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Castle 3493

Locally pronounced CARY (Welsh CAERAU). From hence spring Carews, Carews, Careys and Fitzgeralds, who are found the world over, descendants of Gerald de Windsor and Nest, the fair daughter of Rhys ap Tewdwr. This couple are supposed to have founded Carew Castle, but if any of their work exists it must be sought for among the subterranean chambers lately opened up by Mr. and Mrs. Trollope. The west front of the castle is certainly Edwardian, and the remainder may be ascribed to Sir Rhys ap Thomas and Sir John Perrot. The well-known coat-of-arms over the doorway above the stairs has been identified by Mr. Egerton Allen as the bearings of Queen Mary, and was no doubt put up in her honour when Sir John Perrot was made Governor, about 1558. An interesting account of the tournament held at Carew Castle by Sir Rhys ap Thomas will be found in the Cambrian Register, I, 49. See also Fenton, 244, 251, 250, 267, 268, 271, 270, 253, 250, 272, 252, 268. Arch. Camb. II, iii, 121; II, iii, 195; III, v, 199; II, v, 212; IV, xi, 340; III, xi, 122.