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Slebech

Site of Commandery 3592

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The modern mansion of Slebech is built on a site formerly occupied by the Commandery of St. John of Jerusalem, founded before 1301 (Fenton, 289). See a series of articles by Mr. Roger Rees, Arch. Camb. V, xiv, xv, xvi. At the dissolution of the monasteries this religious house fell to Sir Roger Barlow. It was forfeited by his descendant, John Barlow (the Church Papist) and settled by an Ordinance of Parliament on Major-General Rowland Laugharne and his heirs, as a reward for his distinguished conduct in 1645. When Laugharne espoused the royal side, Slebech was again confiscated, and granted to Colonel Horton in 1649. At the Restoration, this property reverted to the Barlows. The old house was eventually pulled down 1774 (circa) and the present mansion erected by Mrs. Symmons, the last direct descendant of Sir Roger Barlow.

founded by Wigo, Walter, brothers. Speed, Hist of Great Britain.