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Kilgerran

Castle

1176

Robert de Belesme erected a fortress of some kind at Kilgerran in the last decade of the 11th century. During the 50 years which centred in 1200 this castle was the scene of constant battles between English and Welsh. It was captured and recaptured in 1164, 1165, 1199, 1204, 1215, 1222. When Richard Wilson painted his beautiful picture of Le Chateau de Kilgerran some time about the middle of the 18th century it would have been scarcely possible to have found a fairer scene, but unfortunately the Teivy at this point winds through slate rock, and man has taken advantage of this and thereby ruined the landscape with hideous tips of shale. The remains of the castle, which was built by William Marshall, Earl of Pembroke, of whose Palatinate it formed part, are very considerable and it is nearly impossible to examine the same as the inhabitants appear to use the ruins as a public latrine.

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