

SITE OF RUMBURGH PRIORY.

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A survey^(a) of the lands of the dissolved Priory of Rumburgh commences thus :—

“ In the late monastery there wern persons in personye of Wyssett, Rumburgh and St. Michaels in Elmham and I have found three priests in the same three towns.”

“ St. Michael’s in Elmham is a parish by itself, and all the fruits and profits will barely find a priest.

The Township of Rumburgh claim their church to be a parish churche but it is none, and the profits will not find a priest.”

“ There is a saint in the church of Rumburgh called Saint Bay^(b) to which there is much offering upon Michaelmas day of money and cheeses.”

D.—Hall of late monastery covered with slate,
46 ft. long by 20 ft. broad.

G.—Cloister stands on the south side of the Hall
and is covered with lead.

Length of south and north sides	45 ft.
Length of east and west sides	.. 46 ft.
Breadth of cloister	.. .. 6½ ft.

B.—On the west side of the cloister is a builded house, slated, wherein are a larder house, old hall, “ entree ” and kitchen with four chambers over them.

Length of House	.. .. 87 ft.
Breadth of House	.. .. 20 ft.

(a) Miscellaneous Books of the Exchequer, Treasury of the Receipt, Public Record Office. Vol. 160 : and Dugdale Mon. iii., 615.

(b) Dugdale has St. Bory ; the MS. in the Record Office, “ S. Bay.” In the Bollandist Collection of the Lives of the Saints, H. Grotfend, Vol. v. s.v. is *Baya et Maura v non m*, 3 Nov. Aberdon. S. Beia, Head of *Benedictine* House in Scotland, died A.D. 896.

F.—On east side of cloister a house covered with slate, wherein are a buttéry, two low chambers, and a little chapel with a dorter chamber over them.

Length of House	..	..	46 ft. ^(c)
Breadth of House	..	..	19 ft.

E.—At east end of Hall is builded a parlour with a chamber overhanging [words illegible] chimney.

Length of Parlour	..	..	19 ft.
Breadth of Parlour	..	..	18 ft.

C.—On the south side of cloister standeth the church and chancel under one roof, and is covered with lead.

Length of Church	..	..	88 ft. ^(d)
Breadth of Church	..	..	22 ft.

A.—At the north end of kitchen a House covered with straw.

Length of House	..	..	47 ft.
Breadth of House	..	..	17 ft.

Outbuildings.

The milnehouse covered with straw	87 ft. by 25 ft.
The dairy house covered with straw	84 ft. by 22 ft.
The barn there covered with straw	144 ft. by 32 ft.
The cart house	30 ft. by 15 ft.
The dovehouse covered with straw	24 ft. by 14 ft.
The stables and other houses necessary under one roof and covered with straw	128 ft. by 13 ft.

(c) MS. Survey in Record Office gives 66 ft.; Dugdale 46 ft.

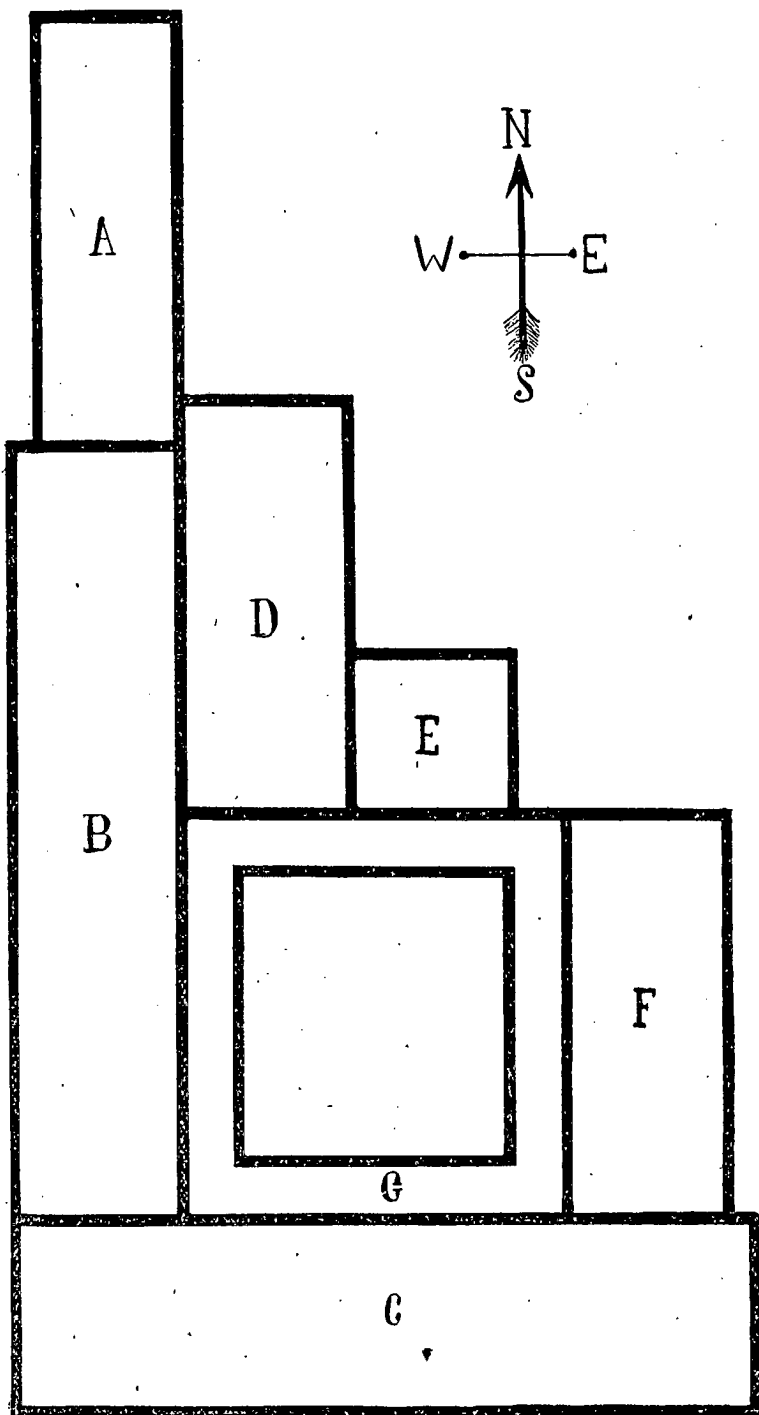
(d) MS. Survey in Record Office gives 87 ft.; Dugdale 88 ft.

Lands, etc.

The ground whereon the said mansion standeth with the church and other buildings to the same belonging with courts, fishpools, orchards, gardens and swineyard, contains—

Site	11 acres
Pightle next bake house ..	2 acres
Pightle next the wood ..	6 acres
The woods	60 acres
The Cawsey close and Wood close	25½ acres 1 rood
Monks' field	34½ acres
Grete Bombothe close ..	32 acres
Little Bombothe close ..	26 acres 1 rood
Bromerode	22½ acres 1 rood
Grete Smith Hedge close with the grove	14 acres
of which the grove	5 acres
Close called Knyghts Hill ..	25 acres

The House called Millmount is in the hands of the Lord of the Manor of Rumburgh.



Scale 1 inc. = 20 ft.

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PLAN OF SITE OF RUMBURGH PRIORY.