

# HARDWICK HALL, DERBYSHIRE.

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**H**ARDWICK HALL was built, as all the world knows, by that famous lady of Elizabeth's time, Bess of Hardwick, who married four husbands, but was not a joy to all of them, who built three or four great houses, and was the custodian of Mary Queen of Scots. Her house of Hardwick stands nearly equidistant between Chesterfield, the town of the crooked spire, and Mansfield, being within about six miles of each of those places.

"Hardwick Hall,  
More glass than wall,"

as the local rhyme has it, occupies a romantic situation corresponding entirely to its fine architectural features. Not long after the Conquest,

Walkelin Savage possessed three out of the four manors in the parish of Hault-Hucknall, and the fourth came to his family by marriage. One of them was Hardwick, and the Steynesbys held it from the Savages in the time of Edward I. by the curious service of rendering three pounds of cinnamon and one pound of pepper for the lord's table. From the Steynesbys the manor passed to the Hardwicks, who were established there soon after the year 1330, and continued in possession for 250 years. Their dwelling-place was not the Hardwick Hall famous for its great windows, its admirable carvings, its fine plaster-work, and its wealth of tapestry, but the older edifice which stands so nearly adjacent, and is so picturesque a



THE CHAPEL.