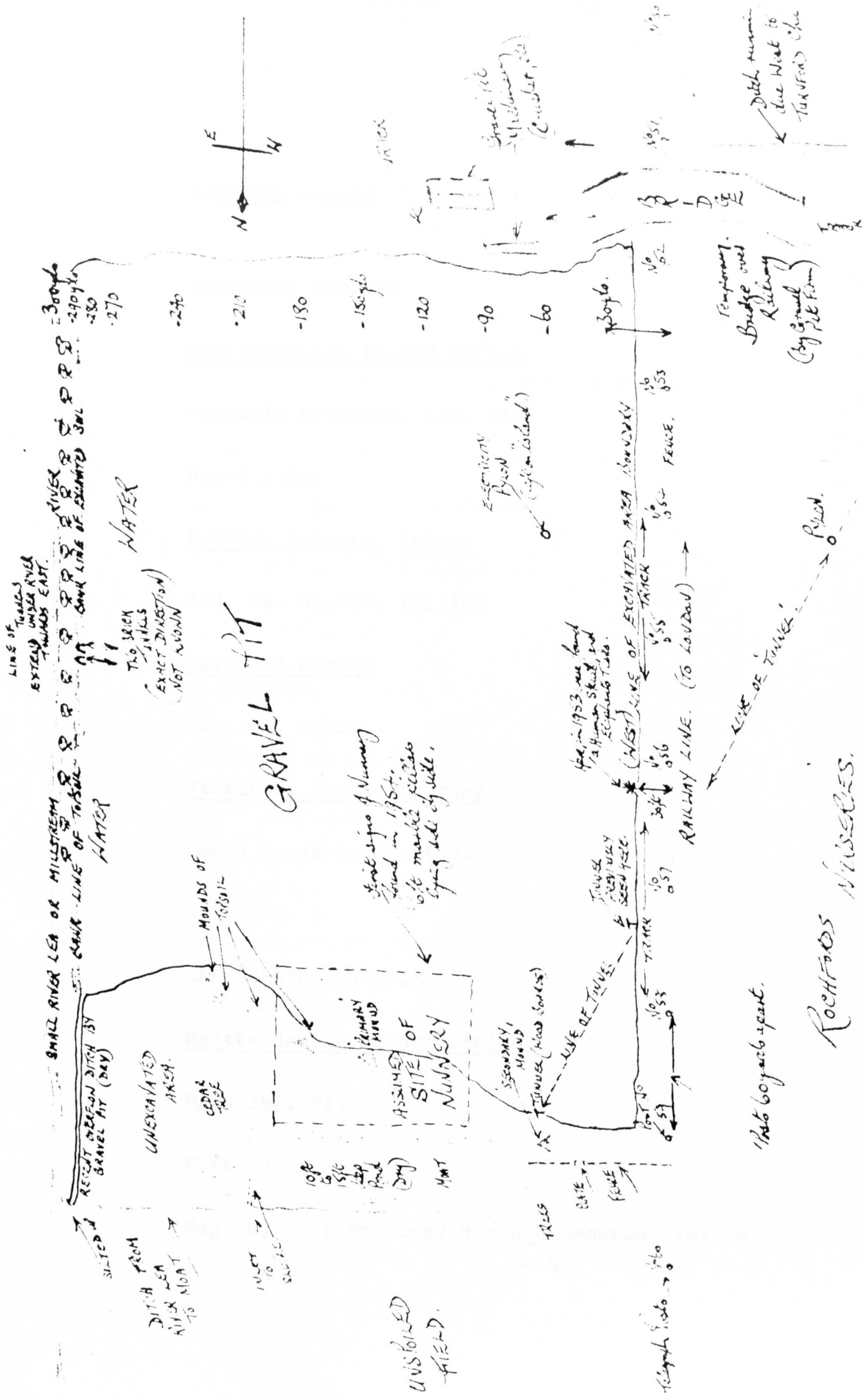
Top (West) - "CRITICAL"  
OF PULSAR SHOT

End section measurements  
of above section of "CRITICAL"  
OF PULSAR SHOT.



The collar photograph I took  
at the Spiller's house at Chertsey  
Chertsey - April 1911, and is in the library.







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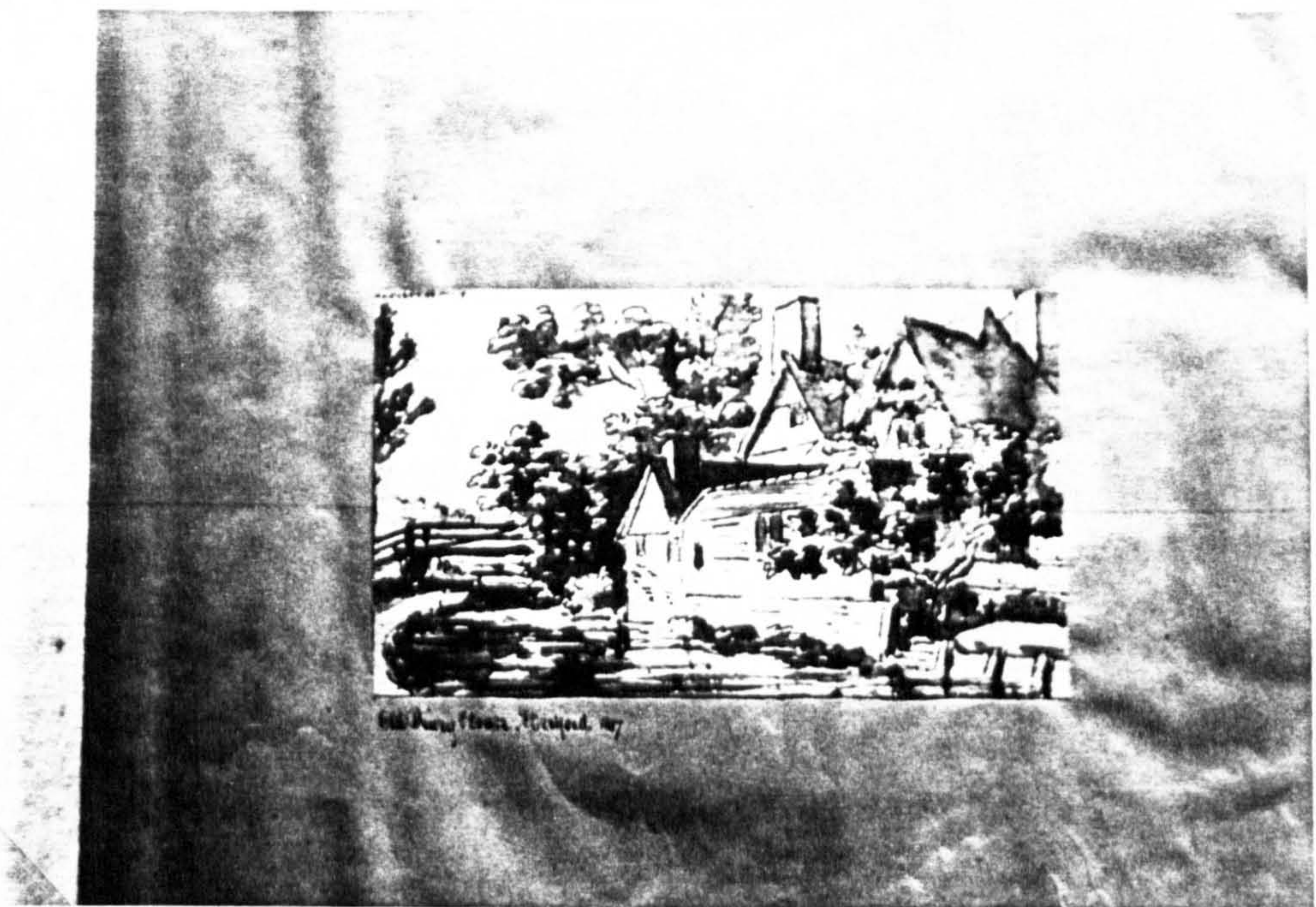
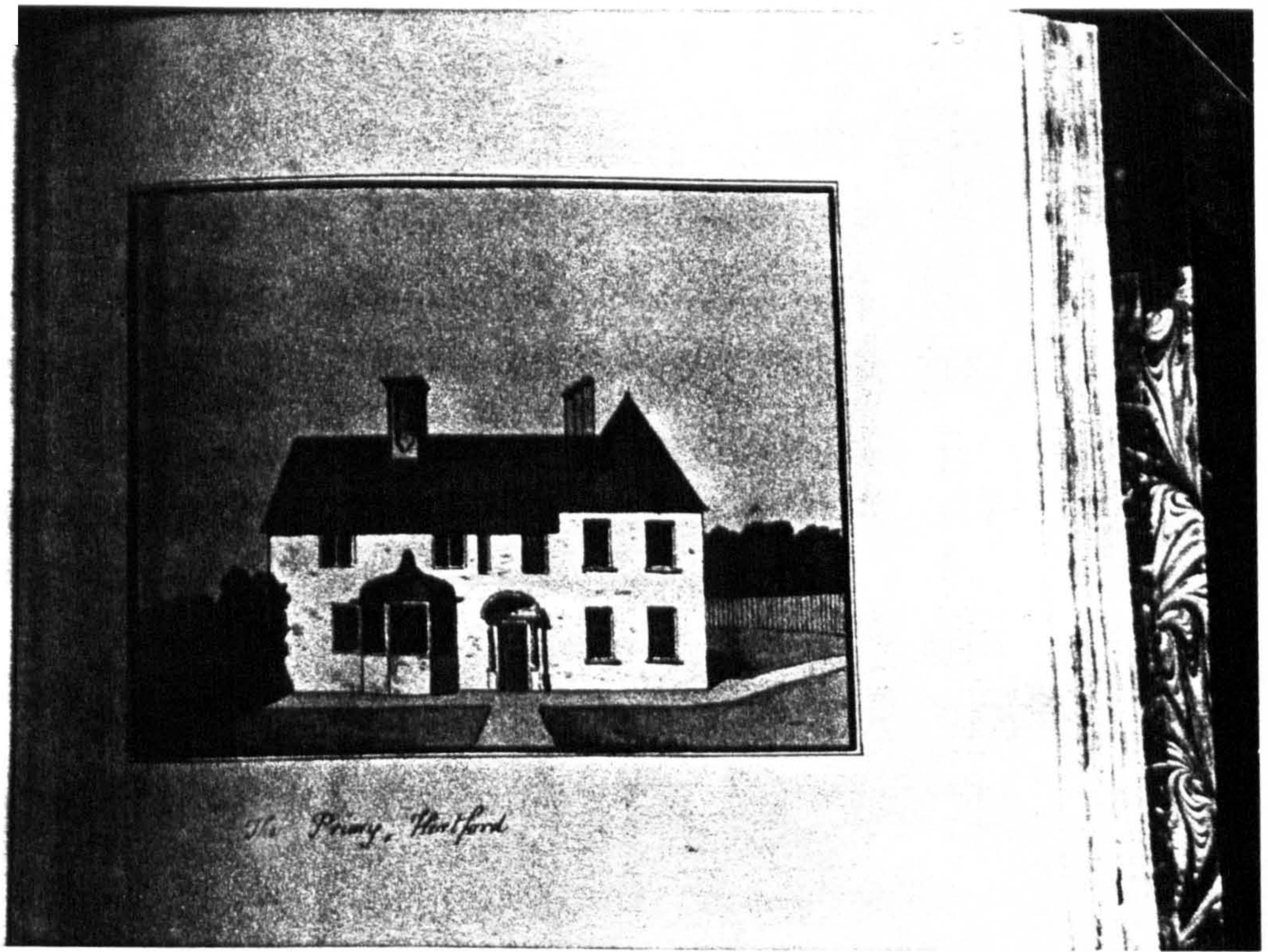
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- B. Interior of Hertford Priory, C. Bosanquet (1840s); H.R.O., Hertf./163.
- C. Inclosure map (1808); H.R.O., QS/E 30.
- D. Photograph of Priory House showing timber yard (c.1906); Hertford Museum, cat. no. 6036. 191.
- E. Photograph of interior of barn, Priory Farm (c.1906); Hertford Museum, uncatalogued.











