

Castellum Huttonicum

**SOME NOTES ON THE CASTLE
AT
SHERIFF HUTTON**

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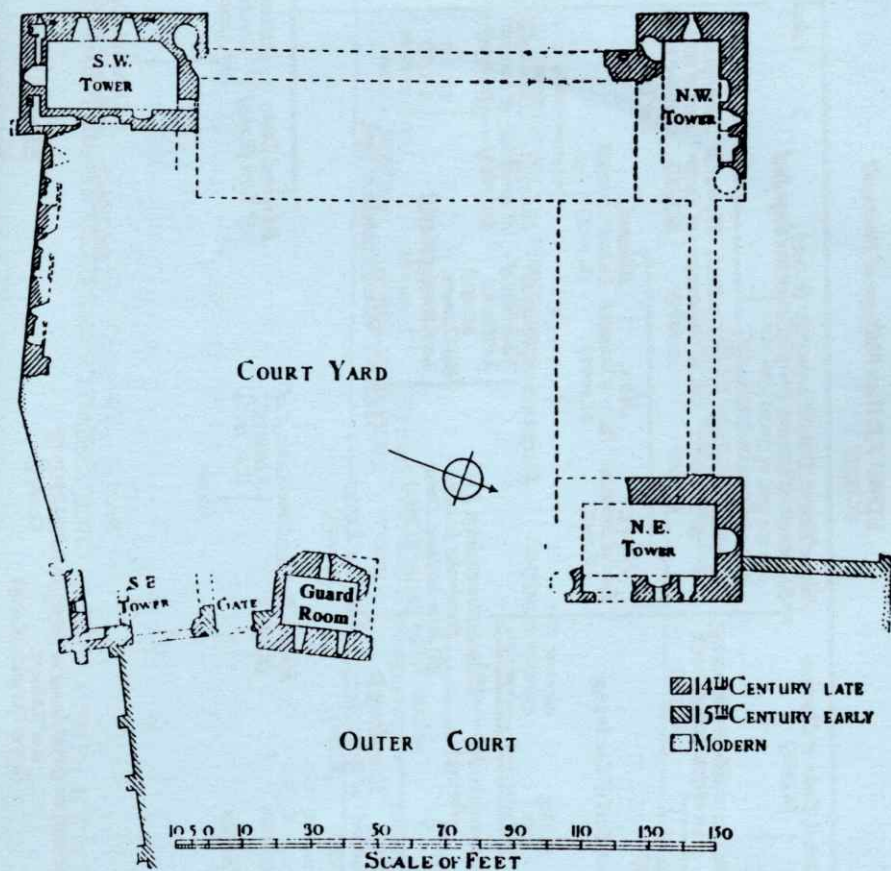
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This booklet is dedicated to the memory of my father, John K Howarth (1914-1990), who loved the castle and took great pleasure in sharing his knowledge of its history with many visitors from all over the world

GROUND PLAN OF SHERIFF HUTTON CASTLE



Source: *Victoria County History of the Counties of England: Yorkshire, North Riding*, Vol.2 (1968).

SUMMARY

- 1140 First Castle near the Church built by Sir Bertram de Bulmer, Sheriff of Yorkshire.
- 1382 Present Plantaganet Castle built by Ralph Neville, first Earl of Westmorland.
- 1450-71 Richard Neville, Warwick the Kingmaker, uses the Castle as a power-base during the Wars of the Roses.
- 1471 The Castle is given by Edward IV to his brother Richard, Duke of Gloucester (later Richard III) as a reward for his loyalty, after the disloyal Warwick's death at the Battle of Barnet. Richard is created Lord of the North with Sheriff Hutton as a base.
- 1483 Were the Princes in the Tower conveyed here and later killed by Henry VII? Earl Rivers, in prison here, writes his will.
- 1484 Richard III establishes Sheriff Hutton as a residence of his new Council of the North (and so it remains for over a century). Edward, Prince of Wales, dies and is buried at Sheriff Hutton.
- 1485 Castle used as a sanctuary by Richard III's relatives at the time of the Battle of Bosworth: Princess Elizabeth of York, Edward, Earl of Warwick, and others. After the battle the victorious Henry Tudor conveys Elizabeth to London. She becomes Queen and, later, mother of Henry VIII.
- 1489 Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey, appointed to the Council and lives here along with the nominal Lieutenant, Henry VIII's infant son, Prince Arthur.
- 1513 Howard returns to Sheriff Hutton to rest after the Battle of Flodden Field; his dukedom of Norfolk is restored.
- 1522 Poet Laureate, John Skelton, writes his poem 'A Crown of Laurel' at Sheriff Hutton.
- 1525 Henry Fitzroy, Duke of Richmond, becomes titular Lieutenant-General of the North, residing here.
- 1536 Thomas Howard, the younger, 3rd Duke of Norfolk, appointed to the Council, takes up residence here to quell uprisings against Henry VIII.
- 1573 Earl of Huntingdon attempts to repair Castle which has fallen into a state of deterioration.
- 1618 Castle has become a ruin and is assigned by James I to Thomas Lumsden, 'Gentleman of the Privy Chamber'.
- 1621 The Ingram family start to take control and to dismantle the Castle to build Sheriff Hutton Hall.
- 1666 Manor and Castle of Sheriff Hutton granted by Charles II to the Ingram family, with whom it remained until 1919.

- 1919 Mr B G Jagger buys the Castle for £100 from the family of Lord Halifax (lineal descendants of the Ingrams).
- 1940 Mr Wilfred Wagstaff (in whose family it remains) buys Castle Farm (including the Castle) from Mr Jagger.

ROYAL OWNERS OF THE CASTLE

- 1483 King Richard III
- 1485 King Henry VII
- 1509 King Henry VIII
- 1547 King Edward VI
- 1553 Queen Jane
- 1553 Queen Mary I
- 1558 Queen Elizabeth I
- 1603 King James I (VI of Scotland)