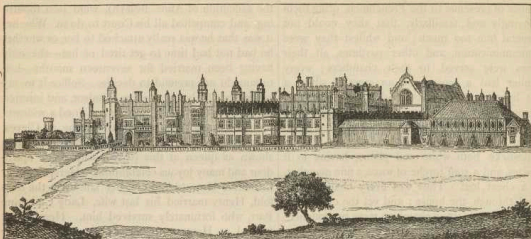


"Fair Geraldine" was born and nurtured in Ireland. As above stated, her father was Earl of Kildare, her mother allied to the blood royal :

"Her sire an Earl, her dame of Prince's blood."

fourteen or fifteen, as it appears from contemporary dates ; and Surrey says very clearly,

"She wanted years to understand  
The grief that I did feel."



HAMPTON COURT, AS FINISHED BY KING HENRY VIII.  
(From a Drawing by Hollar, Engraved by J. Pys, and published by the Society of Antiquaries.)

She was brought up (through motives of compassion after the misfortunes of her family) at Hunsdon, in Hertfordshire, with the Princesses Mary and Elizabeth, where Surrey, who frequently

But even then her budding charms made him confess, as he beautifully expresses it,

"How soon a look may print a thought,  
That never may remove !"



OLD HAMPTON COURT. (From an ancient Painting.)

visited them in company with the young Duke of Richmond,\* first beheld her :

"Hunsdon did first present her to mine eyes."

She was then extremely young, not more than

The garden here has also been generally credited with being the scene of the following story :—  
"Henry Carey, cousin to Queen Elizabeth, after having enjoyed her Majesty's favour for many years, lost it in the following manner :—As he was walking one day, lost in thought, in the palace garden, under the queen's window, the latter perceived him, and asked him in a joking way what

\* Natural brother of the Princesses ; he was the son of Henry VIII., by Lady Talbot.