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Upton

Castle 3487

Upton (formerly Oucheston or Okneton) was probably built by the Malephants. In 1439, Margaret, widow of Thomas Mallefaunt, was abducted from Upton by a follower of Grufudd ap Nicholas. (Rot. Parl, Vol. V, page 14). Soon after "Ywein, second son (of said Grufudd) married Alce, co-heiress to Henry Malefant of Upton". (Dale Castle MSS); she was granddaughter of the abducted Margaret. The descendants of Ywein, or Owen, and Alce became Bowens of Upton where they flourished for many generations. When the modern house was built in the early days of the present century, such portions of the old castle as still remained were incorporated in the house. They consist of an entrance gateway with two flank towers and some other unimportant chambers, which have been converted into offices. See Fenton, 247. Arch. Camb. IV, x. Little England, 212, 299.