

# CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY c1160



Green Court Gate by LL Razé c1845.



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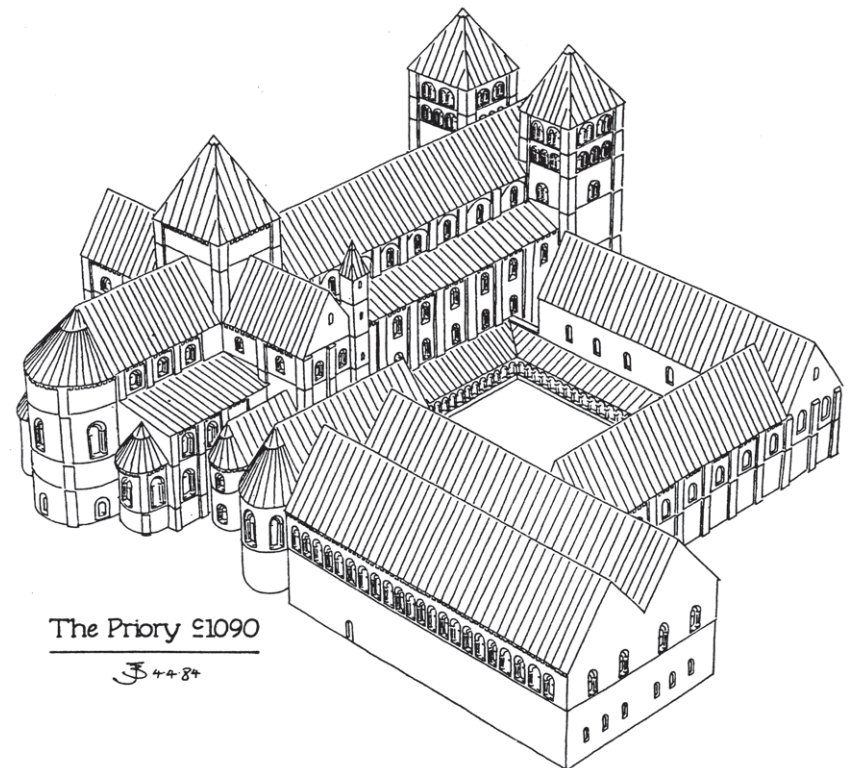
In the 1160s (ie during the time of the archiepiscopate of Thomas Becket) a special map was made of the Cathedral and its surrounding Benedictine Priory buildings to show the newly erected aqueduct and its associated system of pipes, cisterns and drains. This unique map, which was probably made on the orders of the Prior who had installed the waterworks (Wibert, 1151–67) is now bound into the great 12th century Canterbury (Eadwine) Psalter which has been at Trinity College, Cambridge since the end of the 16th century (Ms R. 17.1). The map is extremely accurate and was first studied in detail by Professor Robert Willis (*Archaeologia Cantiana* VII, 1868). His tracing of the map, made in 1867, is used here. The original map is coloured up to show the difference between pipes and drains as well as the difference between lead and tile roofs, walls and trees etc. The map is also annotated with latin inscriptions which give both the names of the major buildings and explain details in the waterworks system.

Over the last few years the Canterbury Archaeological Trust has studied and recorded many of these 12th century buildings in detail, and the bird's eye drawing is a new reconstruction of the Priory at this time made by John Bowen. It uses both the waterworks drawing and surviving architectural/archaeological remains, and all the major buildings have been identified with a key.

The mid 12th century Priory grew out of the new Benedictine Priory buildings founded by Archbishop Lanfranc in 1070. The smaller drawing reconstructs the Cathedral, cloister, chapter house, great dormitory, refectory and cellarium which were known to have been built in Lanfranc's lifetime.