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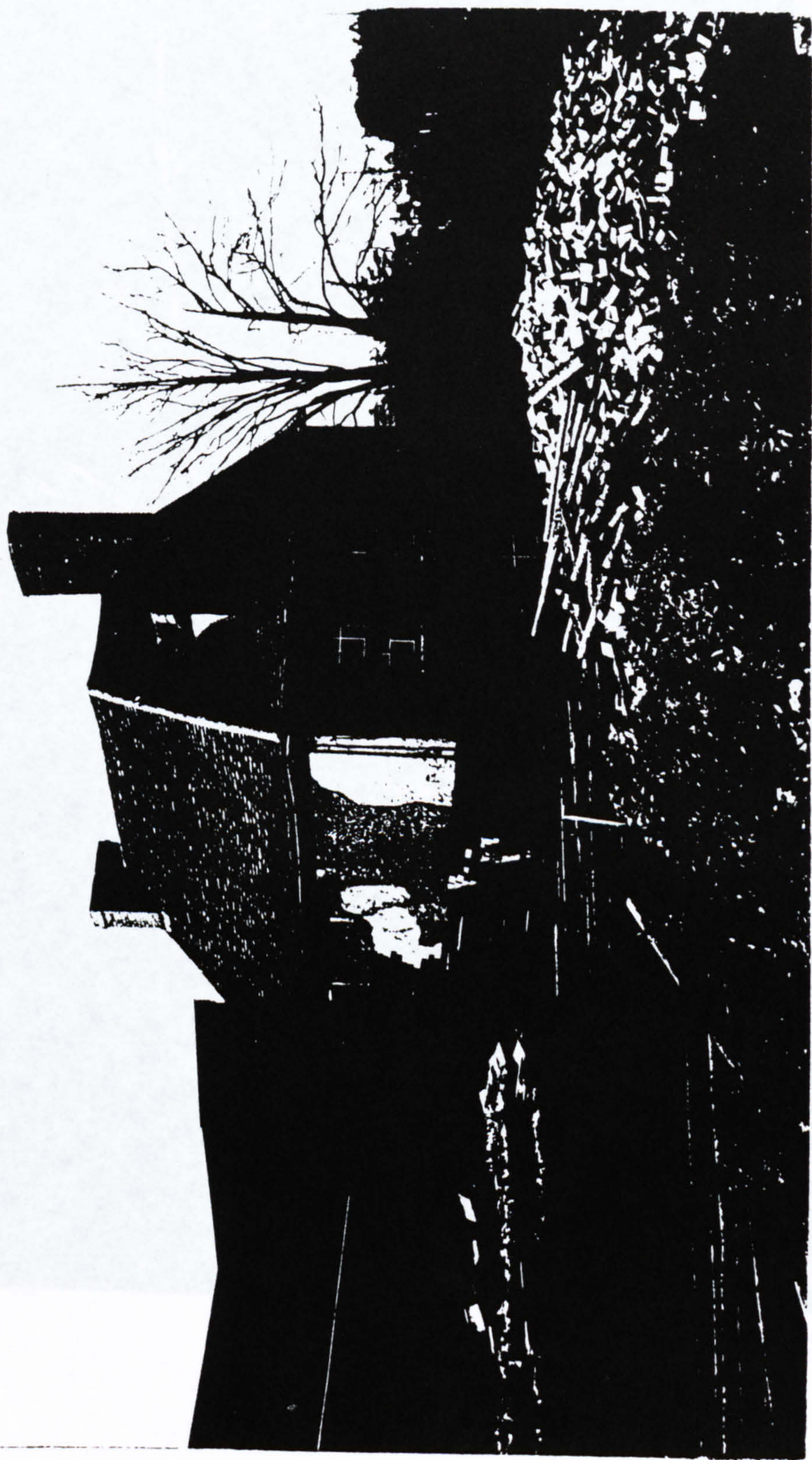
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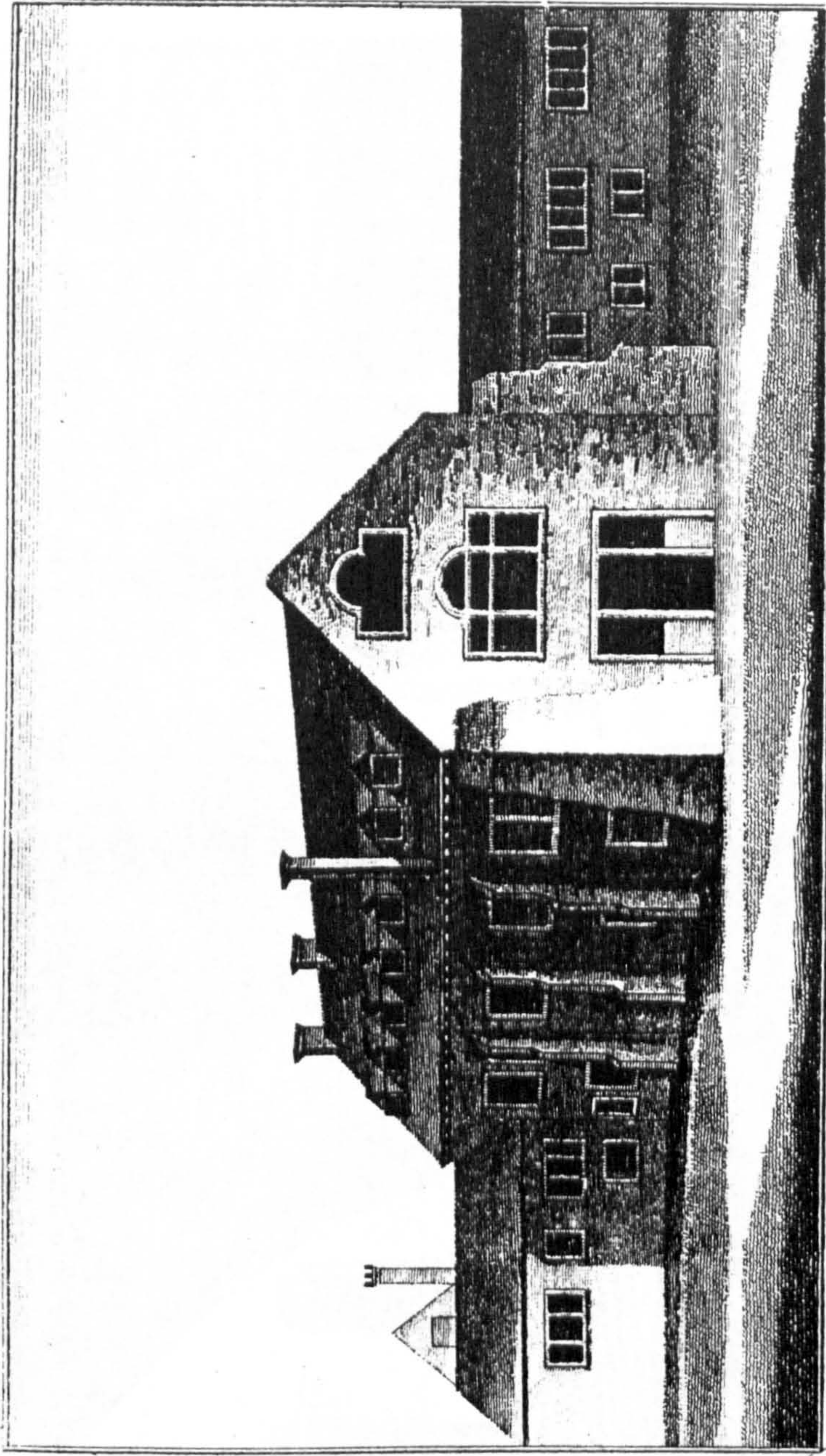
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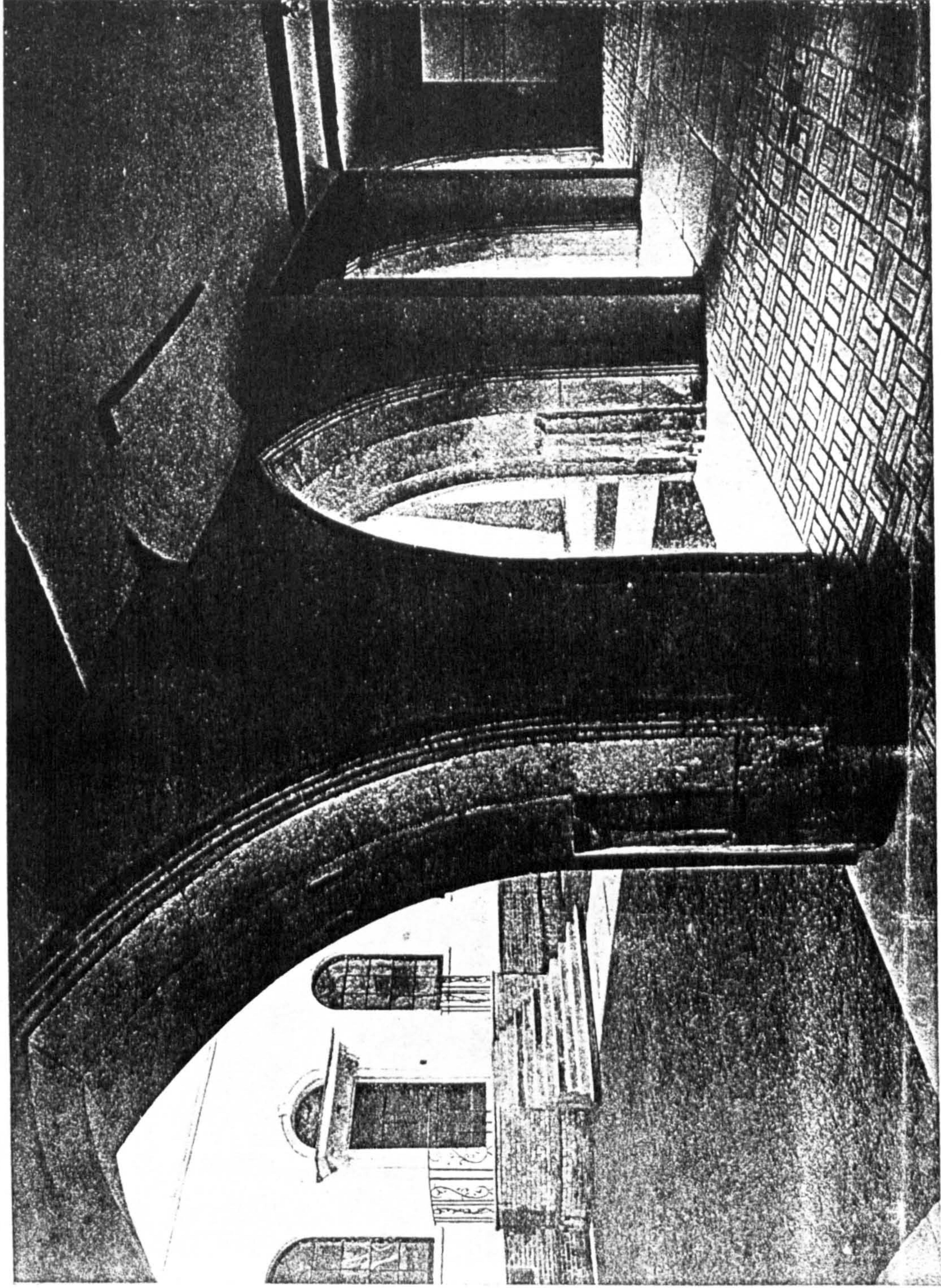




