

Extract from 'A History of Martin' by Edward Peacock, Vicar
1863
(With later additions)

'The only house in the parish of any architectural pretensions is that now the property of the Street family which they purchased a few years since, with 200 acres, of Lord Shaftesbury; the House presents a very good appearance from the road, having mullioned windows and very handsome chimneys. One of the windows in the front has been altered so as to form the front door: the original front door probably opened into the street: behind the house is a very large walled garden, now used more as a field, and cropped with turnips or vetches (?). Across the road are some very handsome outbuildings such as a large coach house (the doors of which have largely fallen to pieces from decay) and stables, and a good barn. Inside the House is not so good, the rooms being smaller and lower than would be expected.

There are stories connected with the house of a marvellous character that is was formerly haunted by the ghost of a Lord Shaftesbury, of which of them it is not now easy to determine; the story is that the old Lord used to appear and say "Right, Huss", Huss being some person of whom it was supposed he had not acted justly. A murder is also said to have been committed in one of the upper rooms, and the stains of blood can, it is said, still be seen.'

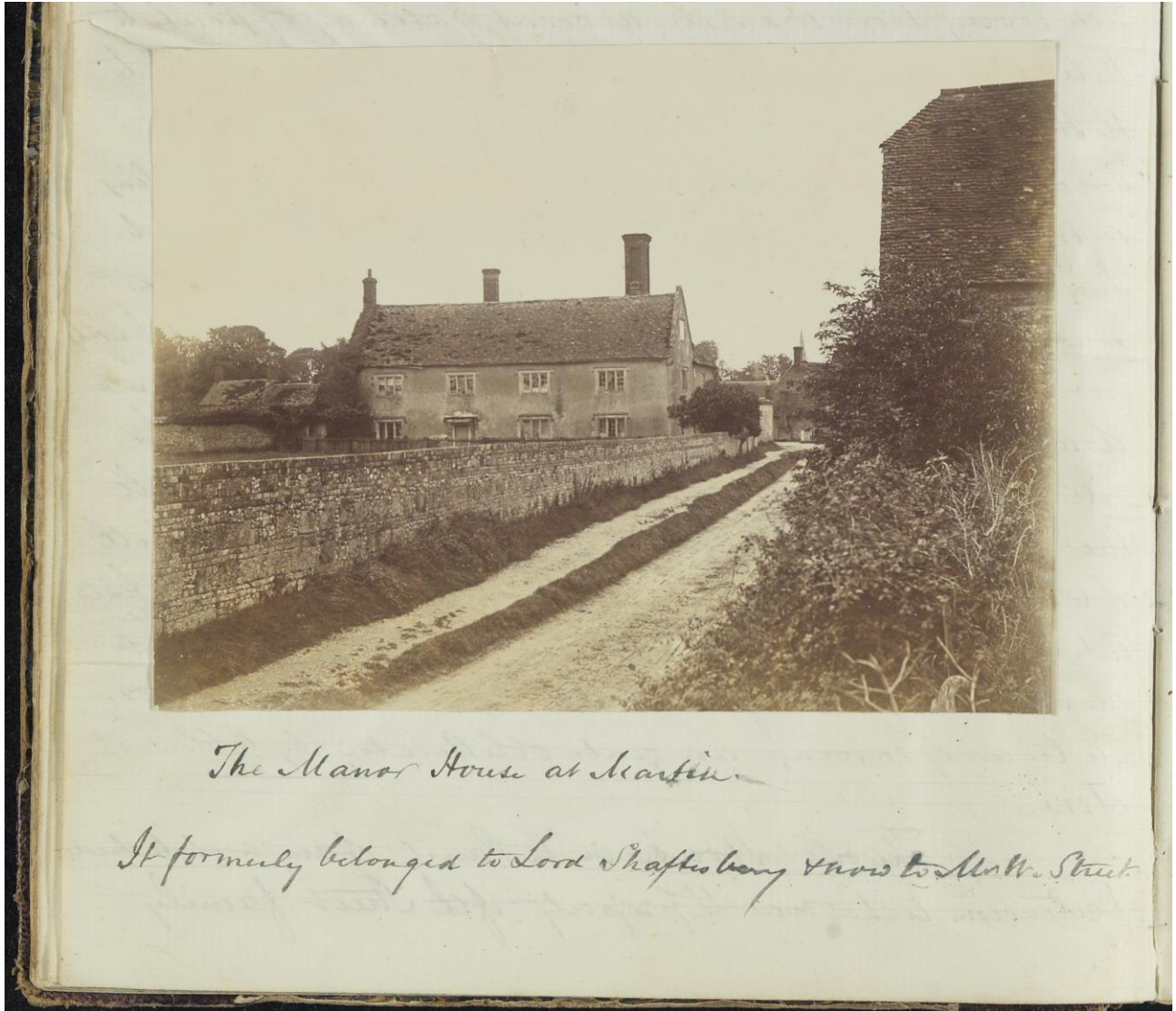
Note: The writers of the research on The Manor House, Colin and O-Lan Style, also quote from this History and make this note - 'Opposite this transcription is a photo entitled 'The Manor House at Martin'. This formerly belonged to Lord Shaftesbury and now to Mr Street.'

'The name of Street occurs as early as 1608. The family has lately purchased of Lord Shaftesbury his freehold property once that of the church...'

'The Parsonage House was built by subscription: amongst other subscribers Lord Shaftesbury contributed £100 and Matthias T. Hodding, (one of the chief copyholders under the lessee of the Bishop,) the ground for the House, Garden and field: the estimated cost of the House was £800, but the present incumbent has probably spent no small sum in making it

complete as it has been built about ten years...'

The photo below is from the Rev. Peacock's book, which also contains several hand drawn illustrations.



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