Tim Tatton-Brown, April 1984

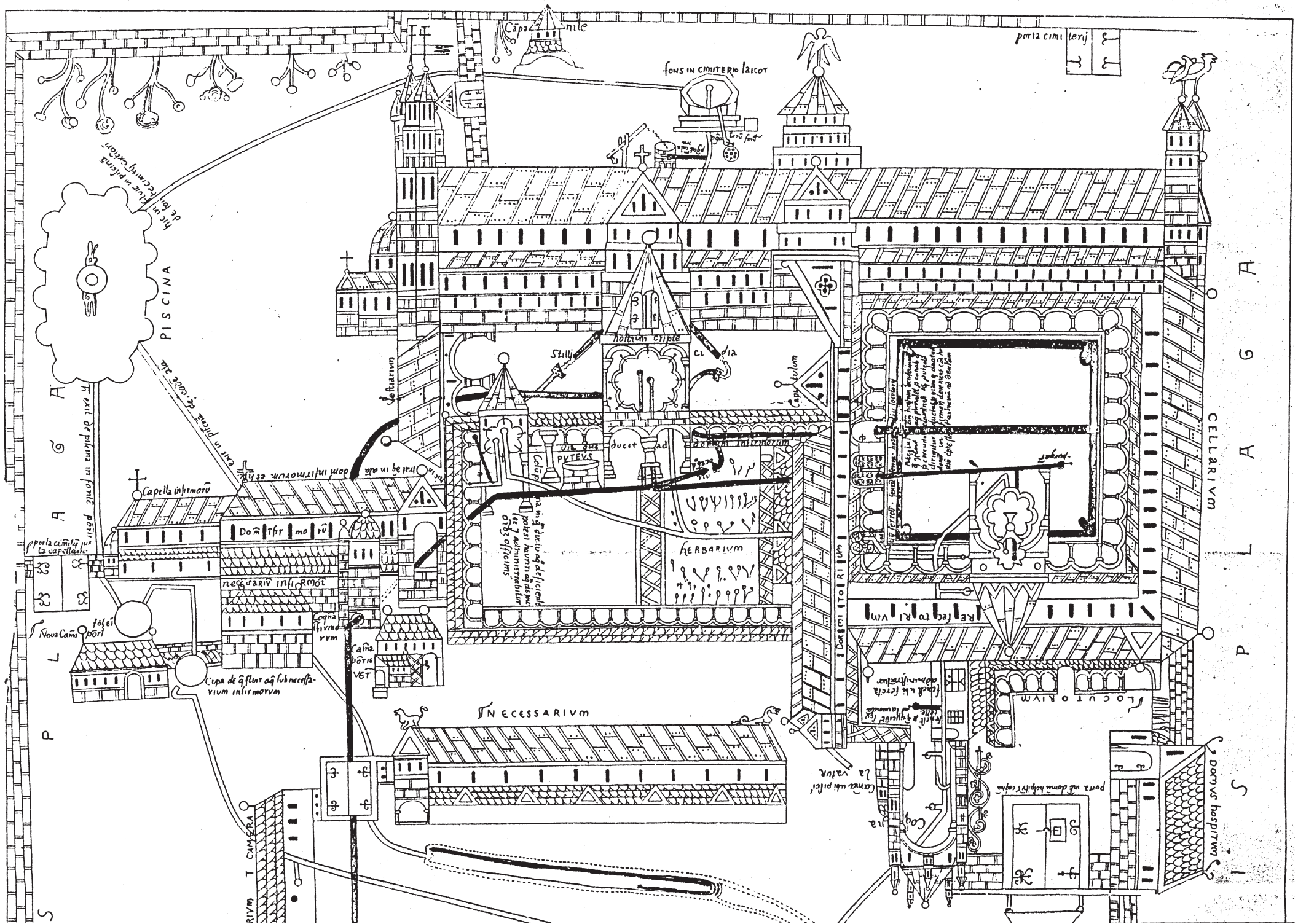
