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Hi Karen!

Am happy to help in regards to the animal in the over-mantle question. We believe the animal is most likely a wild boar, though the marble mantle in Houghton Hall in England that is very similar to the Drayton Hall mantle (both came from Plate 64 of William Kent's The Designs of Inigo Jones) is a fox. We aren't sure if the carvers here were trying to create a fox and ended up with more of a boar or intentionally carved a boar? We will probably never know. The link below will take you to pictures of Houghton Hall and the magnificent marble mantle.

<http://willowbrookpark.blogspot.com/2013/01/the-great-country-estates-of-britain.html>

Sarah