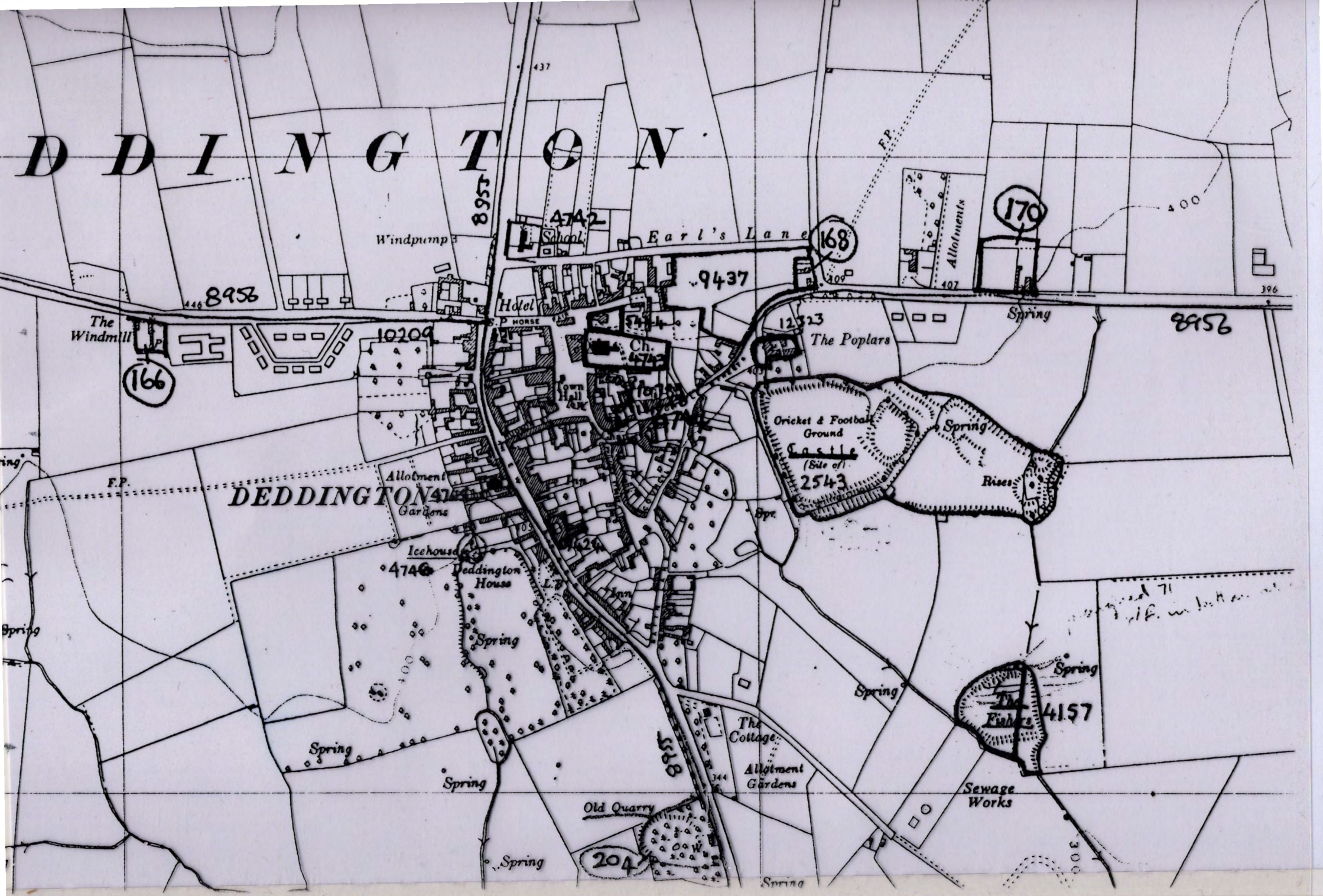




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