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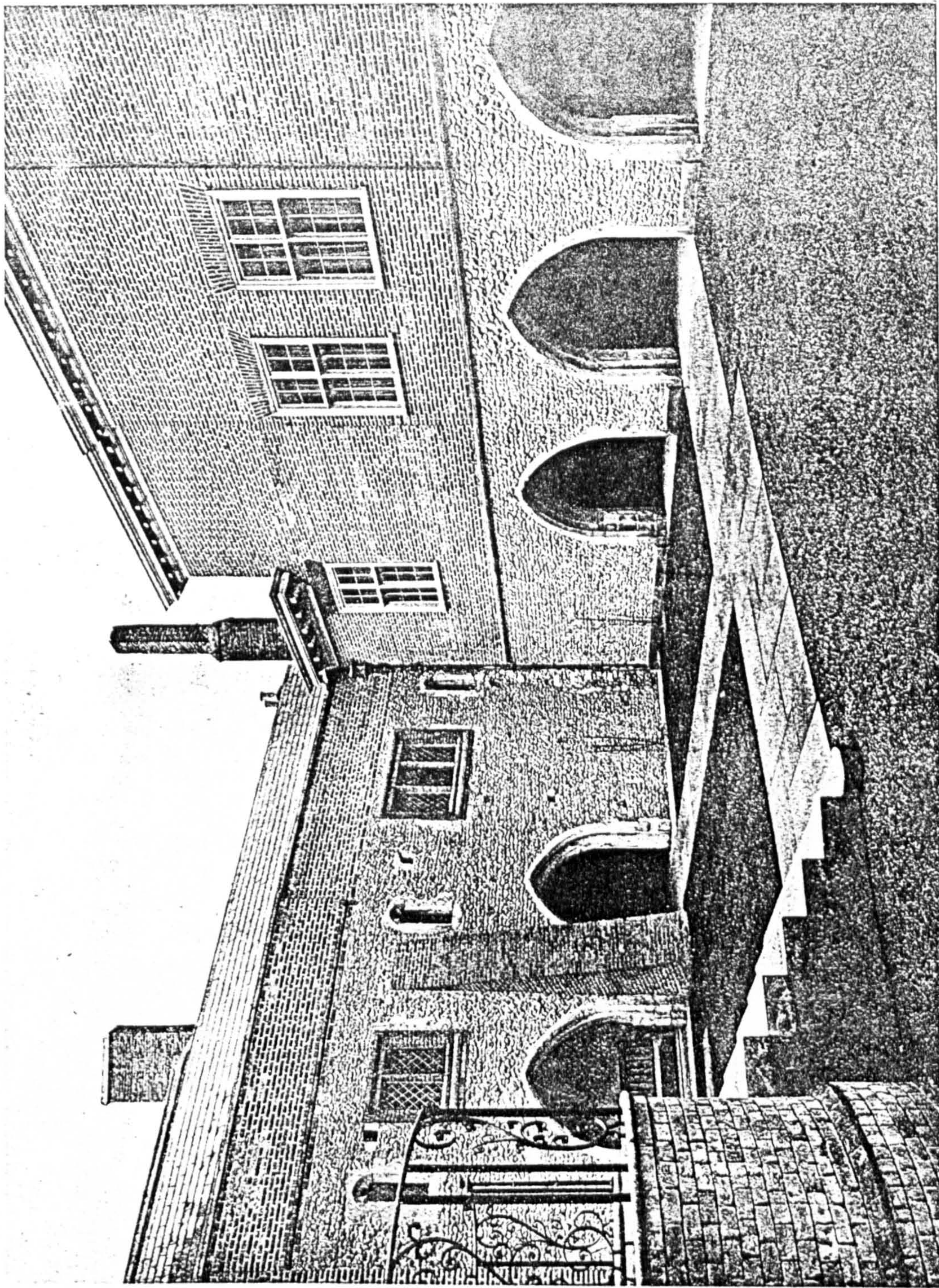
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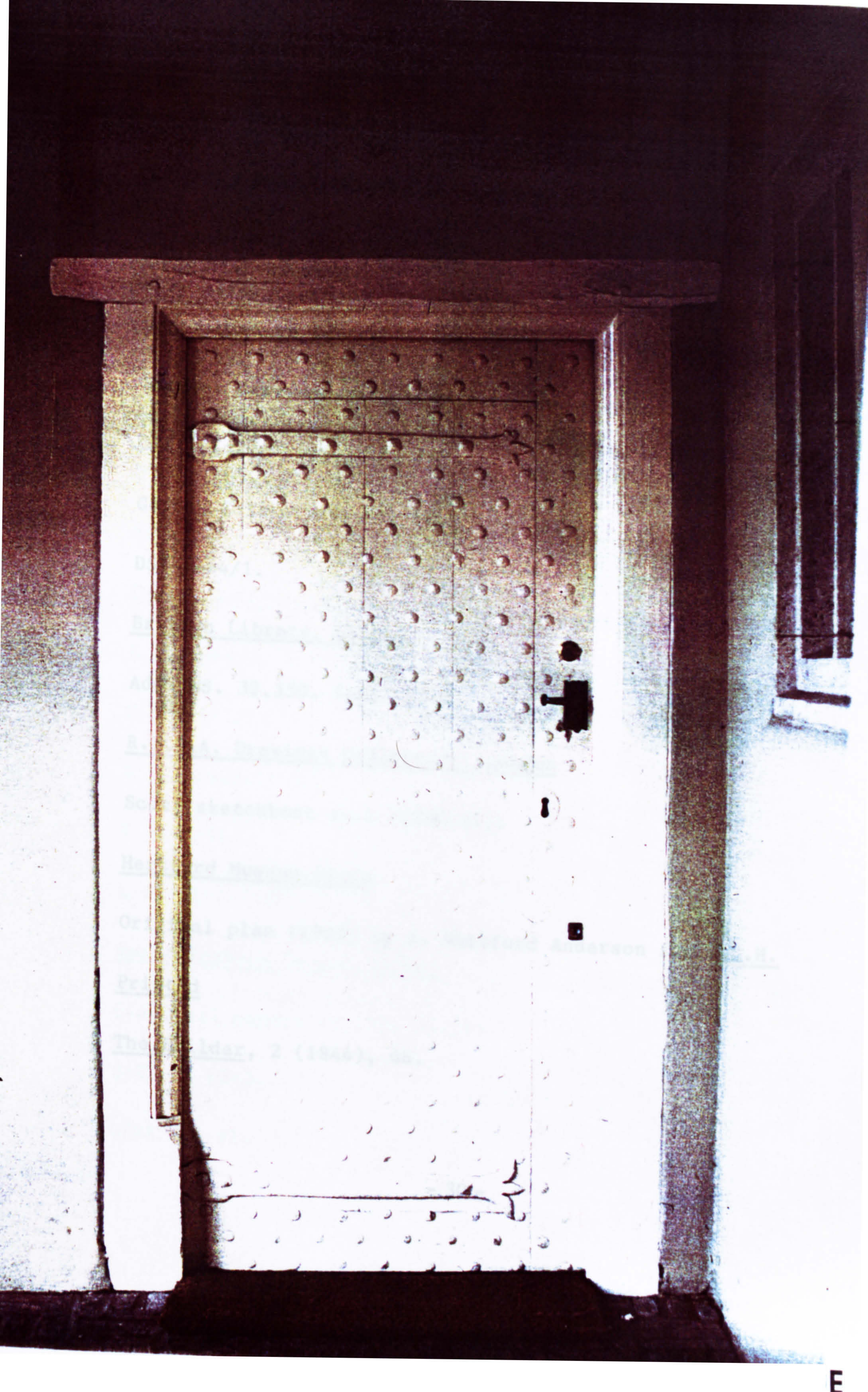
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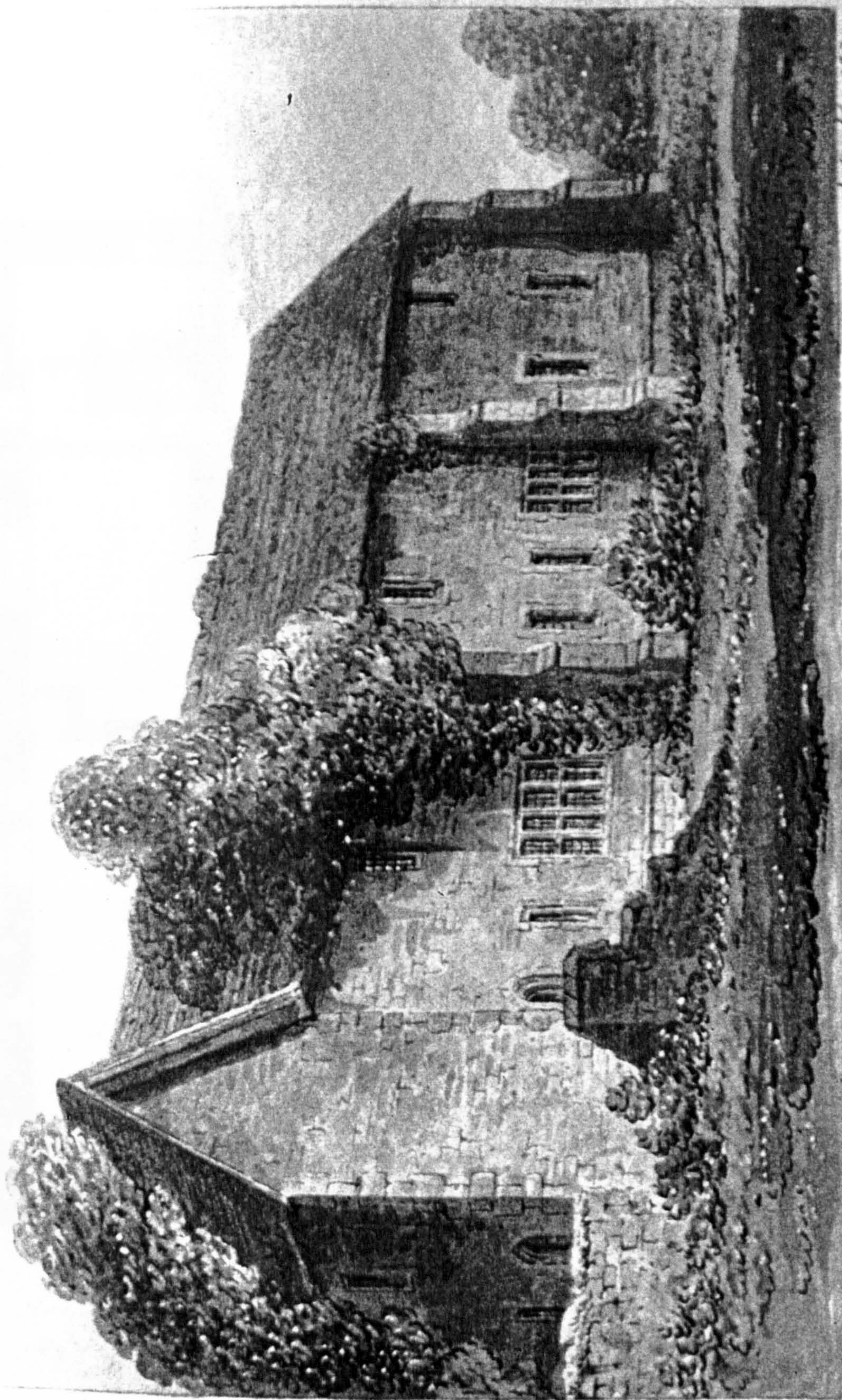
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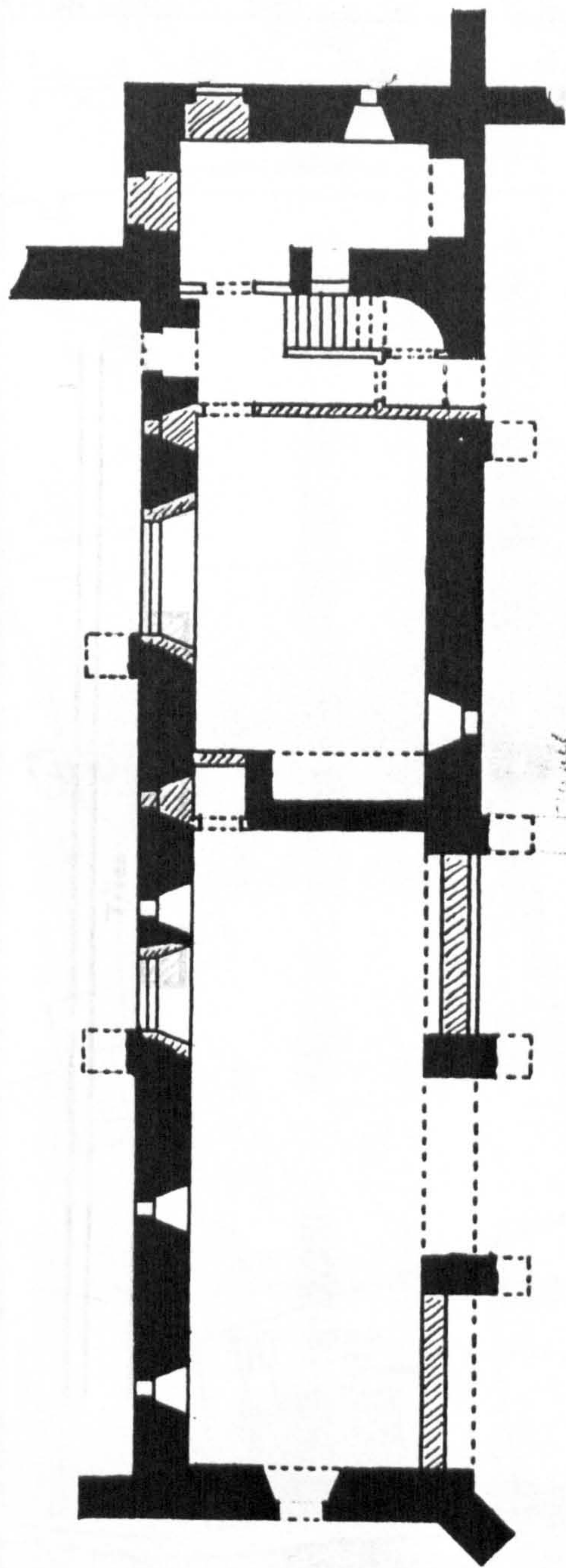
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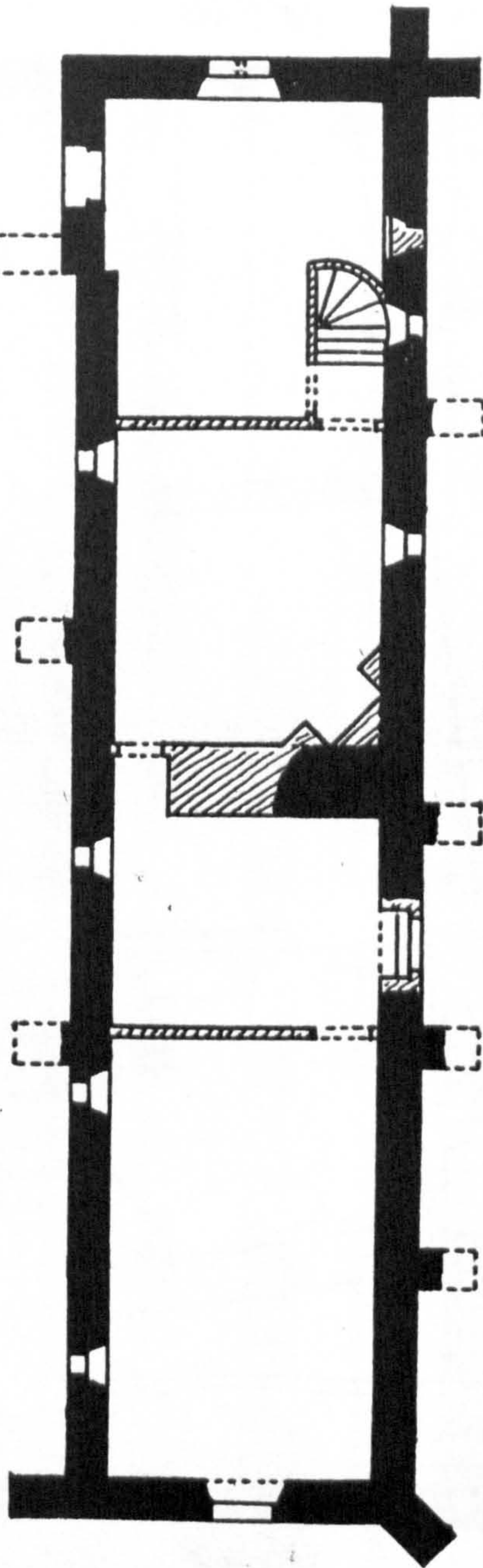
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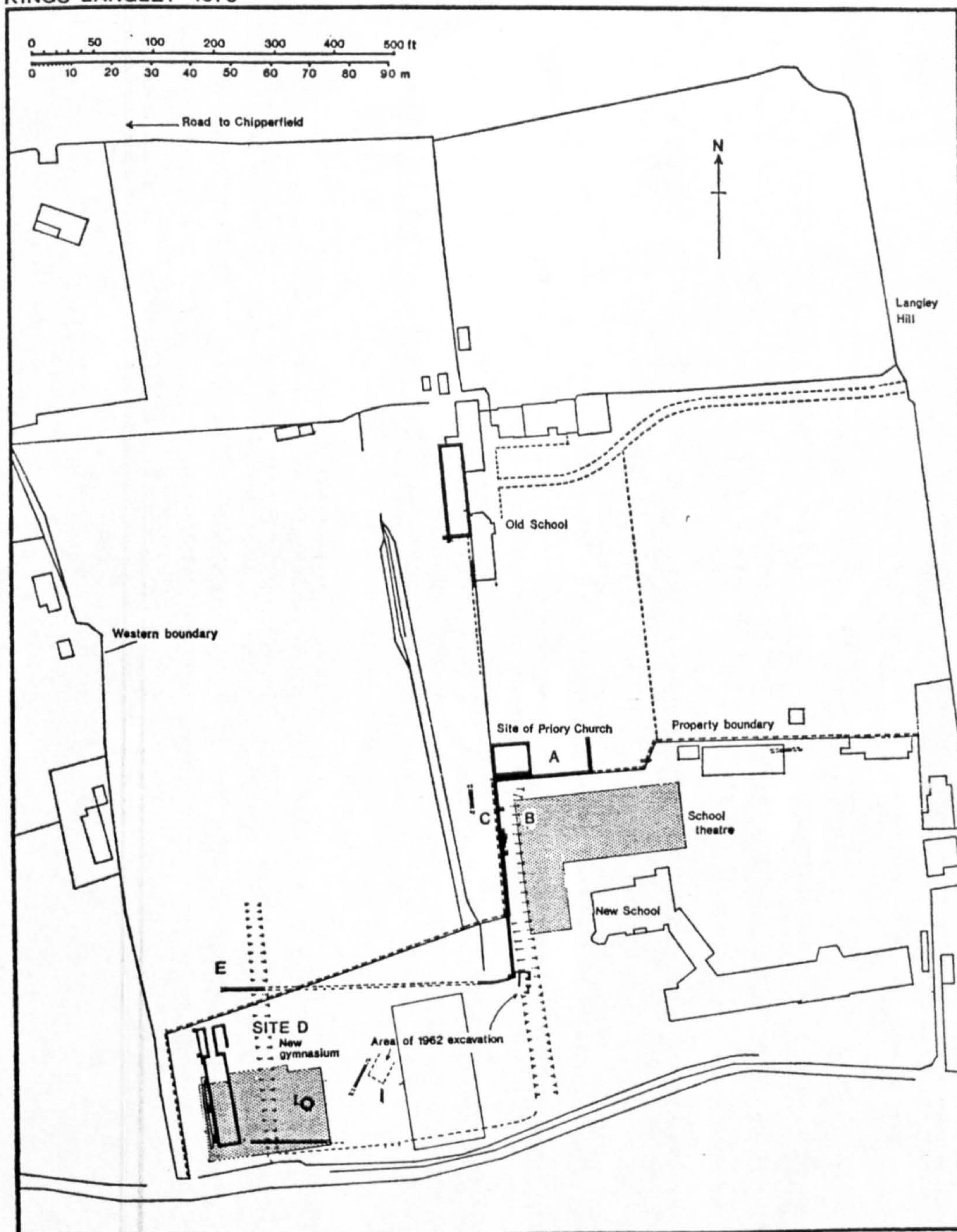


