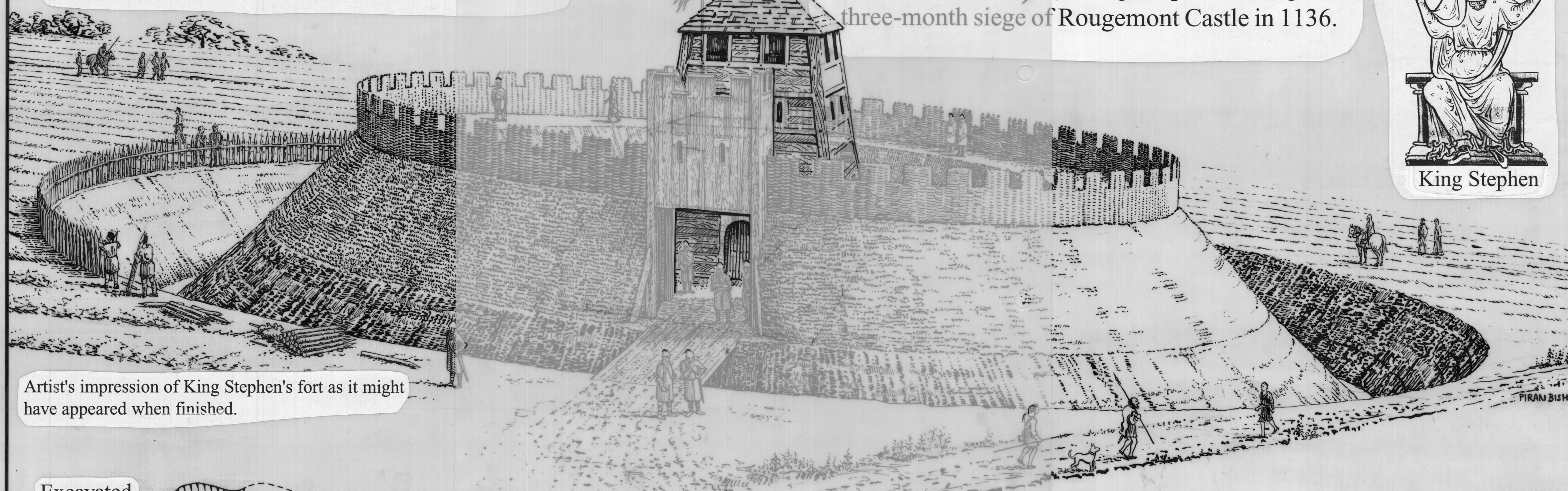


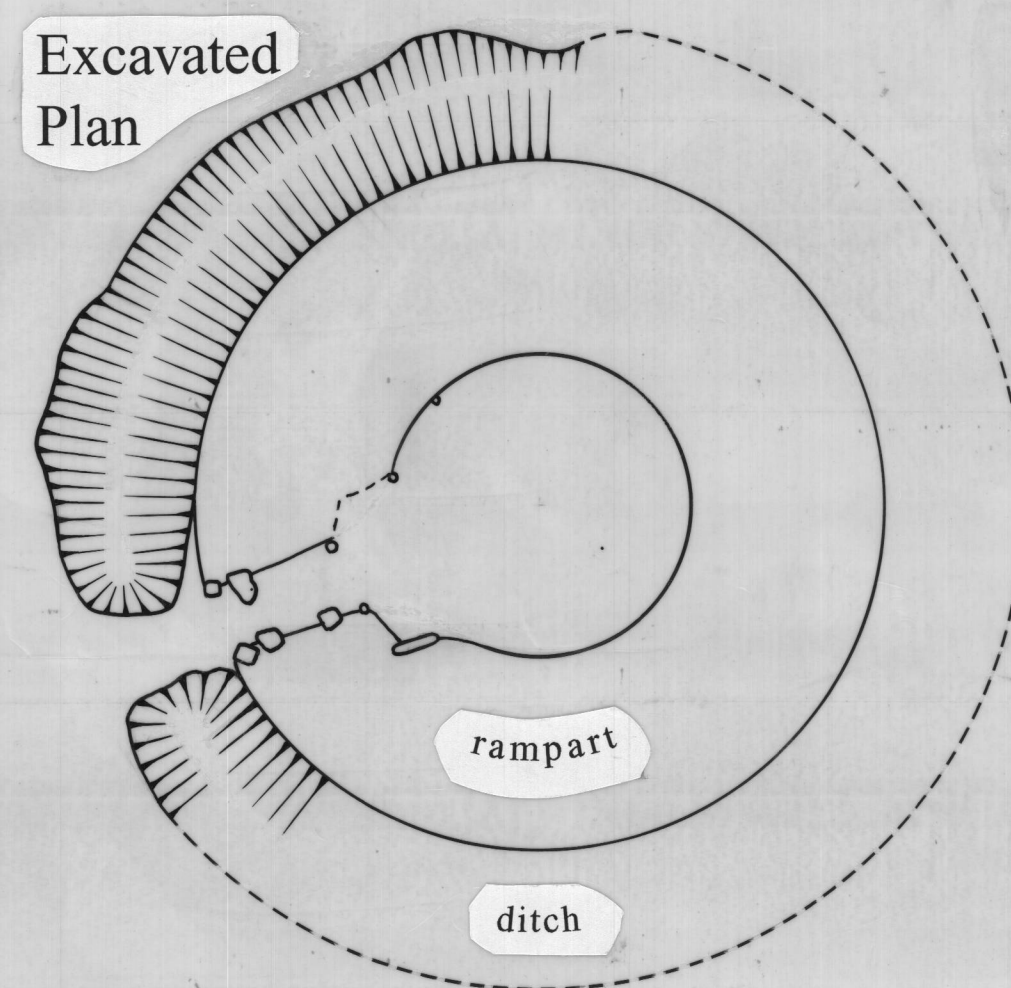
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DANES CASTLE

Danes Castle is a Norman earthwork fort believed to have been built by King Stephen during his three-month siege of Rougemont Castle in 1136.



Artist's impression of King Stephen's fort as it might have appeared when finished.



Called New Castle in the Middle Ages, the monument was known as Danes Castle by 1700. In 1852 it was incorporated into an embankment surrounding the Danes Castle Reservoir. The fort was uncovered again in 1993 during the construction of a new reservoir by South West Water, who sponsored excavation of the site by Exeter Museums Archaeological Field Unit.

The fort was never finished, foundation pits for a timber gatehouse having been dug but not utilised before construction work ceased, probably at the conclusion of Stephen's successful siege of Rougemont during a rebellion in the South West soon after his accession to the throne.

This site is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and the earthworks are protected by law.

