

from the terrace, behind the old house; the terrace still quite perfect, where old Luctator\* pitched the famous gypsy wrestler over, who was so imprudent as to come to try a fall with him. The tradition is that Richard Perkins built this house, as the old fortified house, which was on the place when they purchased it in 1424, became too inconvenient to live in. It is on the whole as fine an old Elizabethan mansion, as I have seen in England, and to all appearance will last a couple of hundred years yet, if it is as well cared for in the future, as it has been in the past.

I have had photos made of the house, the library, fireplace, front of house, and a side view, also the hall, and the steps down to the garden. The manor consisted at first of Ufton Robert but when Thomas Perkins married Lady Mervin, she brought two more Ufton Manors into the family; not having my notes I can not remember the names, but you shall know them. I should like to have it recorded that the name on the tombstones in Ufton Church is spelled Perkins not Parkyns.

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\* A *nom de plume* of Sir Thomas Parkyns, Bart., who wrote a book on wrestling, boxing and fencing.—London, 1727.