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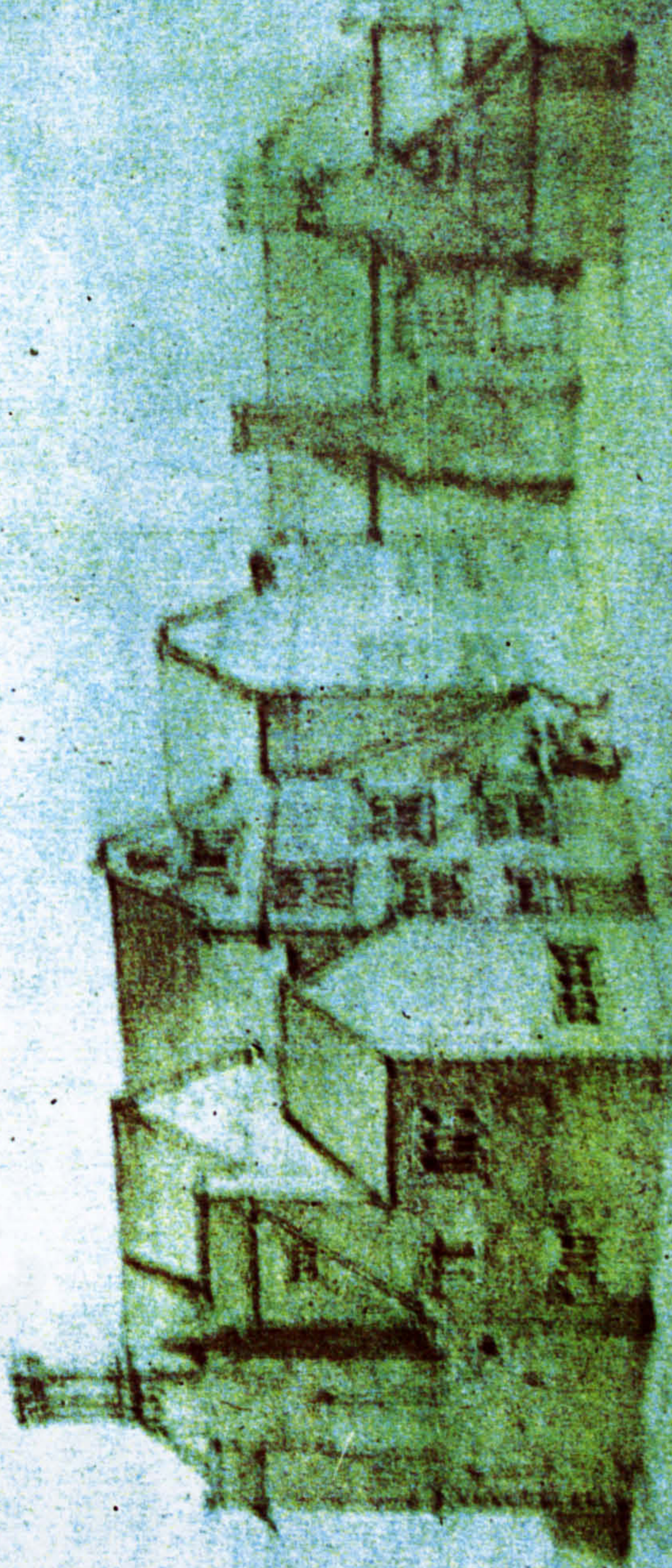
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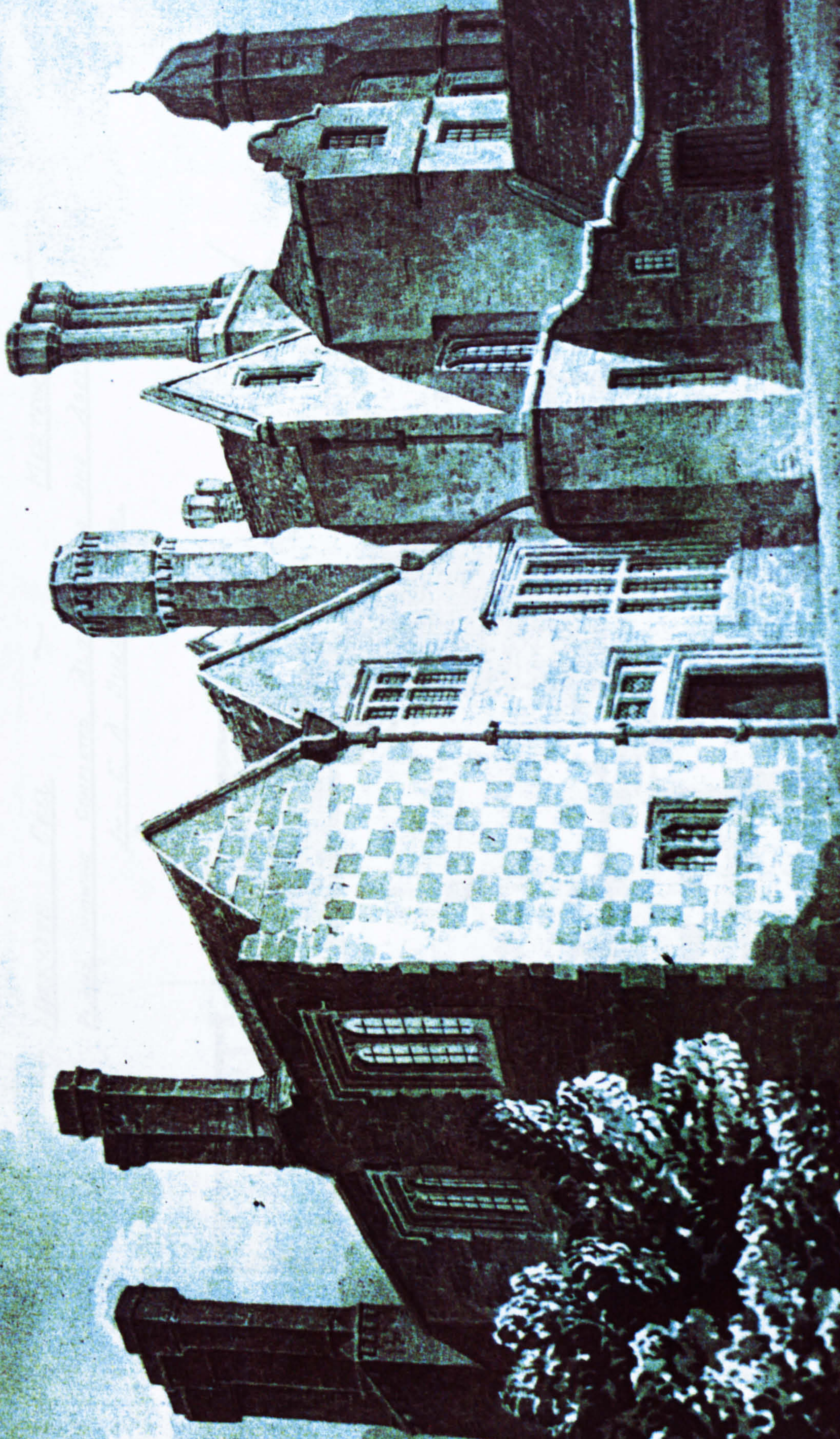
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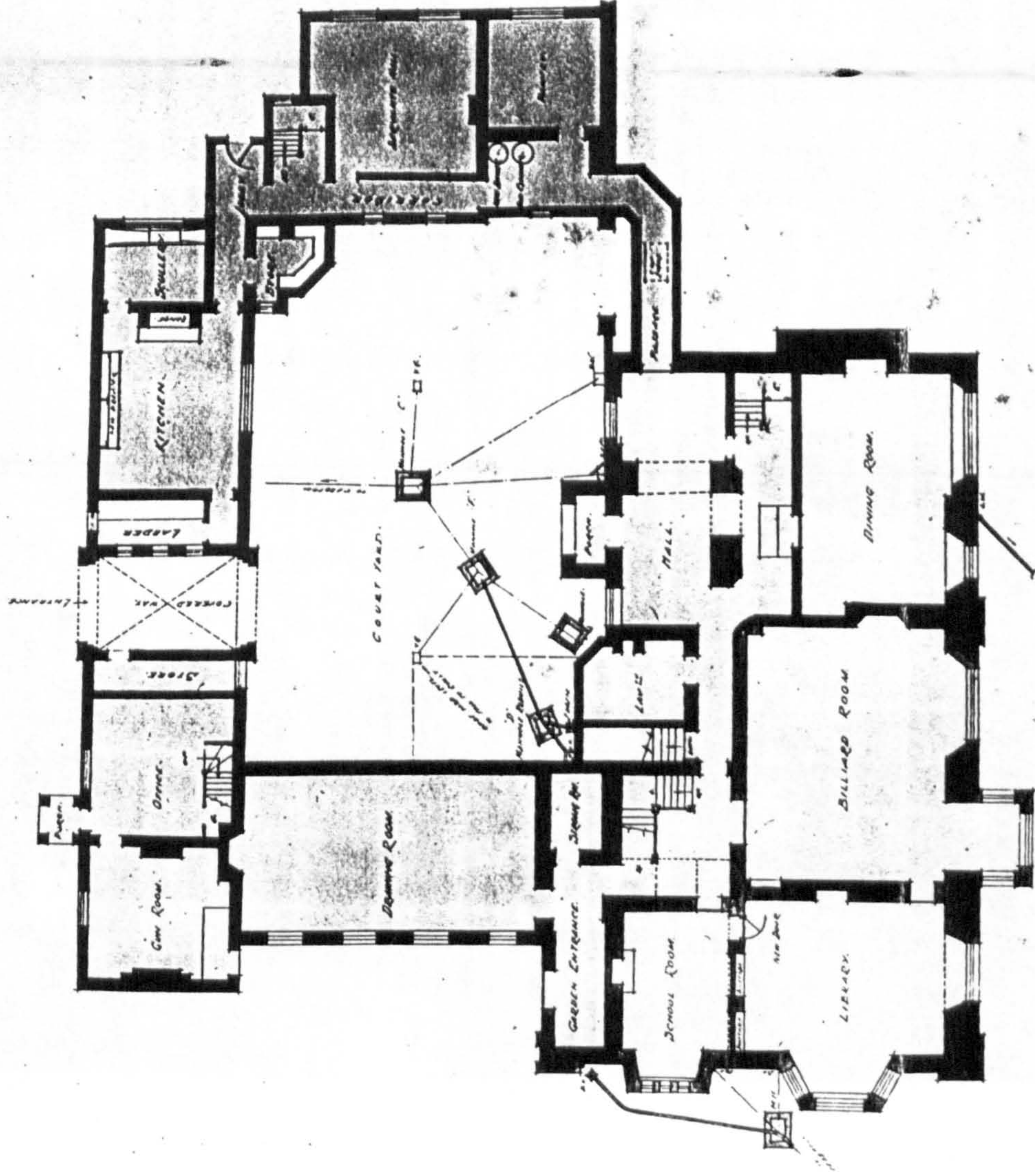


