

NEWHOUSE GRANGE, SHEEPY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

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Of the Granges formerly belonging to Merevale Abbey three were situated in our own County—

I. Pinwall Grange (Parish of Sheepy Magna).

This no longer exists, but in dry seasons when the herbage is burnt up, the site where the walls etc. used to stand can sometimes be seen.

II. The Mythe, a hamlet of Sheepy.

This building which formerly had a chapel is also destroyed, but as at Pinwall the sight can be discerned in dry seasons, and there are remains of a moat of which a considerable length is still filled with water.

III. Newhouse Grange is the subject of this paper, and is situated about half way between Sheepy and Orton-on-the-hill in a secluded spot, about 500 yards from the road.

Excepting the bare mention of the name, it has hitherto entirely escaped the notice of all our county historians, which, considering its value from an antiquarian point of view, is very remarkable.

Newhouse Grange is extra parochial and contains about 345 acres. In mediæval times the lay brethren were stationed here, where the corn and other victuals were grown and stored.

At the dissolution of Monasteries, it was granted by Henry VIII. to Walter Lord Ferrers. It is now the property of Charles Atherton Brown, Esq., of Grendon Hall, Atherstone, who bought it from Sir George Chetwynd.


Newhouse Grange to-day possesses a magnificent old barn, portions of an old house with good oak panelling, Jacobean staircase, gate piers, etc., and an old brick dovecote, the whole formerly surrounded by a moat, three sides of which still exist.

The accompanying drawing will render a lengthy description

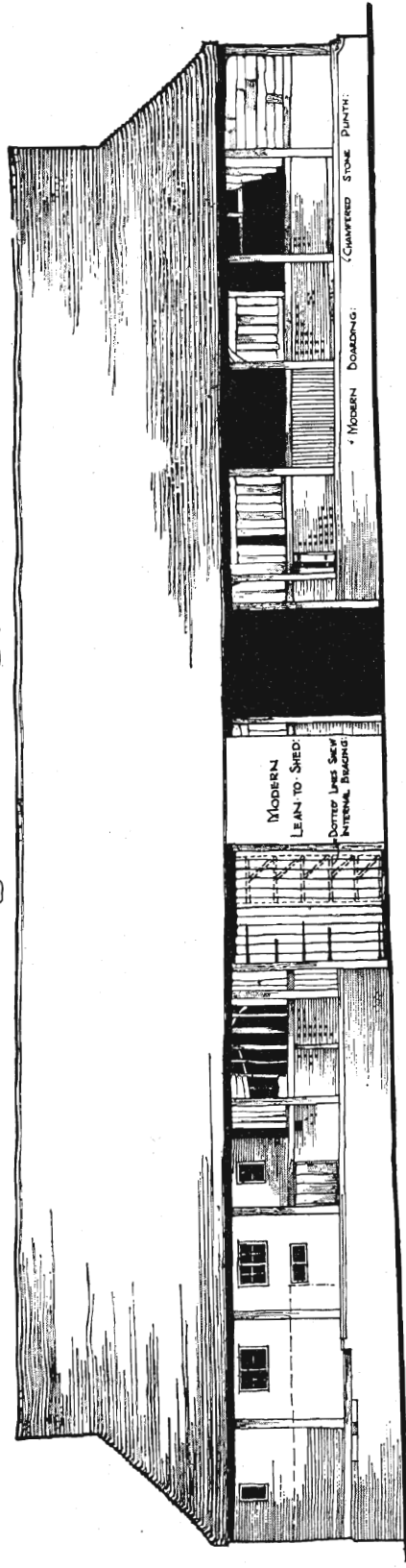
unnecessary, but one should notice the enormous oak posts supporting the barn roof, which are fixed in the usual manner with the narrow end downwards, so as to obtain a greater amount of material in which to frame the struts, tie beams and other timbers, but popularly believed to prevent the sap from running downwards.

The barn has been somewhat damaged and mutilated in the past, but numerous features of the highest interest still exist, and as the present owner is fully alive to the value of the antiquity he possesses, it is not likely to suffer further under his zealous guardianship.

