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Miss Lewis

Hollington House
Hastings



Waltham Green

1835

Northcote Manor

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I have heard it declared authoritatively
that there is no such street
as "Handgate Street" in Hastings
that no one in the place
ever heard of it - but if so,
it is strange -

Please do not put yourself
to any trouble or inconvenience
to answer these questions, but
you may possibly know some
old inhabitants of the place
who could ^{supply the information} ~~answer the questions~~
without difficulty -

Yours truly
Alfred King.

I hope Mr. Lewis keeps fairly
well -

2, Upper Terrace,
Hampstead.

Nov: 15 - 1886.

Dear Miss Lewis -

Our kind friends Miss Coates
& Miss James have told me
that they think you would not
mind my troubling you with a
few enquiries as to Hollington,
& certain places & streets in
Hastings, about which I am
interested just now, because of
some literary work I am
engaged in. Charles Lamb,
in fact, once stayed at Hastings,
& had various correspondents
there, & it is to explain certain

allusions in his letters that
I am seeking this information.
Perhaps you are aware that
there are several descriptions
of Hollington Church (as it
was in his day) in his already
published correspondence; but
I have a still more humorous
one, in a letter of his that
is now in my hands, that
I hope to print for the
first time in my forth-
coming edition of the
letters. Do you know of any
print, or drawing, of the
church as it was nearly 300
years ago - or can you refer me to any
description or account of it?
It seems to have struck Lamb's
fancy in a very remarkable
degree -
Also, could you find out for
me whether there is, or ever was,
a street in Hastings called
"Standgate Street" - and also
whether the following streets
are still in existence:-
Blucher Row
Pring
Hastings.
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4 Meadow Cottages
Hastings.