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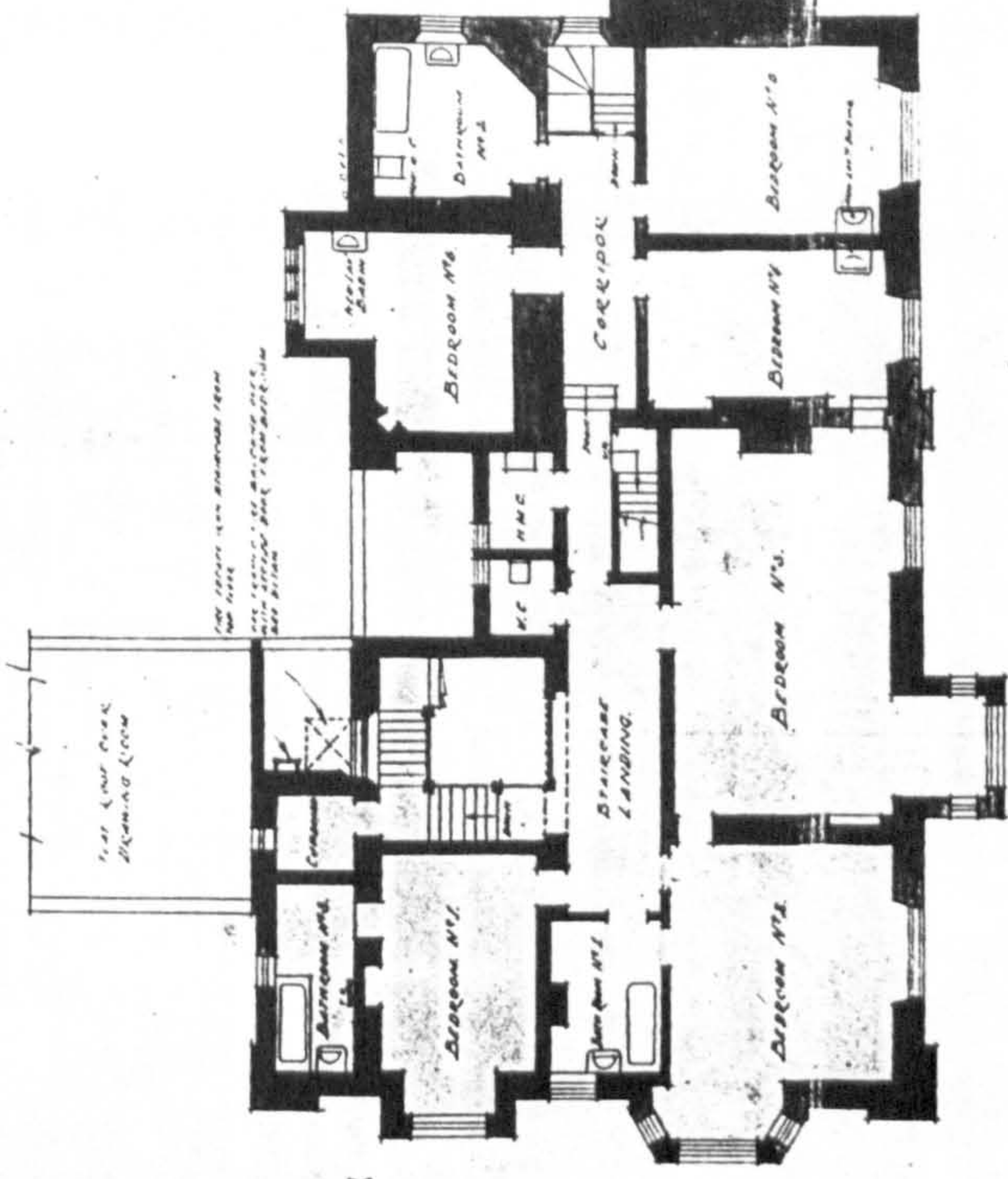
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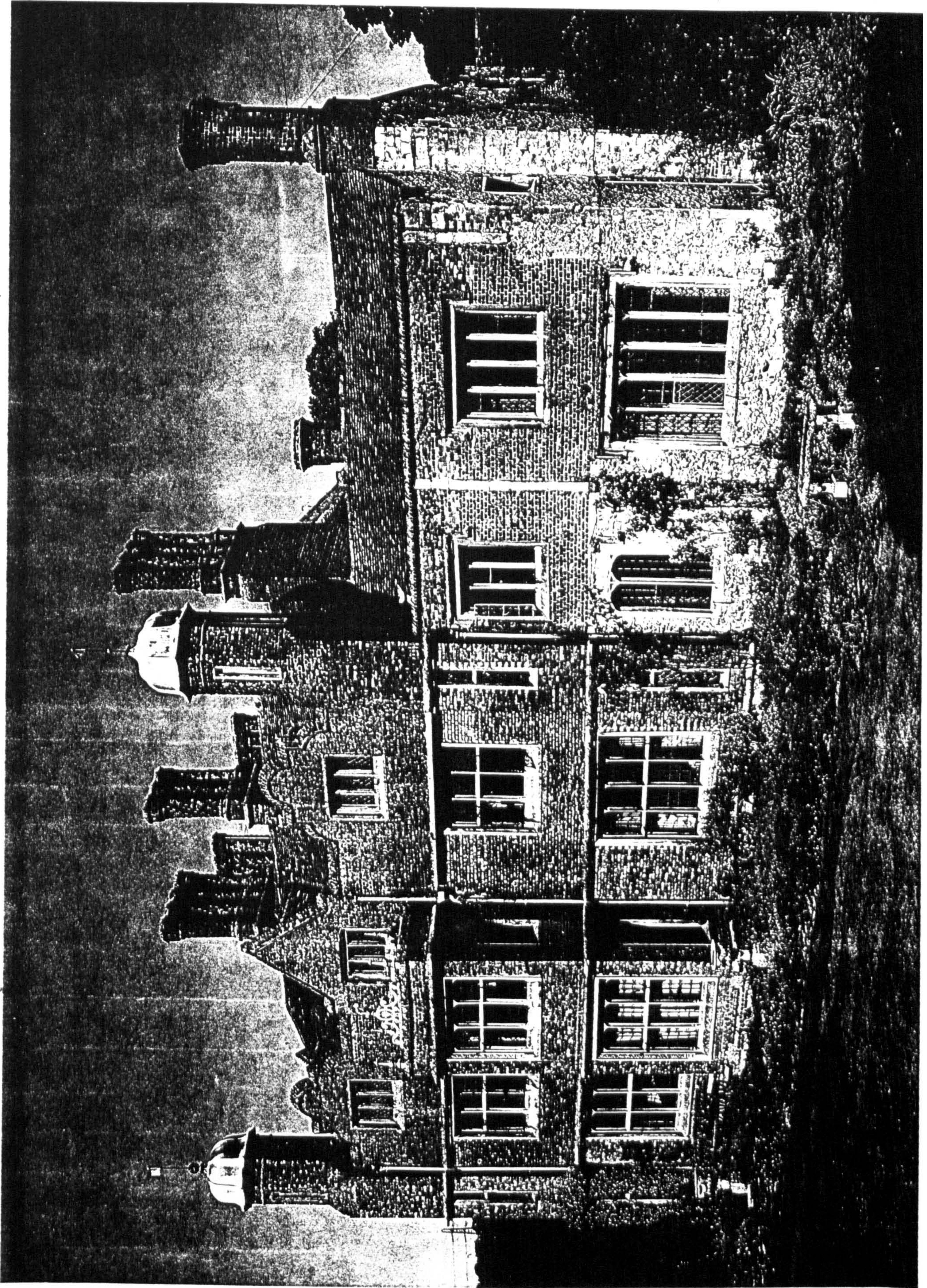


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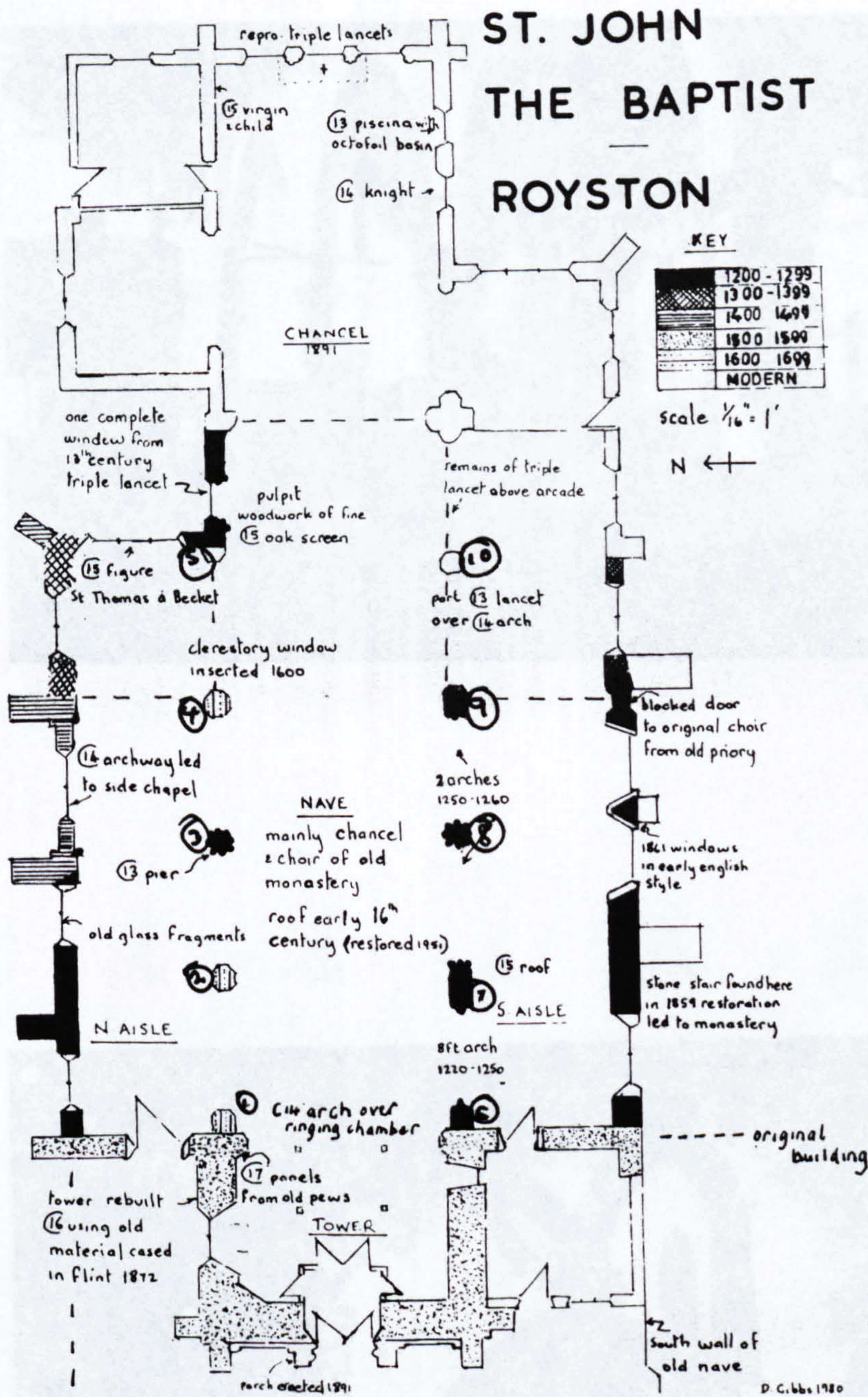




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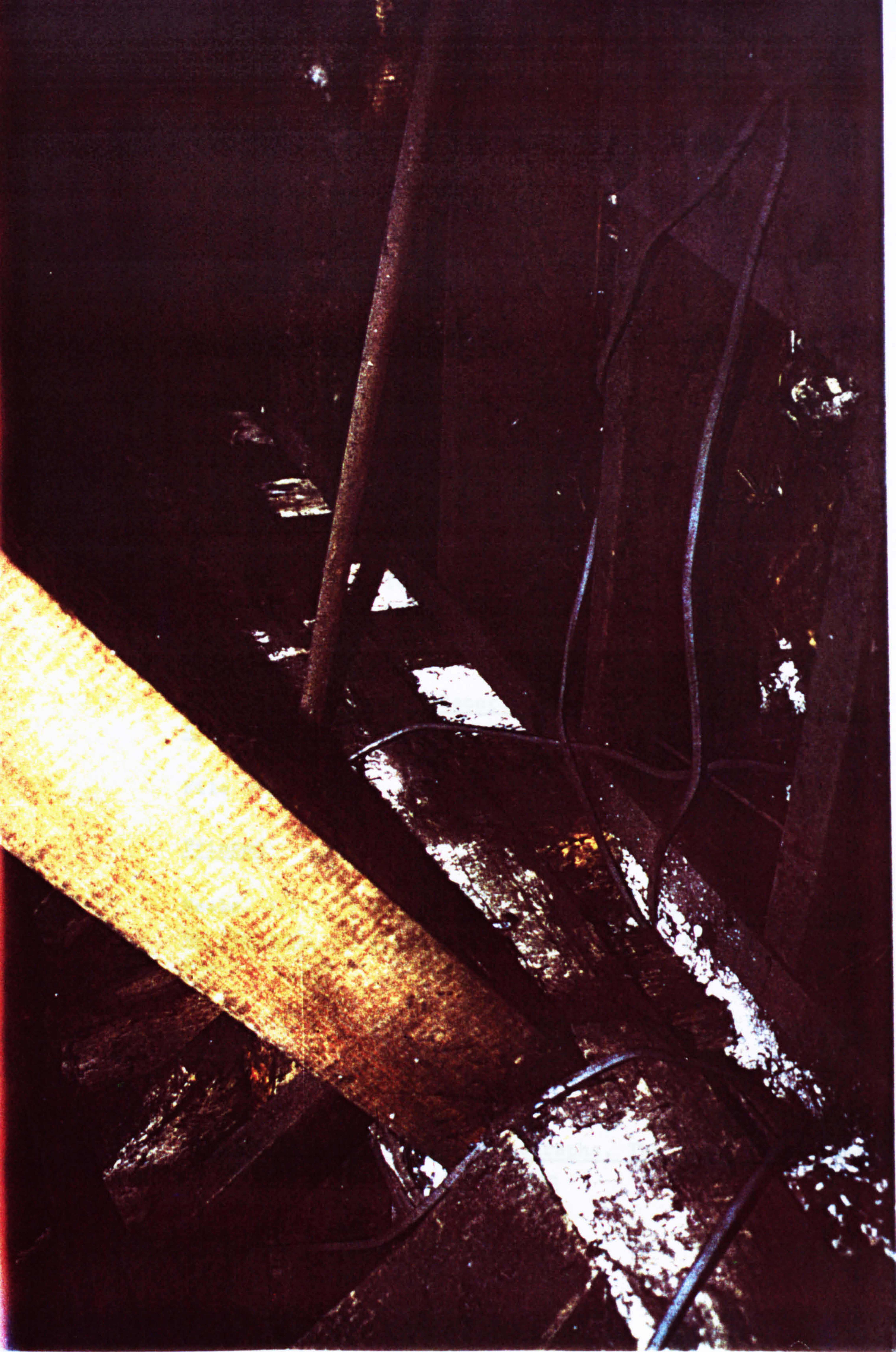














