



Tisbury

The Arundell Helm

Unlike the great majority of Funerary helms, the Arundell helm, Made c.1550 at Nuremburg is a fighting helmet and was almost certainly worn by Thomas, first Lord Arundell of Wardour (1560 – 1639). The 'valient', who was created a Count of the Holy Roman Empire by the Emperor Rudolph II, for his services at the Battle of Gran in Hungary. At which he captured a Turkish standard in 1595. Censured by Queen Elizabeth I for his temerity in accepting a foreign title. He received an English barony from James I in 1605.

Adapted as a funerary helm, this piece of armour would have been surmounted by the family's Crest. A wolf passant argent. Made of painted wood. This has long since vanished.

The Arundell Helm was restored at the Tower armouries
In memory of John sixteenth and last Lord Arundell of Wardour.
Captain Second battalion, the Wiltshire Regiment
Taken prisoner of war in Belgium in 1940 he was finally imprisoned
in Colditz after several attempts to escape Repatriated owing to illness
due to his privations he died at Chester on the 28th September, 1944
before he could read his much loyed home
a gallant representative of an illustrious family.

R.I.P.

Source: St John's Church, Tisbury