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"This place is remarkable in history as the scene of a slaughter committed in 1210, by Rhys and Owain ab Gruffydd, at the head of a chosen band of three hundred men, on a Superior body of English and Welsh troops, under the command of their uncle Maelgwyn, whom John King of England had reinforced with a body of auxiliaries, to aid him in recovering possession of the estates wrested from him by Llewelyn ab Iorwerth, the reigning prince of North Wales, and by him given to Maelgwyn's nephews, who, unable to meet in open combat the force under their uncle's command, here approached his camp secretly by night, and, furiously rushing upon his unarmed soldiers, slew many of them, and compelled the rest, among whom was Maelgwyn himself, to seek safety by flight."

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This parish was the scene of a battle between Maelgwyn and his nephews, which is thus related by Dr Powel. "Maelgon came to the king's (John) court, and became the king's man, who, returning home with a great number of Normans, and Englishmen, joined to them all the power he could make in Wales; and contrary to the oath that he had made to his nephews Rees and Owen, began to spoil their country, and coming to Cantref Penwedig, encamped at Alkennigh, and lay there all night consulting upon his voyage. In the mean time his nephews hearing this, having but a small power, not above 300 of chosen men, came and lodged hard by, unknowing to their enemies. And when they understood by their spies that all was quiet in Maelgon's campe, and how that his men mistrusting nothing behaved themselves carelesly, these two lords prosecuted boldly

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the enterprise which they had taken in hand, and peaceably entering the campe, did come where they thought Maelgon lay, and for ever they were espied they gave alarm, and slew a great number before they awoke: and the rest, hearing the noise, half asleep, by means of the darkness escaped away, thinking some great power had been there. But Maelgon's men defended them manfully, until such time as their lord had gotten upon his feet, and escaped away by benefite of the night." This happened A.D. 1210