

### Note to Paper on Wheathampstead Place.

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Since the visit of our Society to Wheathampstead Place Mr. C. H. Lattimore has died. An opportunity being kindly offered by his representatives, on the clearance of the various apartments of the house, I ascended to the attics. The roof, running from west to east, offered no special features of interest, and seemed of later construction than that running from south to north; inducing the belief that the house originally consisted, as might be expected from comparison with other mediæval examples, of one large hall, to which subsequent additions had been made. For here I found a roof nearly corresponding in character with the one illustrated from the "Wayside Chapel," with tie-beam formed out of one massive piece of timber, and with a king-post and collar, as there seen; the only apparent difference being in the richness of the king-post, which at Wheathampstead Place lacks the rich cap seen in the other example, though it possesses a carved base, now much mutilated. The character of the work would lead me to date it before the time of Sir John Brocket, and place this part of the house at the same date as the roof of the Wayside Chapel, indeed, in the period when the Macris and Bostocks were dwellers in the parish.

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NOTE.—The picture of Wheathampstead Place, drawn by the Rev. Canon Davys, has been kindly presented to the Society by him.