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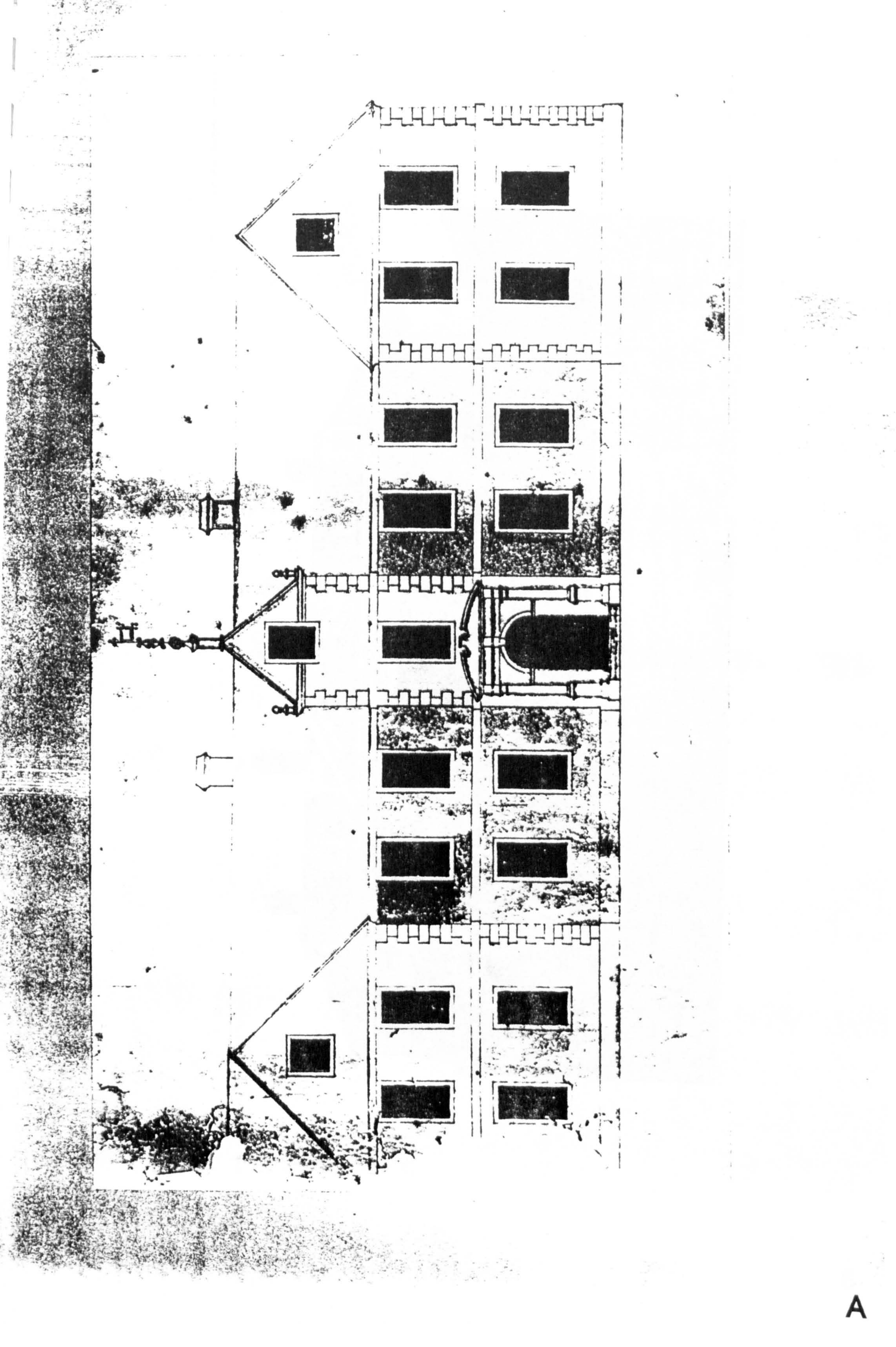
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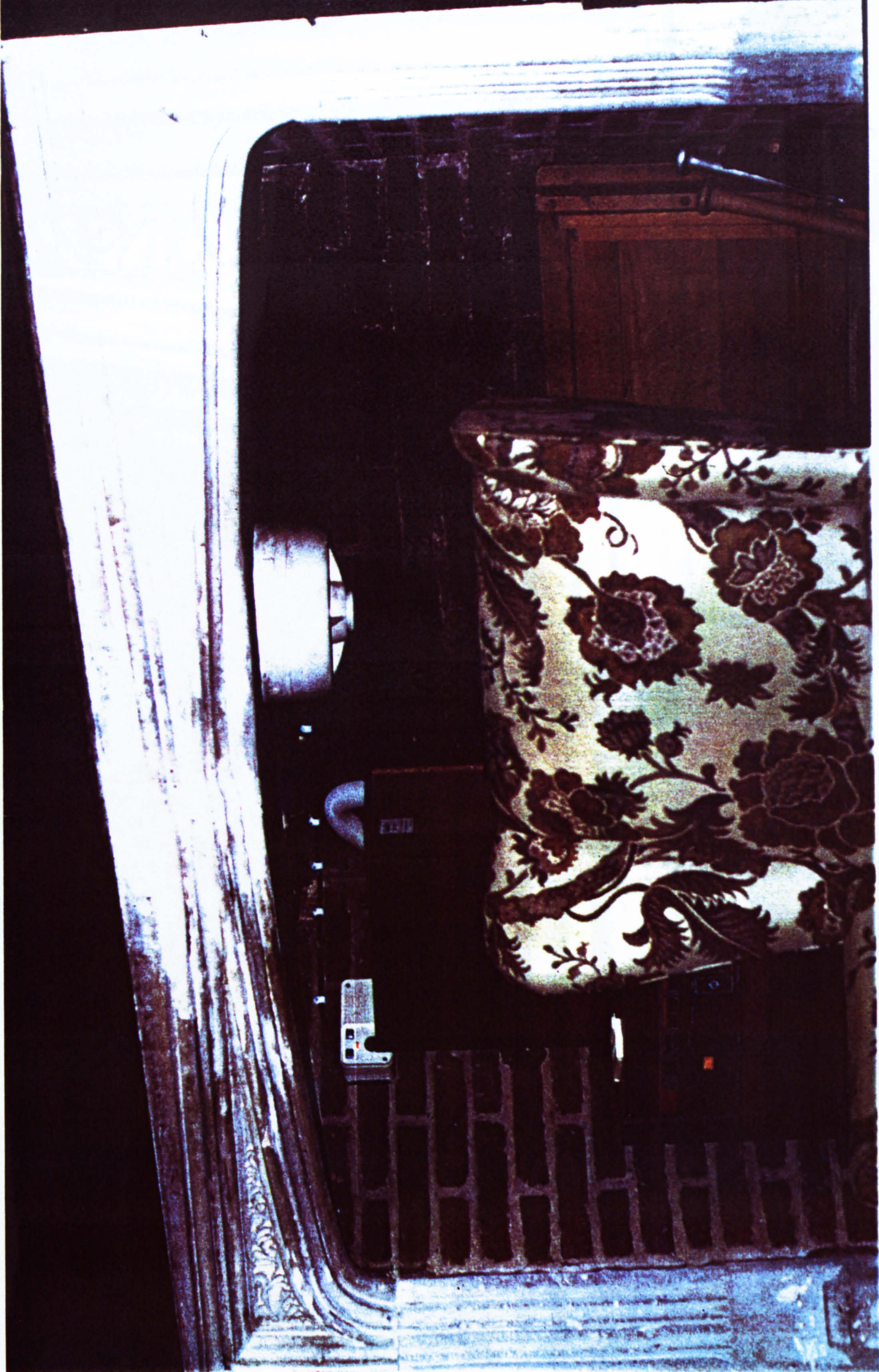


















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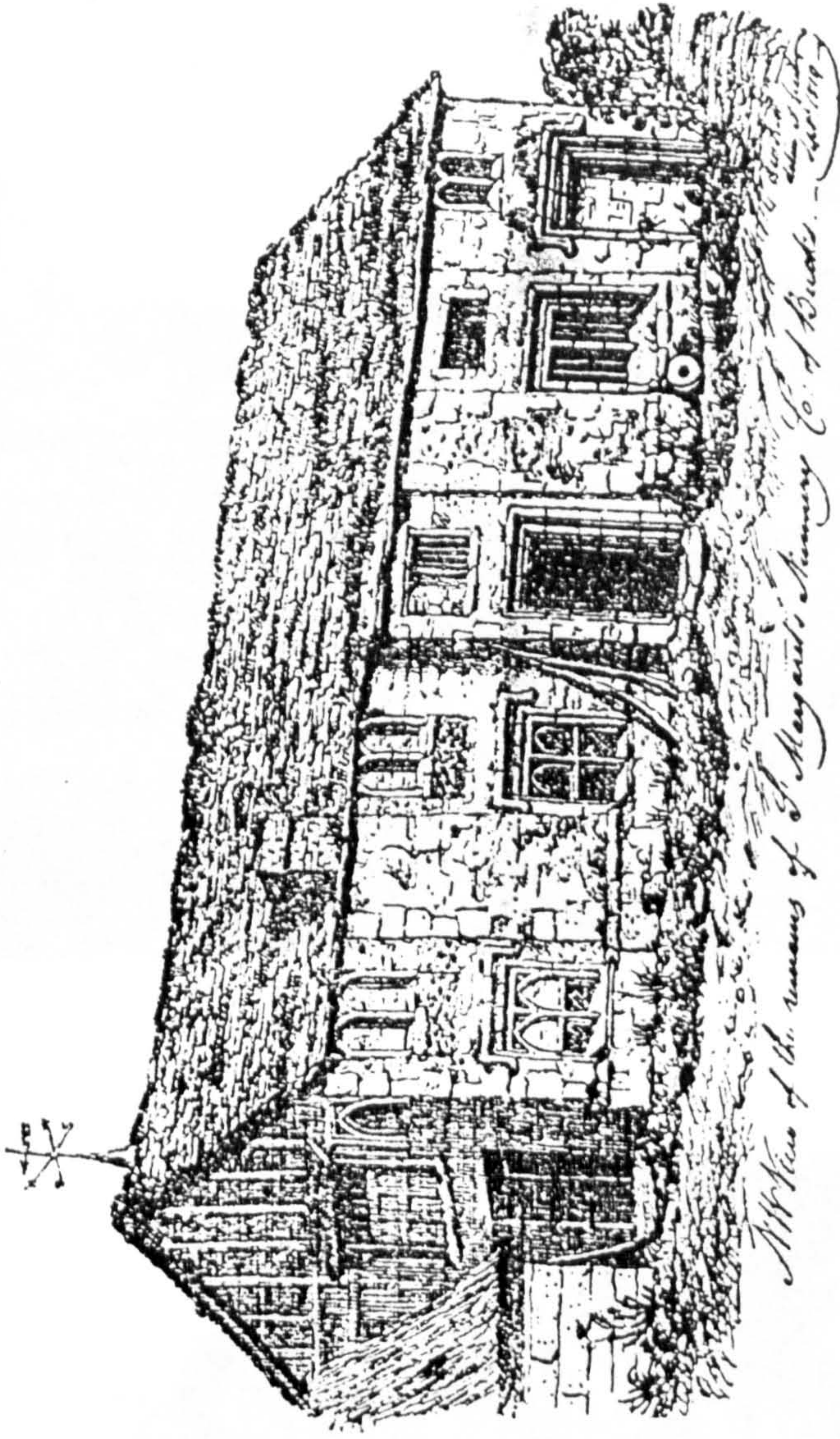
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B. Site of the nunnery (November 1990); photographs by N. Doggett.