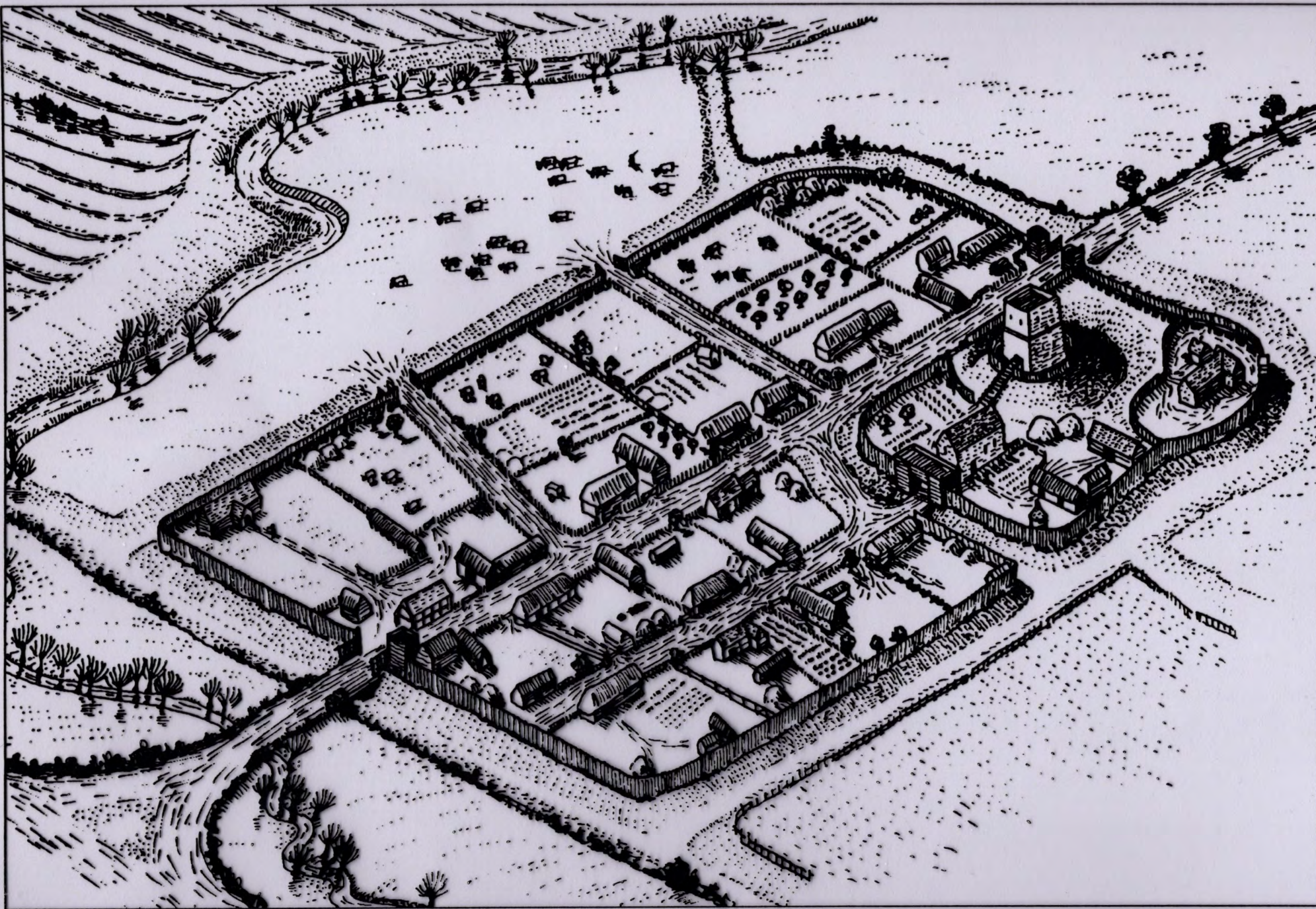


FIGURE 3: AN IDEA OF HOW ASCOTT D'OYLEY CASTLE MAY HAVE LOOKED c1170 ((by C.J.Bond)



