



Considerations on the Preparatory Marks in the Stone Architecture and Decorative Sculpture of Romanesque Aquitaine (11th-12th Centuries)

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