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have been slowly acquired after long, and strenuous
search, from records - drawings and accurate true
descriptions given to me by old men; who have long
since died! They not only gave to me in former
years their drawings in detail; but also the remembered
descriptions, of those who went before them - architects
builders, and others.

These old plans and descriptions, as well as the
references to designs of other houses of like construction
all verified the very full information imparted so often to
me by my dear parents, in younger days; of their remem-
brance of their own, and also their parents homes.

So, I venture to affirm that these illustrations
made and collected by me in various ways, are
about as correct, and trustworthy, as years of
long and earnest investigation - search and
toil in collecting; could make them; in
both form and colour.

This I again repeat, that in the future
there may be no misconception.