C. Uprooted tile and stone fragments on site of the nunnery (November 1990); photographs by N. Doggett.





*View of the remains of St. Margaret's Monastery Co. of Breckin. - 1849*











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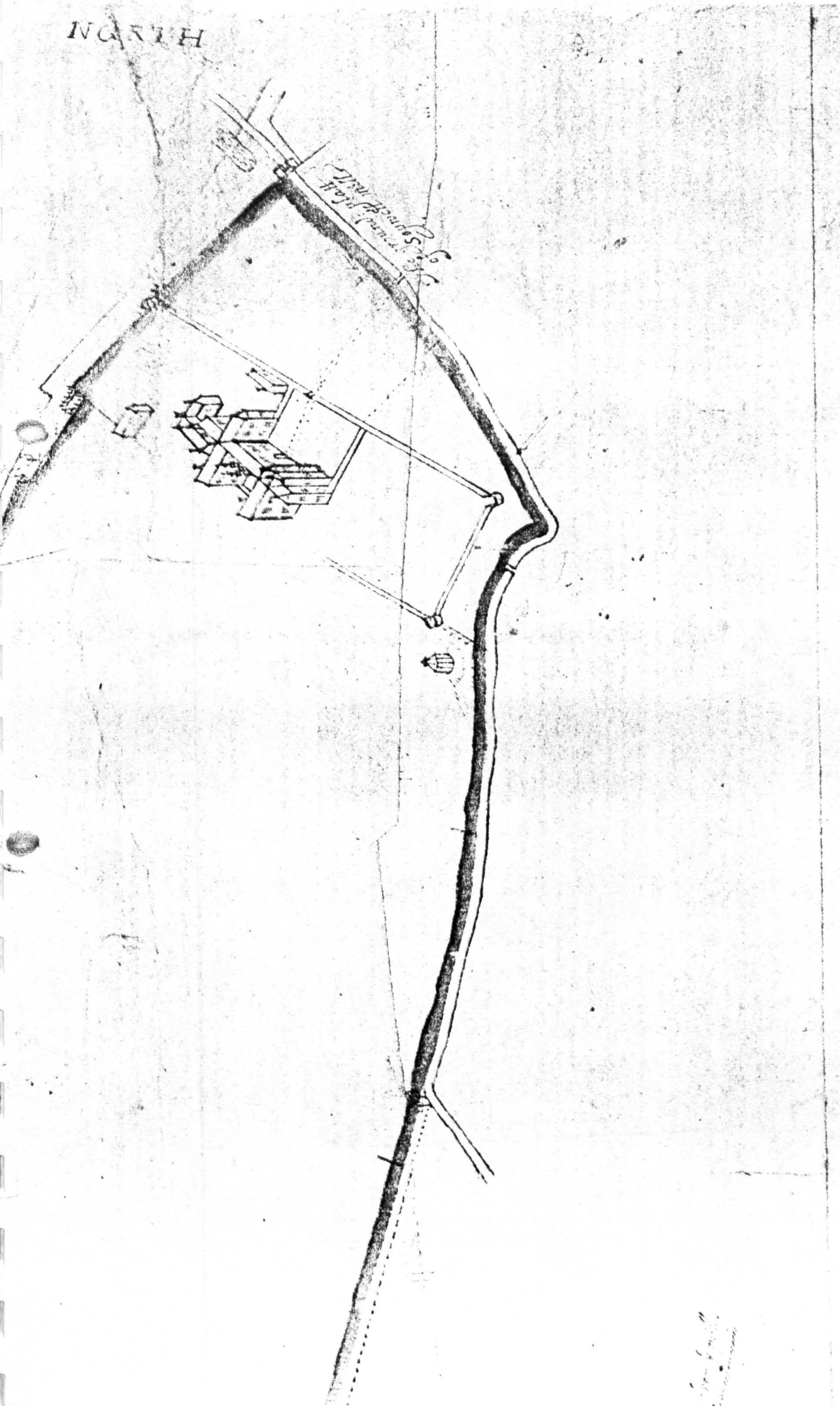
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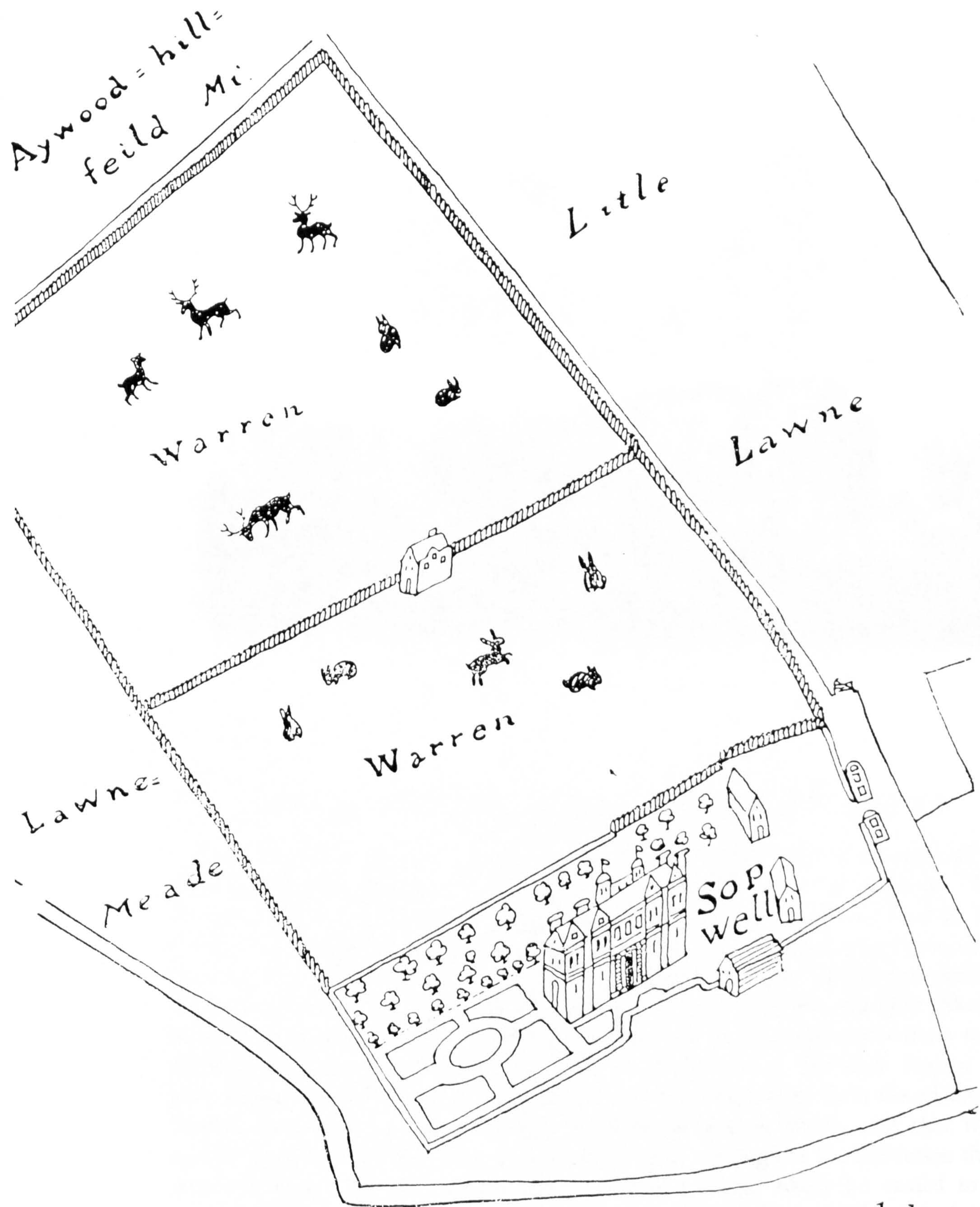
- A. Estate map with birdseye perspective drawing of house, M. Pierce (c.1600); H.R.O., IV. A. 25.
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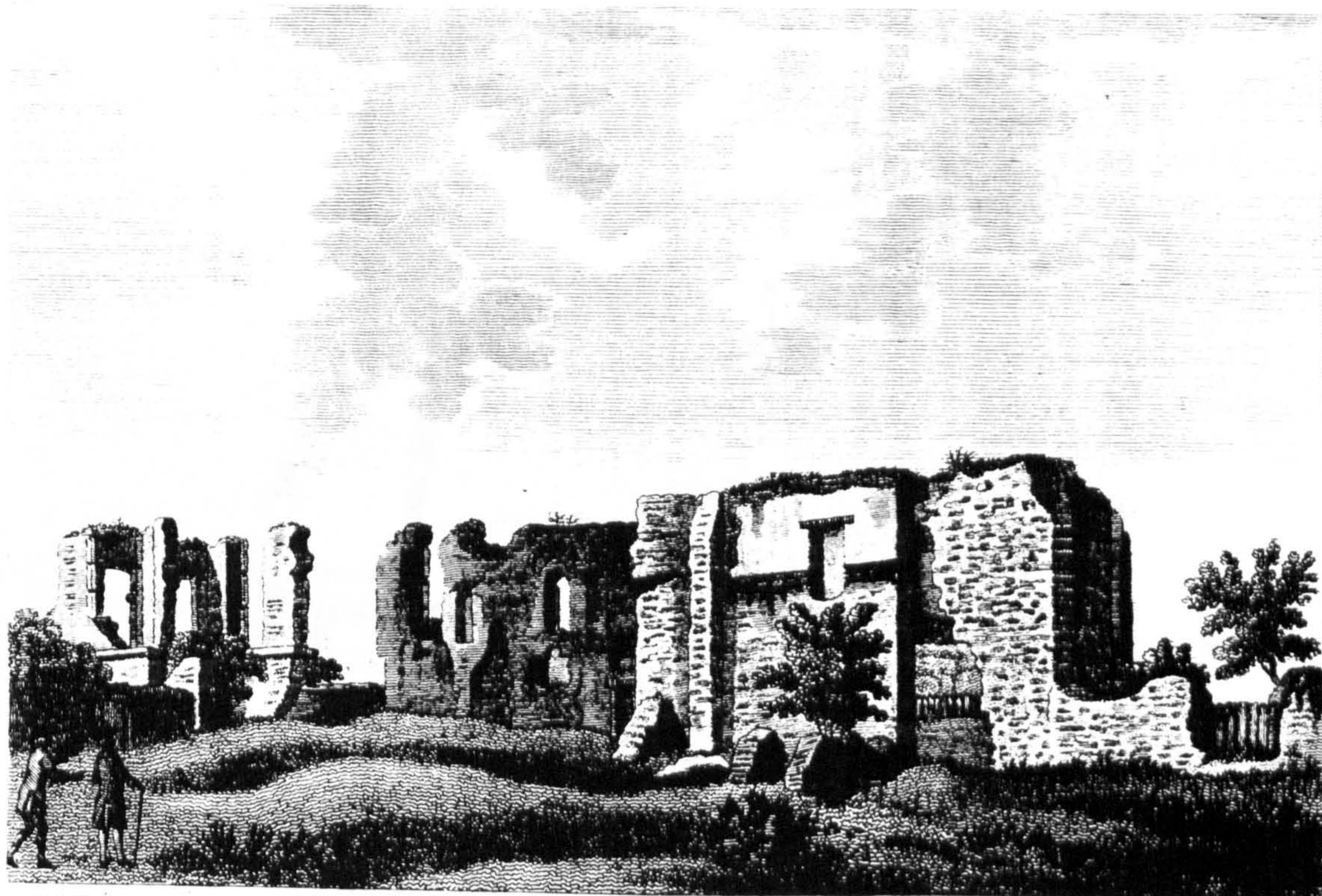






SOPWELL HOUSE, FROM A MAP ENTITLED: THE MANOR OF SOPWELL LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF HARTFORD PART OF THE POSSESSIONS OF ROBERT SADLER, ESQ.





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*Sopewell Nunnery, near St. Albans Herts.*

### **SOPEWELL NUNNERY, NEAR ST. ALBAN'S, HERTS.**

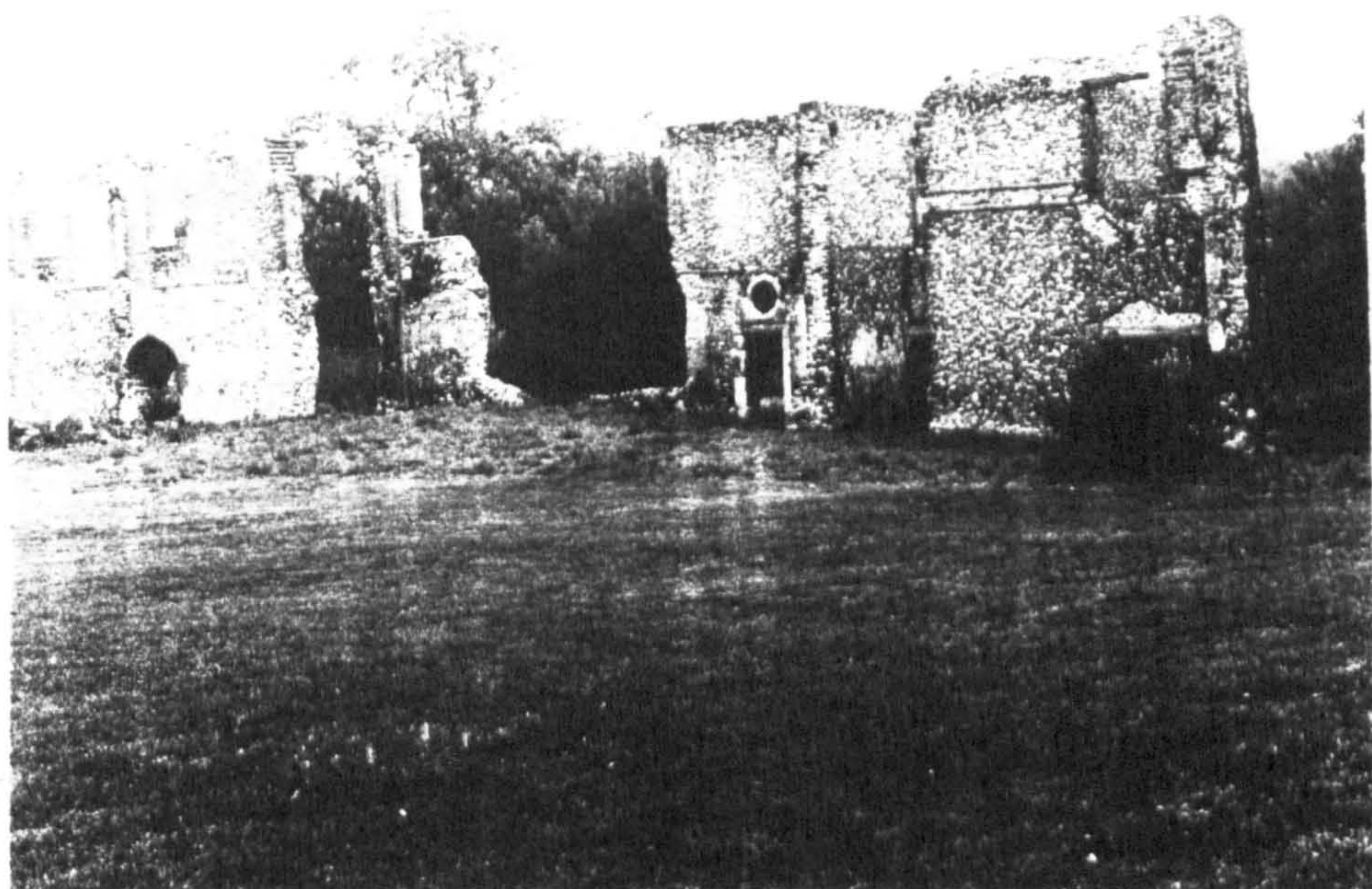
THIS nunnery, which is situated a small distance south-west of the town of St. Alban's, according to tradition, owes its origin to the following circumstance: Two religious women, whose names are forgotten, having made themselves a kind of hermitage with branches of trees, and covered it with leaves and bark, near Eywood, by the river side, dwelt there a considerable time, leading lives of such abstinence, chastity, charity, and piety, that the fame thereof reached the ears of Jeffery, the 16th abbat of St. Alban's; who, about the year 1140, built them a cell, and caused them to be clothed like nuns, and to assume the rules of St. Benedict. For their support he gave them certain lands and rents; and to preserve their fame from the assaults of scandal, he ordered they should always be locked up in their house, and that their number should not exceed thirteen, all select virgins; though at the dissolution there were only nine. He also allotted them a burying ground, which he caused to be consecrated, but with a restriction that none but the nuns of that house should be buried there; probably to prevent his abbey from being deprived of the advantages arising from the sepulture of great or rich personages. This house was subject to the abbey of St. Alban's, and dedicated to the honour of the Blessed Virgin.



