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87B No. 29 Dale Castle 3003

The first mention of Dale is in a charter granted to Robertus de Vale, empowering him to hold a weekly market at his manor of Vale in Pembs. December 5th 1293. Rot Chart ac 22, Edward I, pass unica No. 33. This market was held in Dale meadow. George Owen, Cymmrodorion edition 144 states that it took place on Wednesdays. Another Robert of Dale acted as bard and prophet to Sir Rhys ap Thomas 1485. How much longer the Vales retained possession is not known. The next owners recorded are the Walters of Roch and Rhosmarket, who left a portrait of their kinswoman, Lucy, in the house. They sold to the Paynters, who carried off the picture, which is now at Portclew near Lamphey. This family sold to the Allens, whose heiress, Elinor, married John Lloyd, great-grandfather of the present owner, Roderic Vaughan Lloyd-Philipps Esq. The south wing of Dale Castle is part if not the whole of the original building. The lower part is vaulted; the floor above the vaulting is used as a stable, and the floor above that as a corn loft and man-servant's room. Probably the original building was a small oblong block of buildings. The north wing was built by the late Mr. Lloyd-Philipps.

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