Visitors desiring to inspect the barn, should remember to arrange their visit at a time just previous to harvest, when it is most likely to be empty, and when viewing it should refrain from smoking, as many fine buildings of this nature have been totally destroyed through carelessness in this respect.

NEW HOUSE GRANGE : Parish of SHEEPY : Leicestershire :
 ANCIENTLY BELONGING TO MEREVALE ABBEY : *see*  *feet* :

TITHE BARN :

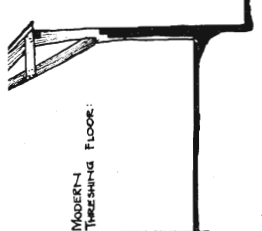
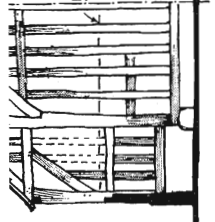
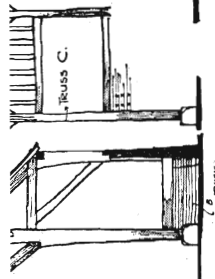
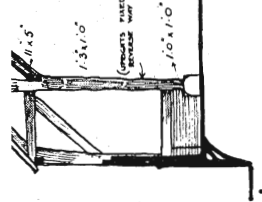
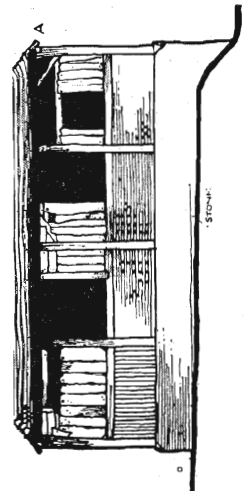


SIDE ELEVATION :

MODERN
LEAN-TO SHED
DOTTED LINES SHOW
INTERNAL BRACING

* MODERN DORMING :
 † CHAMFERED STONE PLINTH :

