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Rickeston Hall

Manor House 2736

Once the residence of a branch of the house of Sir Rhys ap Thomas, whose great-grandson married the heiress of Perrott of Scotsborough, near Tenby, and removed there. Fenton says: "I was told by some of the old inhabitants, who had heard it from their fathers, that in the court (Rickeston) had been seen 3 or 4 coaches-and-six at a time and the family were known to attend the parish church of Brawdy in such an equipage." The old manor house is now completely in ruins, a modern residence having been largely built of its materials a short distance to the north of its site. An escutcheon, now much weathered, which was said to have been formerly part of the decoration of the portico of the old mansion, has been built into the front of the present cart house. It bears the arms of Sir Rhys ap Thomas - a chevron between three ravens. John Gibbon, aged 83, now living at Solva, relates the following legend: During the lifetime of the last "Price" of Rickeston, his steward murdered his shepherd in the field on the farm known as Rhos Monk. Price, although he knew the steward was guilty of murder, defended him, and in consequence of this offence he "never afterwards had any luck." Still Thomas ap Rhys, or Price, seems to have lived happily enough at Scotsborough, and probably lies with his wife under a monument erected to her memory in Tenby Church by him.

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