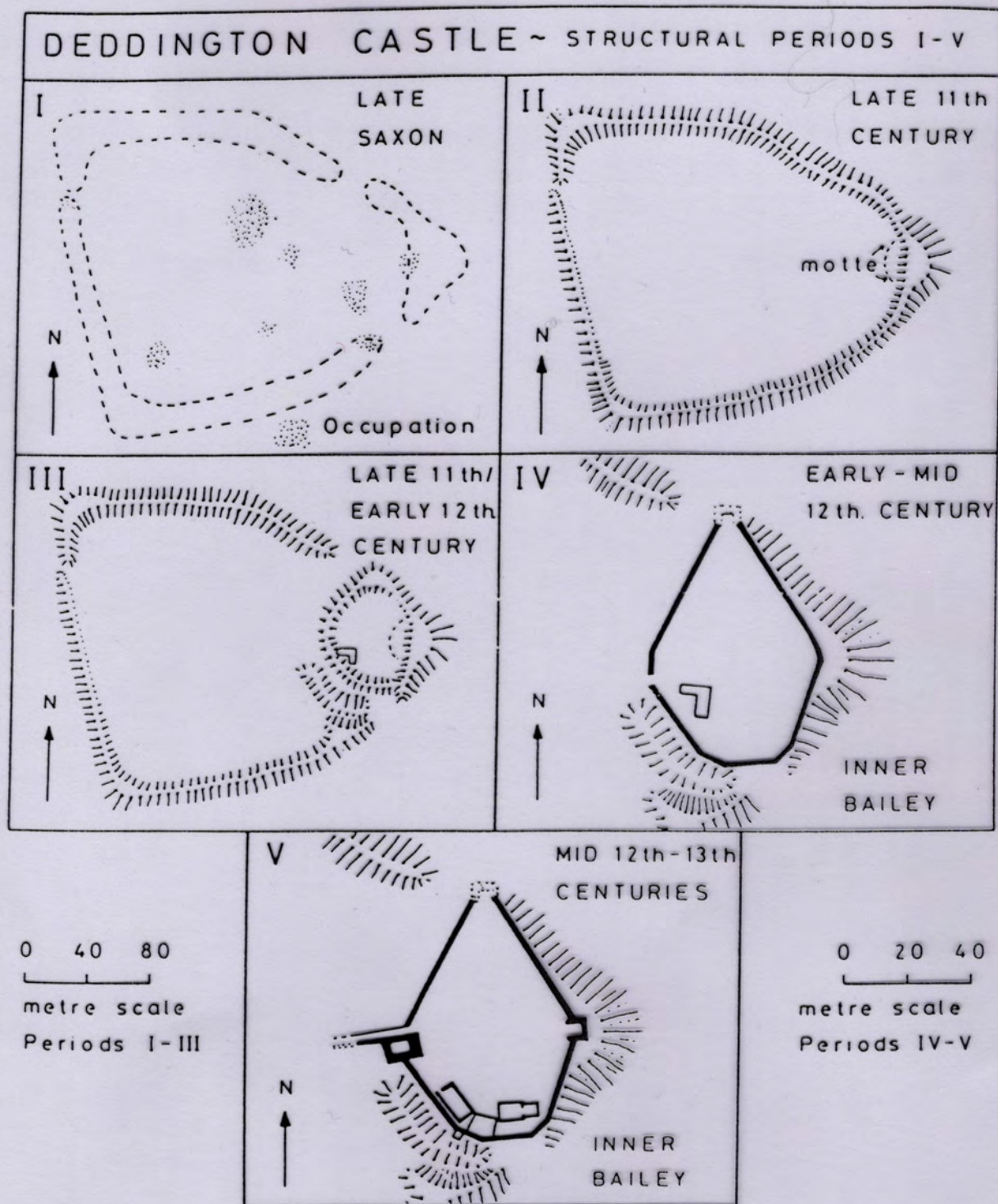


Fig. 12

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	c 1200
	13th Cent (or earlier)
	13th Cent.
	14th Cent.

