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Stackpole Elidor

Church, Inscribed
Stone and Monument 593-4

Who the saint may have been from whom the founder of the house of Stackpole and his church took their name is doubtful, for though four Elidors are recorded, not one of them is termed Saint. On a rough stone "used as altar slab in chantry, on south side of chancel of church" is inscribed in debased Latin capitals CAMELORIGI FILI FANNUC. In the church of Cheriton or Stackpole Elidor is an effigy of a knight in armour under a stone canopy on an altar tomb, which is decorated with figures. This effigy is believed to represent Elidur de Stackpole, but as it is clad in mail and plate which did not come into vogue until the latter half of the 13th century, it could not well be intended for Elidur, who was a grown man in 1168. Besides this tomb there are monuments to two priests and a lady. The walls of the church were adorned with stencil drawings, but they were too much decayed for preservation. Arch. Camb. II, iii, 70; III, vii, 137; IV, xi, 339; V, xiii, 301. Fenton, 423. Little England, 140.

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