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Nevern

Castle 1600

Though this fortification is invariably spoken of as Nevern (or Llanhyver) Castle, it is in truth an earthwork which has been modified. Two thirds of the circumference is protected with an unusually strong foss and vallum - the latter forming a sort of curtain wall, the other third is defended by a natural declivity scarped. In the south west of the camp is an earthen fortalice, or tump which takes the place of a donjon in Norman stonework. As there are several camps more or less corresponding with Nevern Castle, and varying greatly from the ordinary Pembrokeshire castle work, and as these are in the immediate neighbourhood of Nevern, this castle assumes importance since we can give an approximate date to its reconstruction: that is to say the latter years of the 11th century.

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