

61. No. 4 Haroldston Old Mansion 3355

The seat of the Harolds and the Perrots. It came by a Perrot marriage to the Packingtons. It was the birthplace of Sir John Perrot. The mansion was of large extent, in the form of a square, but not built for defence. The only remnant of the older house is a small square tower, called the Steward's Tower, which was inhabited not long ago. The cock-pit can still be seen in a field at the north of the house where two roads meet. Addison visited the house when it was occupied by Lady Betty Rich. See Arch. Camb. III, x, 345.

Another Perrot home, more conspicuous than Scotsborough, but in an even sorrier state is **Haroldston (20)**, just outside Haverfordwest, home of Henry VIII's illegitimate son, Sir John Perrot. This important ruin has been well cleared in recent years but has subsequently suffered both from structural collapse and vandalism at various points of the scattered complex. Even so, this is a very worthwhile site to visit as it has a number of typical features including an adjoining tower house (known as the Steward's Tower) and the usual barrel-vaulted cellar which evidently lay beneath the hall. Until its collapse in recent years, a particularly tall square chimney formed a notable feature. George Owen, the great Pembrokeshire historian of the Elizabethan period, mentions that Sir Thomas Perrot first introduced pheasant into the country in the pleasure grounds of Haroldston.