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Summerhill

House

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There are some walls of this old house incorporated in the comparatively modern farm. Fenton, p. 147, declares without hesitation that Capt. Francis Edwardes of Summer Hill held Roch Castle during a smart siege for the King. The only siege of Roch recorded in Phillips' Civil War in Wales took place in 1644. This year Lord Carbery garrisoned Roch Castle for King, but it surrendered to the Parliament without striking a blow after Haverfordwest opened its gates to Col. Laugharne. Subsequently "Charles Gerard, General of His Majesty's forces in those parts, on Sunday se'nnight assaulted and took Roch Castle, a very considerable place with a booty of 500 head of oxen and 2000 sheep, all which the rebels had ordained for themselves and for their brethren." So it is pretty clear that if Captain Francis Edwardes ever held Roch during a siege it was for Parliament and not for King. There is no Francis Edwardes mentioned in Peacock's Army Lists of Roundheads and Cavaliers, 1642, but serving in the Artillery under Fairfax we find a Major and a Captain Edwardes, pp. 105 and 106. Perhaps the latter was the man.