First plan (Lee I)  
Final plan (Lee II) and later alterations









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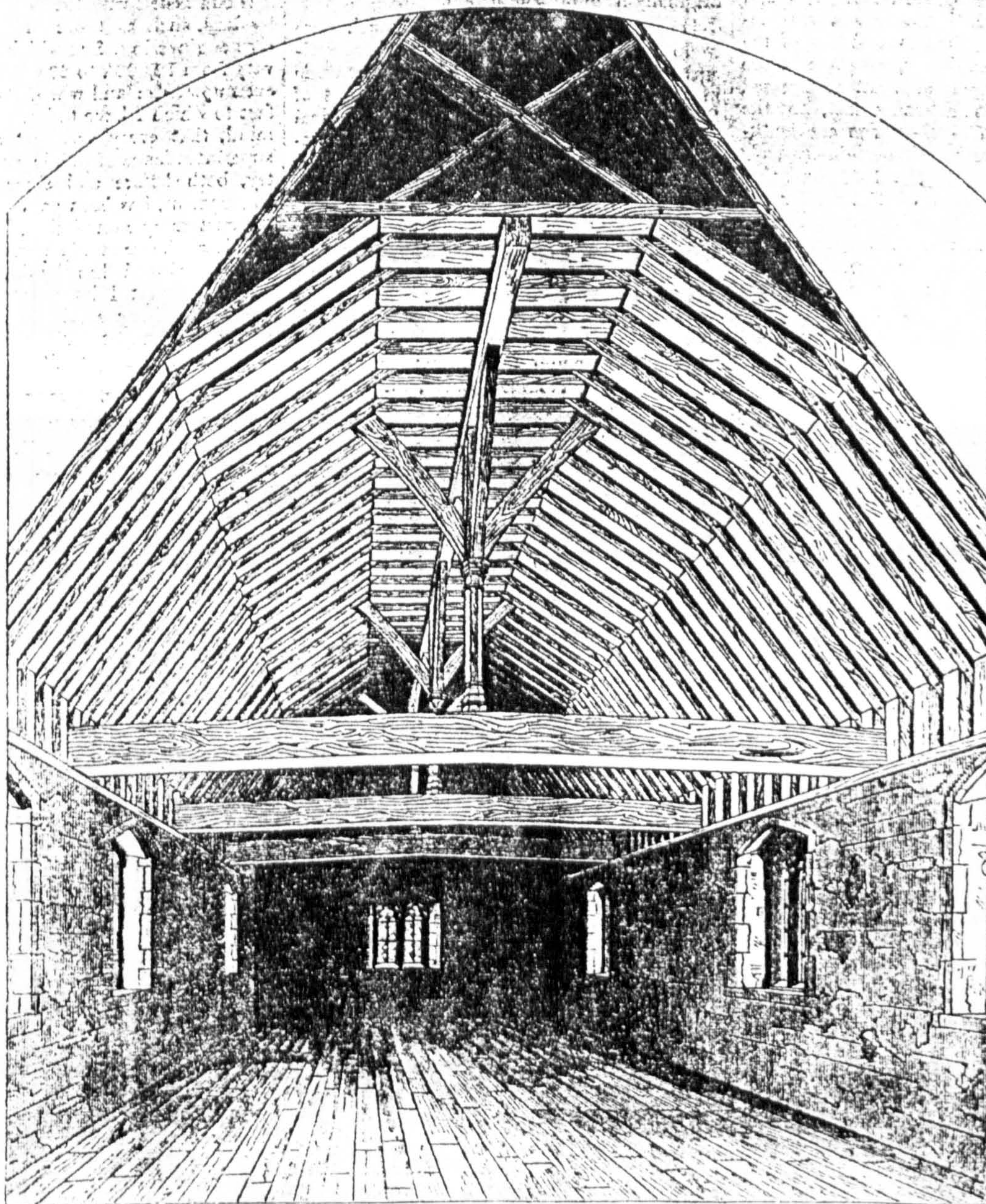
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- D. Crown-post roof truss in guest range (November 1990); photographs by N. Doggett.
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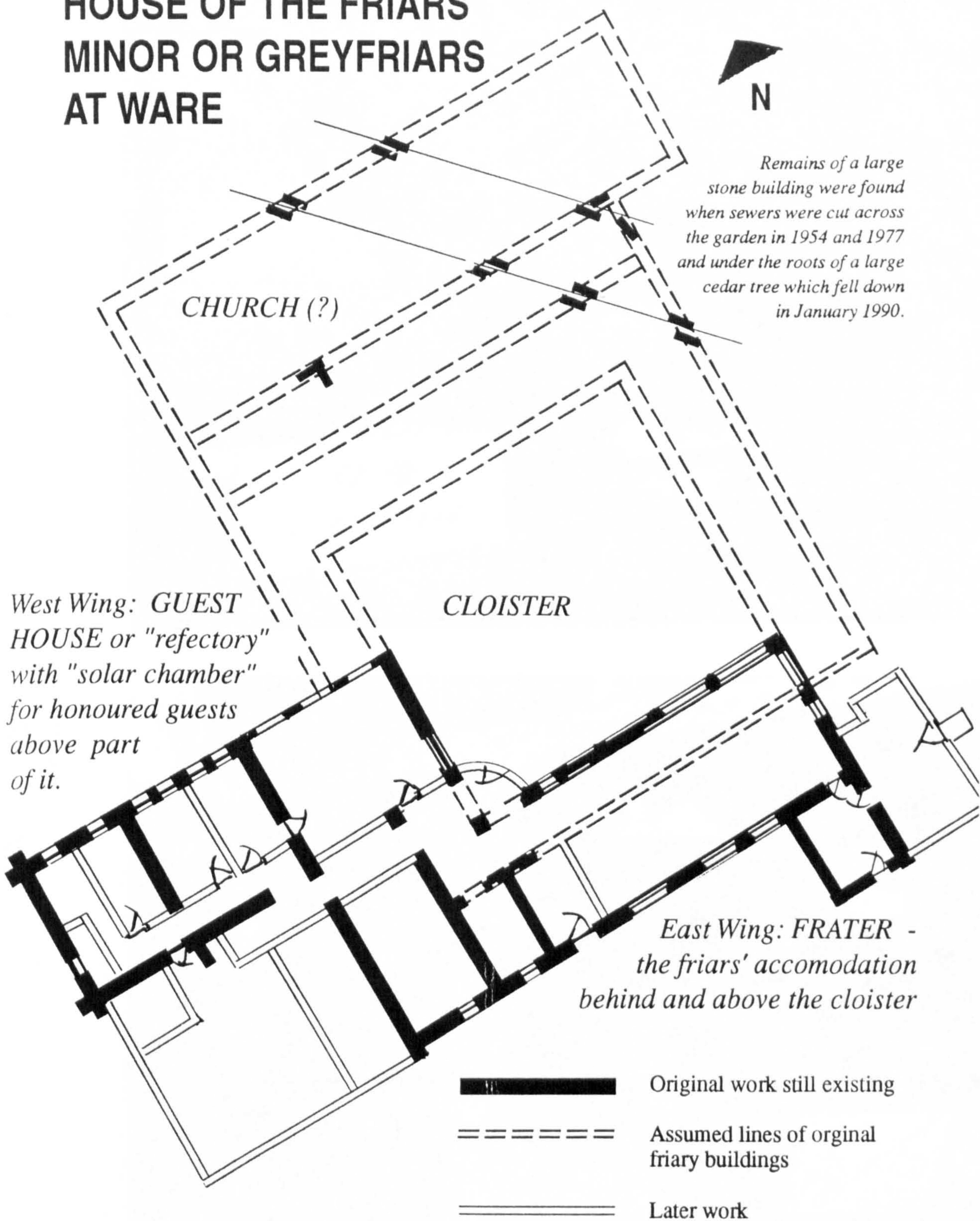




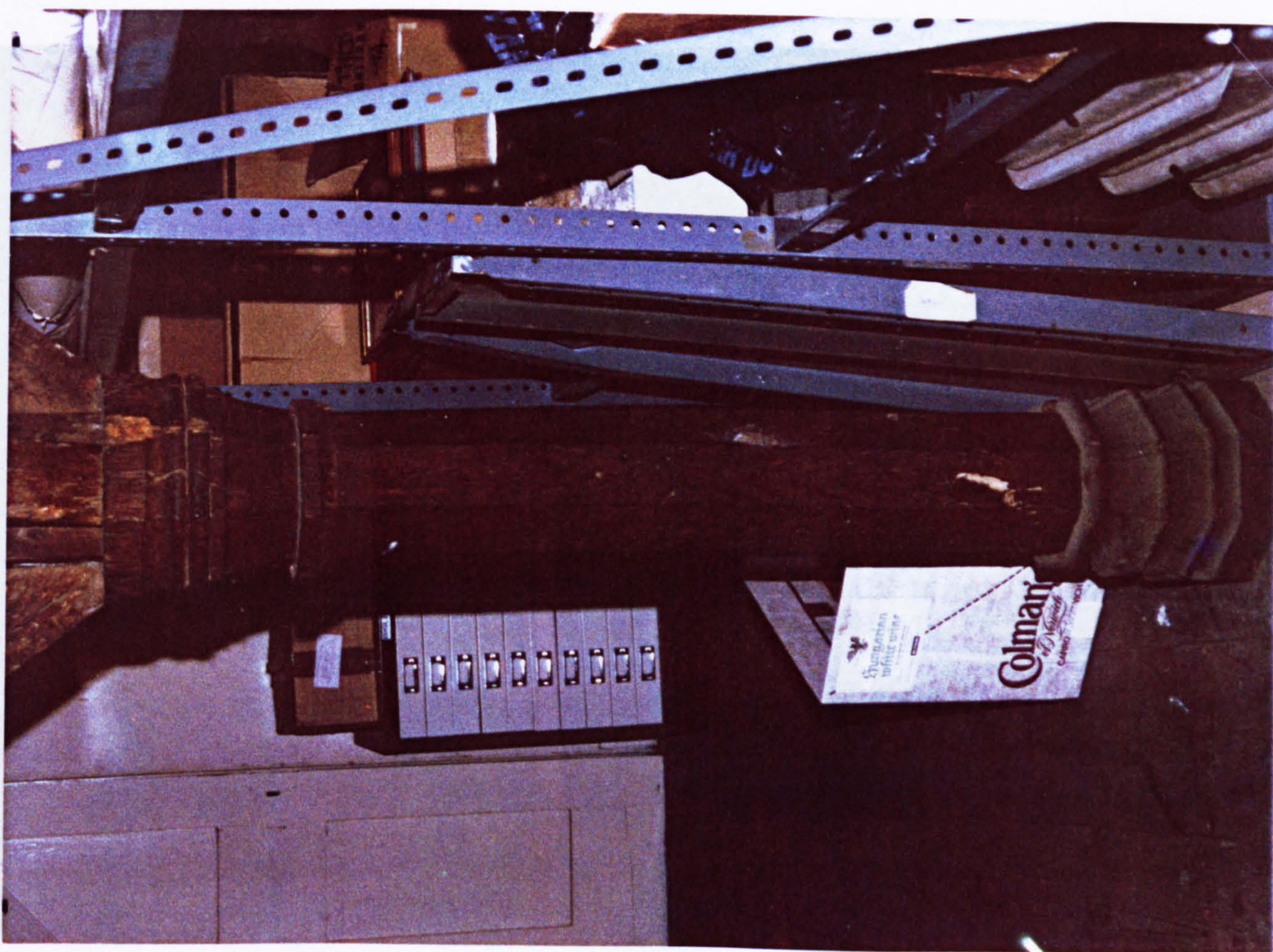
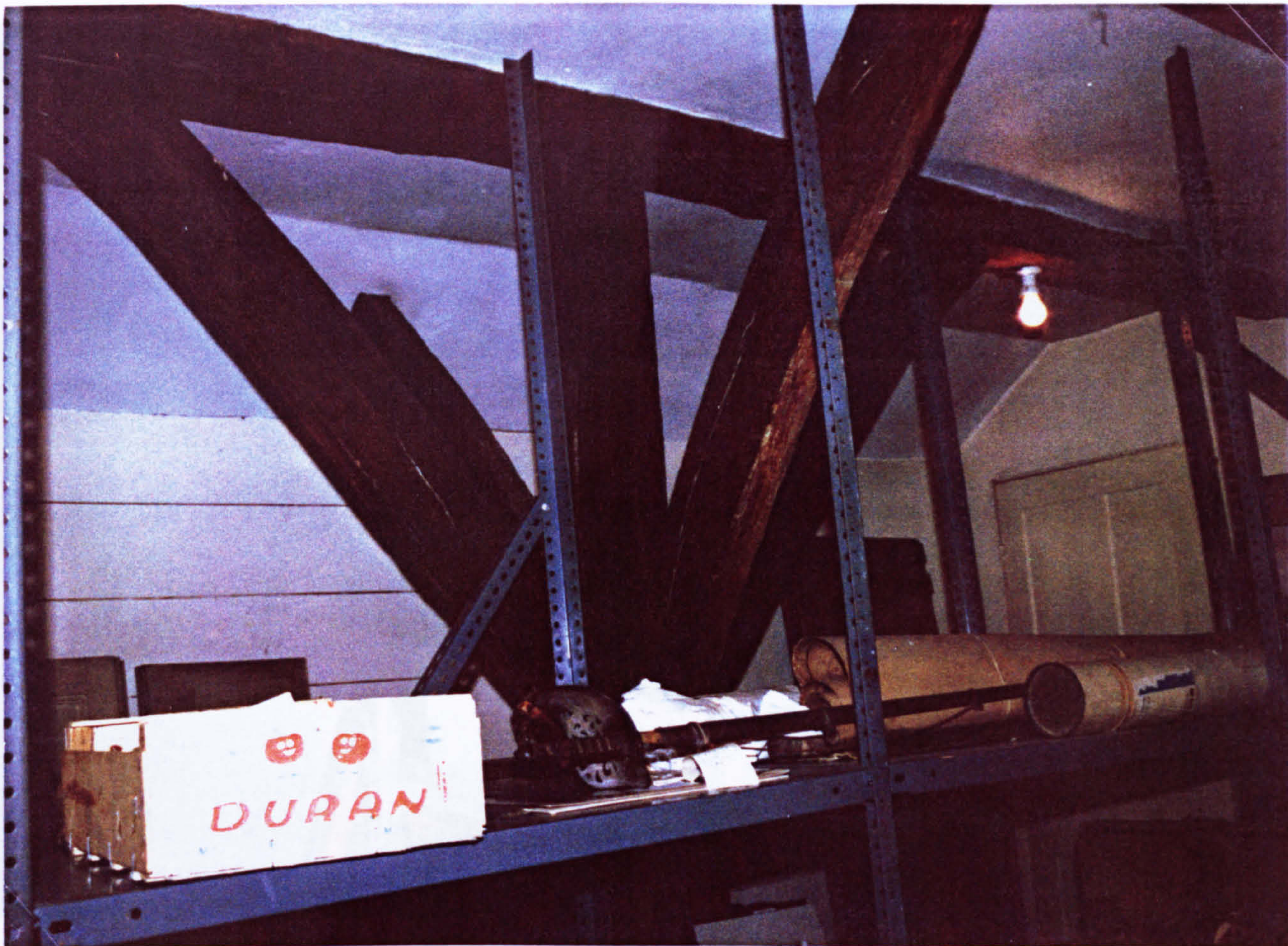




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- E. (Top) 13th-century lancet windows in south wall of former church truncated by inserted 16th-century floor (November 1989); photograph by N. Doggett. (Bottom) 13th-century trussed rafter roof of former church (November 1989); *ibid*.



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Map 6. The windmill in Great Mill Field. This field lies on the west side of Priory Lane. The Priory can be seen on the east side. (From the Little Wymondley estate map of 1731. Hertfordshire R.O. 44215).