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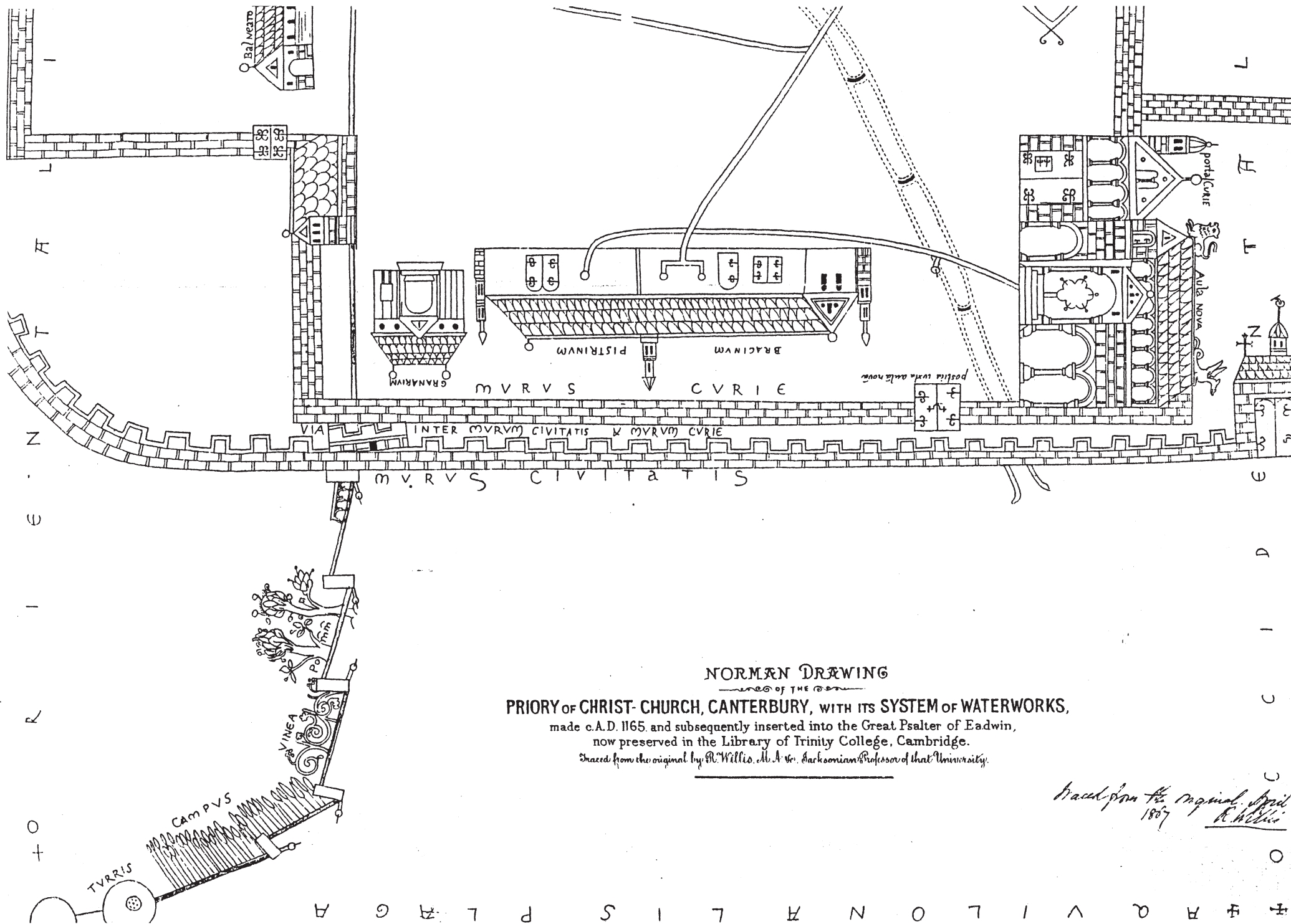