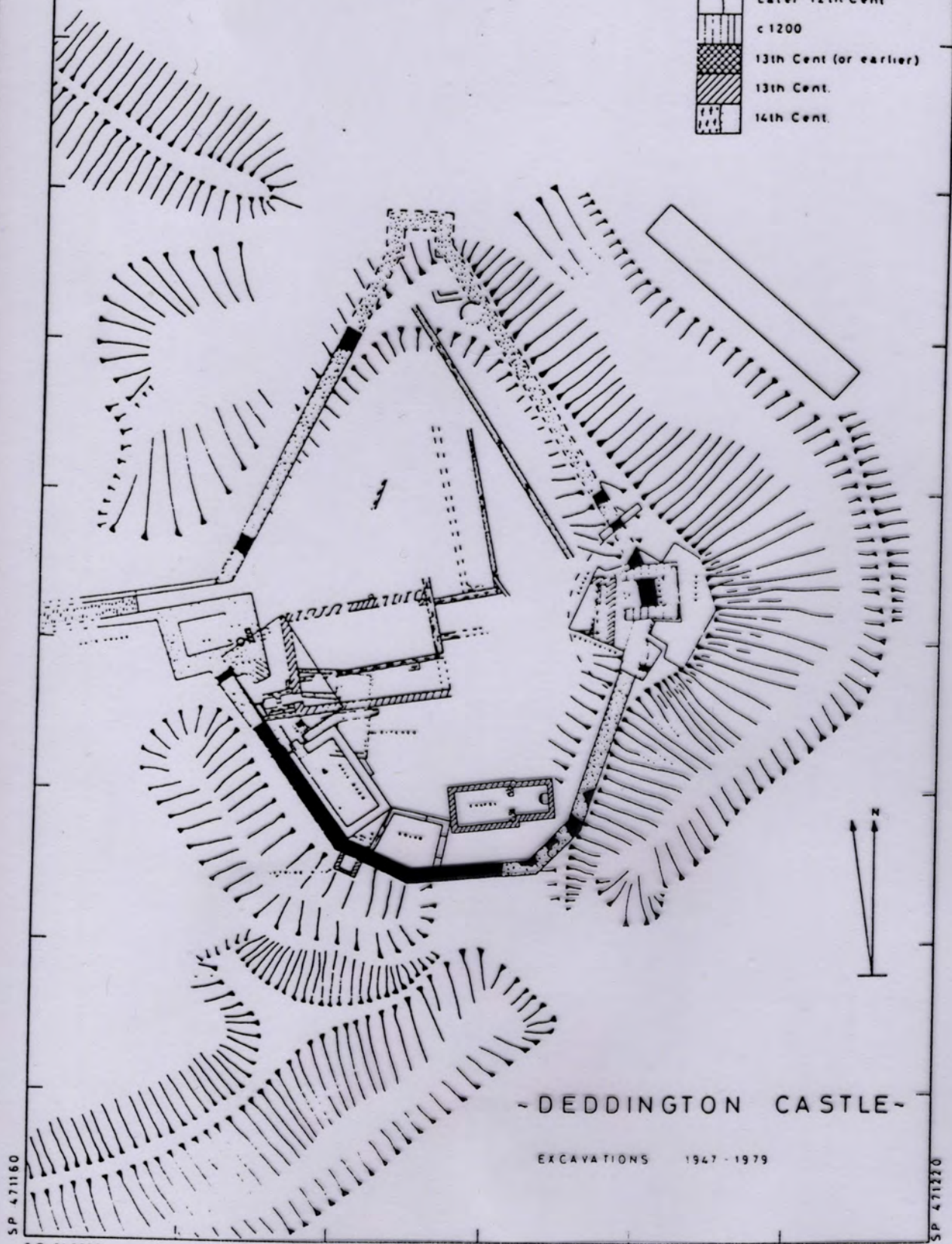


Fig. 13

Deddington Castle

The earthen banks in front of you are all that is left of the inner bailey of the castle of Bishop Odo, and then of the De Chesney family, who lived here until the castle was demolished in the 14th century.

The large enclosure behind you, the outer bailey, belongs to the first castle built here. This was probably built shortly after the Norman Conquest of 1066, for Bishop Odo of Bayeux, the half brother of William the Conqueror.



A plan of the castle, showing the inner and outer baileys, and the gatehouse.

Two archaeological excavations have taken place at Deddington Castle, in 1947 and 1977. Along with some surviving documents, they have helped us to understand the complex development of this site.

Although some building evidence from the Saxon period was discovered, the main discoveries related to the period between the 11th and the 14th centuries, Bishop Odo, through to the De Chesney family.



An aerial photograph of the site as it appears today.



The remains of the castle uncovered during the 1977 excavations.

In the castle's inner bailey evidence was found for a stone hall, a chapel and a solar. A gatehouse was built round about where you are standing, which would have given access to the large outer bailey behind this lectern.

By the 14th century the castle was no longer lived in and fell into disrepair. By 1377 stonework from the walls had been sold off and the castle gradually fell into the ruined state you see today.

