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Pwllcrochan

Church and yard 3223

The dedication to St. Mary suggests that this church is of Norman origin, though from an inscription on the north-east angle of the chapel it appears to have been rebuilt in the year 1342. Fenton incorrectly quotes this inscription, which runs as follows:

Anno : Dni : MIII : XLII

Erat : ista : ecla : constructa : de : novo

Cu : capella : ista : per : Dnm

Radlm : Beniger : eoda

Rectore : hujus : eccloe : qo

Rexit : eclam : P annos

This Rector was probably of the Bangeston family; he lies buried within the church. In the churchyard during the month of March 1648, a skirmish took place between two companies of Royalist soldiers who had been sent from Bristol and two troops of horse and 100 foot commanded by Col. Poyer. The Royalists were defeated but allowed to march with their arms to Cardiff. The same day Poyer beset Henllan House and very nearly captured Roger Lort of Stackpole who was just then a Royalist; Mr. White the owner, who was also at time a king's man; and Lieut. Gen. Flemming. However, these gentlemen managed to escape by water. Fenton, 396. Anonymous letter without name or address printed in the Perfect Weekly Account, 5-12 April (K.P. 359, 20, 26) quoted by Mr. Roland Phillips in Civil War in Wales, vol. II, 394.