

original estate. Says Blomfield (vol. vi., p. 241) — “The town of Heydon, or Haydon, is not known by that name in Domesday Book, but was then in Eyrsoford Hundred, and called Stinetuna, or Stinton. The town was about a mile long, and half as much broad. The present name of Heydon, or Haydon, as it is commonly called, signifies the *high down* or *plain on the hill*, which is agreeable to its situation. It is in the liberty of the Duchy of Lancaster. The seat and demesne were called Heydon Hall and Manor, *alias* Stinton Hall and Manor. Heydon and Stinton manors were subsequently divided. The regal settlement of Heydon Manor makes the eldest son heir.”

The town of Heydon lies about fourteen miles a little west of north from Norwich, the shire town of Norfolk County. The lands there, according to Domesday Book (vol. ii., p. 157), were, at the time of the Conqueror's survey, under the lordship of one Whither, a Saxon, from whom the Conqueror took them, bestowing them upon the Earl of Warren — William de Warrena. The Heydons must have had their tenure from the Warrens, as adherents or retainers of theirs. Very early we find them intermarried with the Warrens, also with descendants of the Conqueror, with the Says, Mowbrays, Longevilles, Gurneys, Boleyns, etc., etc.

And from the “Norfolk Tour,” 2 vols., under the same head, we learn that “the church at Heydon is St. Peter's, now St. Peter's and St. Paul's. Population of the parish in 1829, 333. It had a weekly market, kept on the market green, on the south side of the church. The church is a good regular building, with a handsome square tower, and three bells. The font was erected probably about the fifteenth or sixteenth centuries; it is of a circular form, standing upon circular neckings, of ovolos and cavetoes of the style which prevailed from the time of King John (1200) to Edward III. (1370). The windows, which are much defaced, were formerly adorned with the figures of many saints, confessors, martyrs, etc., and in the north window was a representation of some young profligates condemned to the infernal regions, from which issued in scrolls twelve moral sentences and a lamentation.

“Here are inscriptions to the memory of Haydons, Kempe, Colfer, Batchelor, the Earles, and Gallant. Heydon Hall, in the style of