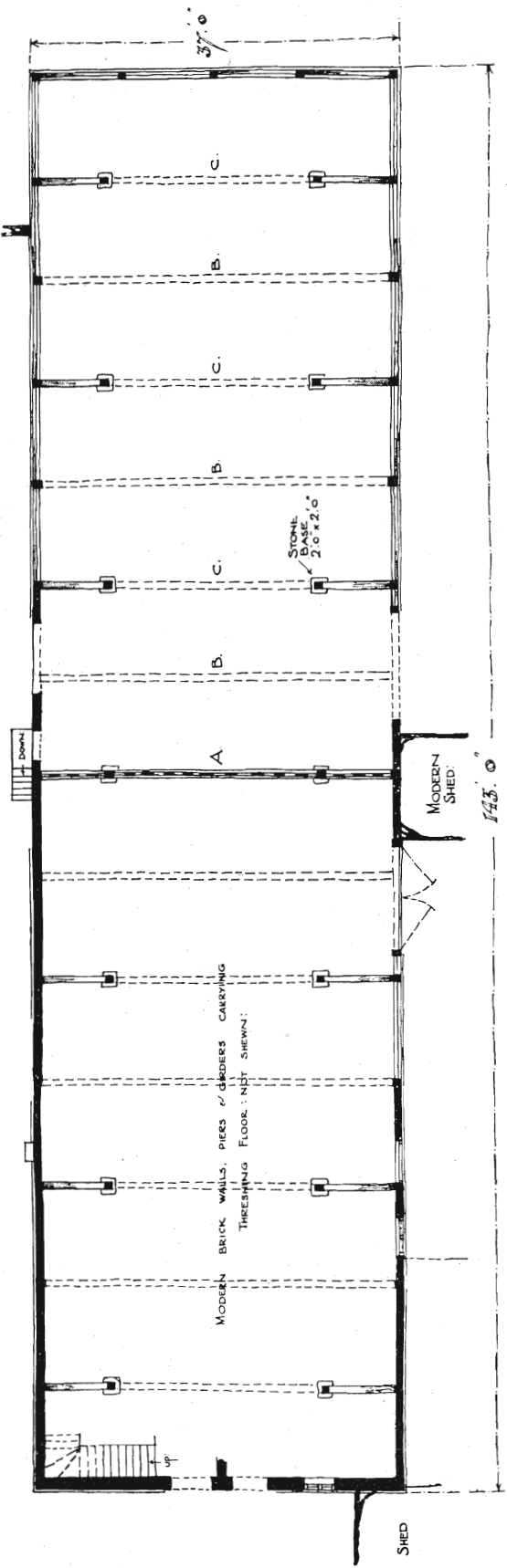




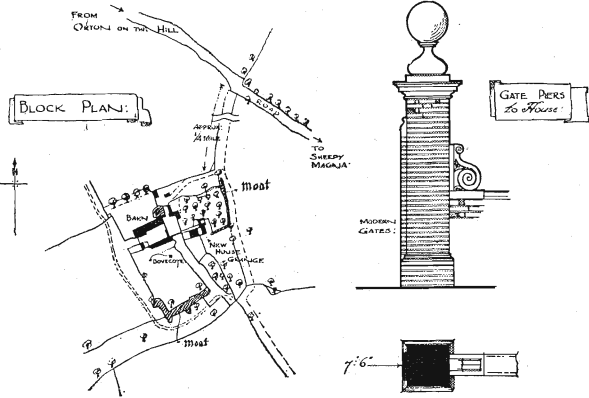
END ELEVATION:

SECTION: TRUSS C:

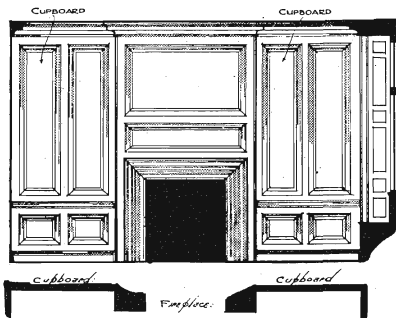
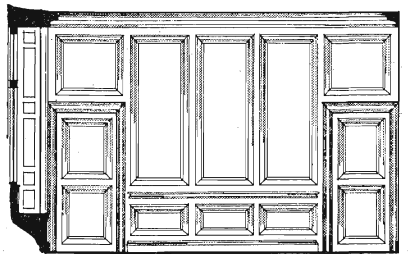
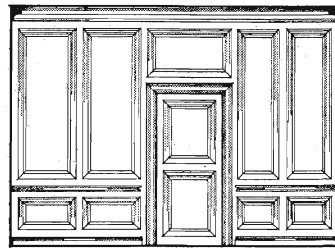
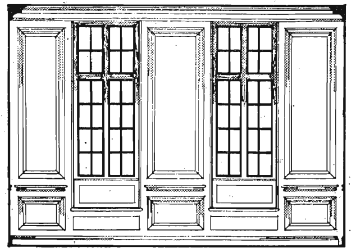
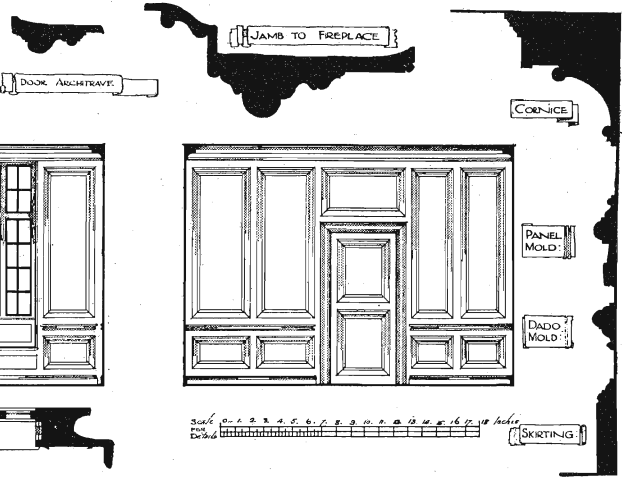
HALF TRUSS A:
HALF TRUSS B:



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PANELLED ROOM IN FARM HOUSE
SIMILAR ROOM ON FIRST FLOOR OF GOOD OAK STAIRCASE.



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