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Near Plasrwn

Circular Earthwork 3719

Pen-y-Gaer, or Llandewi Gaer, is a more ambitious work than the last, but appears never to have been completed. It stands on the spur of a hill about 1/4 mile to the eastward of Caerau Gaer. Across the neck of the spur are three parallel banks, which must have been at least 20 feet high, and in front of each bank a ditch. From the top of one bank to the top of the next measures about 90 feet. They form a triple line of defence across the level ground. From this line of banks to the points of the hill eastward, and overlooking the valley the rock has been scarped up about 25 feet in height and 100 yards in length, and in the centre is the entrance up an inclined plane; it seems as if the intention had been to carry this scarp round the hill to meet the banks first mentioned. Can these camps be the Arberth mentioned in the Mabinogion? It would well suit the description. Fenton, 478.

LAND USED AS ROUGH PASTURE FOR BEEF  
CATTLE. NO RECENT DAMAGE APPARENT.  
BADGER SETTE IN SOUTH WEST CORNER -  
SOME MINING ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED

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