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Cresswell

Old mansion 3454-5

The old seat of the Barlows. It lies just below the bridge, and is bounded on one side by the stream (which is tidal up to the house) and on the other by Scotland Wood, which here is on a steep decline down to the house. It seems to have been a quadrangle, with round towers at each corner. That on the south-east was made into a columbarium, of which about half remains. Some 150 yards down the stream is a large walled enclosure with a ruined cottage. The old chapel is about 100 yards higher up than the house. The east wall is gone, but there are remains of two openings. Christ's Well is just below the chapel, in a pleasaunce, to which a door of the house opened. This pleasaunce is surrounded by a castellated wall, in which are six aumbries; here are traces of a stew. There are no details left in the chapel or house.