The Priory £1090

£448\*







# NORMAN DRAWING

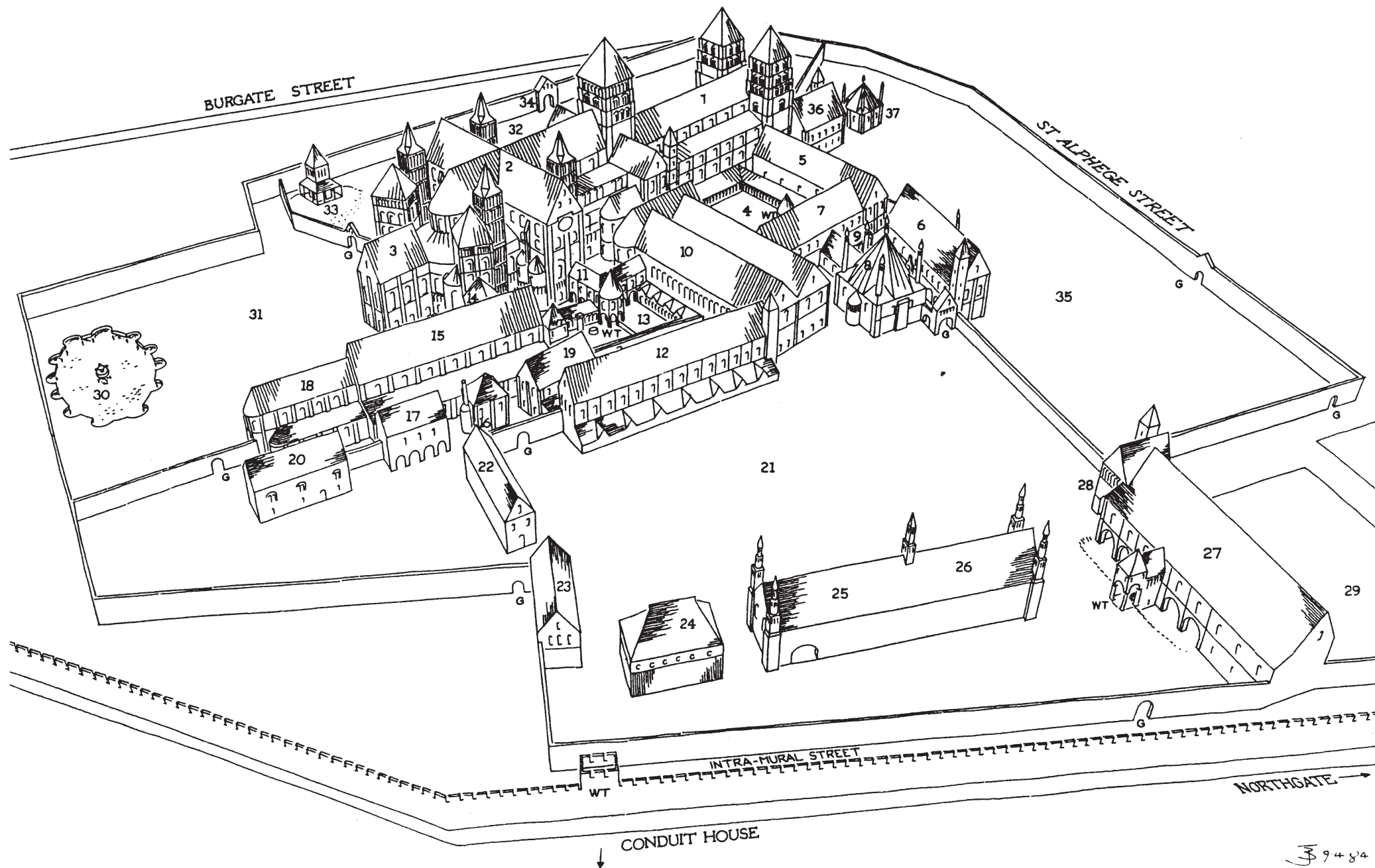
## PRIORY OF CHRIST-CHURCH, CANTERBURY, WITH ITS SYSTEM OF WATERWORKS,

made c.A.D. 1165. and subsequently inserted into the Great Psalter of Eadwin,  
now preserved in the Library of Trinity College, Cambridge.

Traced from the original by R. Willis, M.A. &c. Jacksonian Professor of that University.

Traced from the original. April  
1867 R. Willis





**1** Nave **2** Choir **3** Trinity Chapel **4** Great Cloister **5** Cellarer's Range **6** Guest Hall **7** Refectory **8** Kitchen **9** Locutory **10** Great Dormitory **11** Night Passage **12** Necessarium **13** Herb Garden **14** Vestry/Treasury  
**15** Infirmary Hall **16** Infirmary Kitchen **17** Infirmary Necessarium **18** Infirmary Chapel **19** Prior's Old Camera **20** Prior's New Camera **21** Outer (Green) Court **22** Bath-house and Camera **23** Barn **24** Granary  
**25** Bakehouse **26** Brewhouse **27** North (New) Hall **28** Court Gate **29** Almonry **30** Fish Pond **31** Monks' Cemetery **32** Lay Cemetery **33** Bell Tower **34** Cemetery Gate **35** Archbishop's Outer Court  
**36** Archbishop's Great Hall **37** Archbishop's Kitchen **WT** Water Tower **G** Gate