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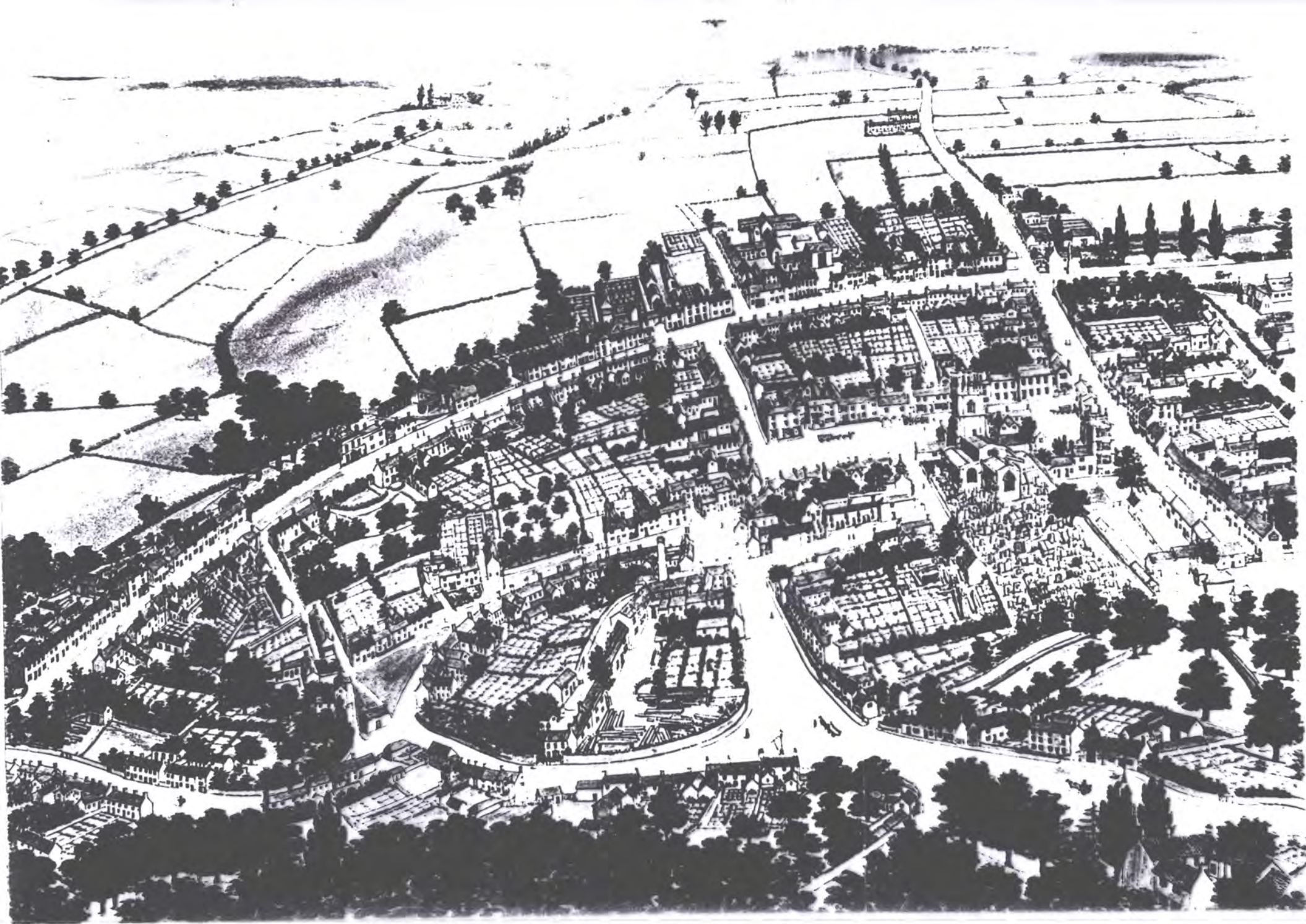
The Church and Castle House, from a photograph taken in 1908



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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Probably William Billing's House | 3. The Church |
| 2. The Castle House | 5. The Town Hall |
| 4. The Vicarage | 7. The Town Pool |
| 6. The Unicorn Inn | 9. The Pest House |
| 8. Methodist Meeting House | 11. Deddington House |
| 10. Leaden Porch | |

