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Boulston

Ruins of mansion

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Old home of the Wogans. Fenton, 232, 233, 234. Little England, 299, 306, 423. Official Progress of the Duke of Beaufort, 278. Dale Castle MSS.

"The ruins of the old mansion of Boulston, formerly Bulston, the residence of the ancient family of the Wogans, adjacent to the grounds."

T. Nicholas 1872

Within three miles of Haroldston lies another great ruined mansion, **Boulston (21)**, which is situated on the east bank of the Western Cleddau, just opposite Hook. This massive and overgrown mansion is both inaccessible and, once located, difficult to interpret. The river gateways are still clearly defined, whilst remains of stone mullions are visible on the highest section of wall remaining. Boulston was the home of the Wogan family, (one of Pembrokeshire's most important, until their downfall at the time of the Restoration) and the ruins, despite their astonishingly damp situation, indicate that originally this was almost a small castle formed by two adjacent towers rather than a purely domestic structure. Just upstream the ruined **church** still contains shattered Wogan monuments.