

happily been restored, for until the time of the late Baroness North its beauties had been concealed by coatings of white paint. There is a remarkable oak mantel-piece, and the panelling is noteworthy. Here may be seen the letter of protection granted by Charles I. to the then Earl of Downe. Here, too, are preserved the bag of the Lord Keeper

North, and remarkable hawking paraphernalia used by James I. on the occasion of his visit. The hall is lighted by two fine windows filled with armorial bearings in stained glass, which came from the ancient family seat of the Norths at Kirtling, Cambs, when the mansion there was pulled down in 1802. The walls are



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