Fig. 1. Plan of the Town in 1808, from a Survey in the possession of Messrs. Stockton, Sons and Fortescue





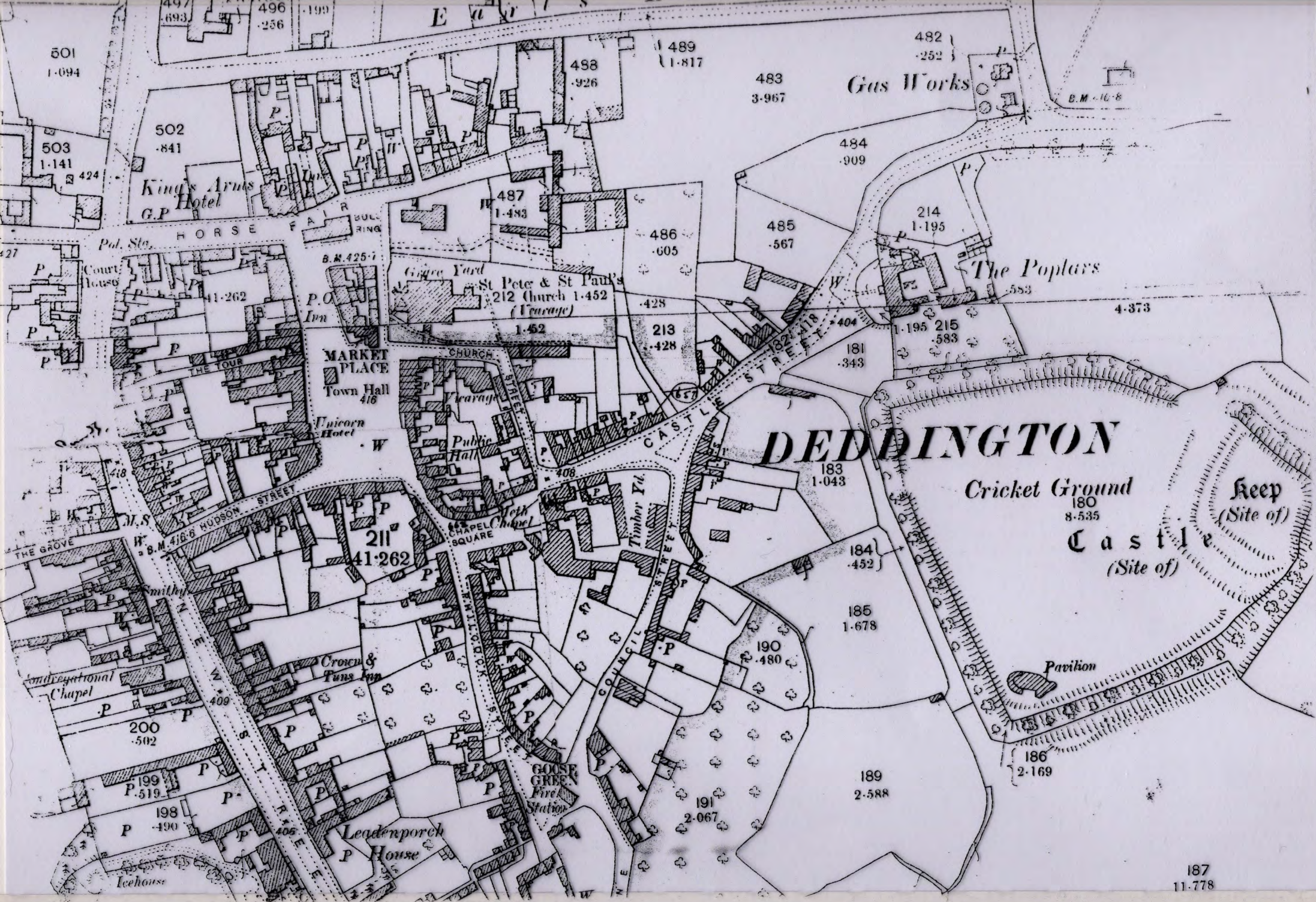




Fig. 8. Portrait of John Knibbs,
Town Crier and Ale Taster "by appointment
of Court Leet."





Fig. 7. The Pavilion (from a photograph).