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St. Margaret's Island

Chapel (?)

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A considerable block of ruins, which at one time was converted into quarrymen's cottages. The buildings form three sides of a rectangle. In the east wall of the eastern wing are two round chimneys. The northern one is well built, the southern one is taller, but of poor masonry. Near this latter is a pointed arch, now closed up, and near the north chimney is the hollow of a large window. Inside the west chamber are three corbels and three loops; there may be more of the latter covered up. The only doorway which shows signs of antiquity is in the west chamber. This is very narrow, and the spring of a pointed arch yet remains. Fenton (p. 460) writes of the ruins of a large chapel, presumably this building, but no clear proof of ecclesiastical user now remains. The island of St. Margaret's is part of the manor of Penally. About 25 years ago it was cut in two by a tidal wave. Human bones have been found on it.