

Wax impression of the silver seal found 1807, Oval, Virgin + child: Sicut illi (name of Abbot erased) ABBIS DE STRATA FLORIDA C13th. orig in BM

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Confusion exists as to when the existing Abbey replaced the original structure. Dugdale's Monasticon states "the present structure was built... by the Abbot, in the reign of Edward I... in 1294... but the structure raised by Rhys ap Iffrith (in 1164) stood two miles from this... (and is) called hen monacholoy." This is substantiated by Meyrick (1810) and Lewis (1833).

The O.S. card states that the original site 'was founded' in 1164 by Robert Fitz Stephen. In 1184 the house was refounded on the present site. The W.O. booklet (see D.R.F. 2043) agrees with this and suggests the present structure was completed in 1235. It also adds that severe damage was sustained by the church in 1295 and consequently repaired.

After the Dissolution the site was taken over by John Steedman Esq, and later became the property of the Powell family.

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