

MR. LEVI HAYDEN'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.

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In the year 1883, Mr. Levi Hayden of Roslindale, Boston, Mass., with his wife, visited England; and their explorations brought to light a number of interesting particulars which we cull from their journal. At Saxlingham, Holt, Norfolk, they found more of the remains of the Old Hall of the fourth Sir Christopher Heydon, about A. D. 1600, than we supposed to be still existing. A portion of the walls of the lower story were standing, and a white stone tablet over the gateway displayed plainly the Heydon arms.

The outline of the old Manor House is plainly traceable, covering a large area of ground. The tall, sharp-peaked barn, as seen in the illustration, is built of the debris of the old structure. They were able to bring away some interesting photographs of the ruins. In the church, the curious hieroglyphic pyramid erected as a memorial of Lady Mirabel Rivet Heydon,* was gone; and only the kneeling effigy of the lady herself, with hands broken off, remained.

From Saxlingham they proceeded by way of Holt, to Baconsthorp, a distance of twelve miles, calling on the rector, Rev. Mr. Cox, who received them very kindly, affording every facility to render their visit successful and agreeable. At the church they found the condition of things about as described in the pamphlet, "The Heydons in England." Baconsthorp Hall also appears as therein set forth. The whole exterior is clad with a luxuriant growth of ivy, hiding almost entirely the old arms and devices of the family, which are still distinguishable on

* See "Heydons in England" in first part of this volume, page 21.