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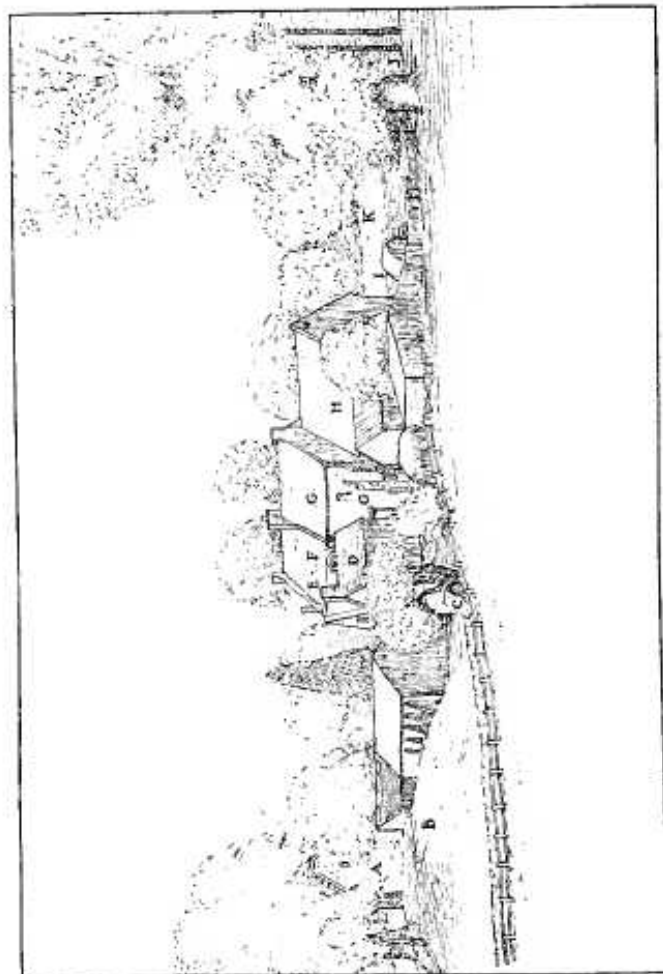
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A.—Dove House (probably rebuilt).
 B.—Slewing ground leading to covered-
 in Ponds and Stream.
 C.—Spring (modern well).
 D.—Old Kitchen.
 E.—Modern additions.
 F.—Part of old Roof and Walls.
 G.—Old Granary.
 H.—Old Barn.
 I.—Old Kitchen.
 J.—Site of House pulled down about 1895.
 K.—Site of House pulled down about 1895.

REMAINS OF HENRY DE BRAY'S BUILDINGS AT HARLESTONE.

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PREFACE

The late Miss Mary Bateson examined the *Estate Book of Henry de Bray*, and in view of the fact that the author was a layman of the late thirteenth century, she regarded this compilation as almost, if not quite, unique. In any case she was strongly of opinion that the MSS. should prove of value as a source of medieval and economic history. In 1909 I had the honour of reading a paper on the MSS. before the Royal Historical Society. Since then some further investigations have been made; but there remain several missing links, which the skill of more experienced antiquaries will probably supply.

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