

## South View of Wigmore Castle in Hereford

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To the Right Honble. EDWARD Earl of Oxford and Mortimer & Baron Harley of Wigmore: Owner of the Castle.

My Lord Y<sup>r</sup>: Lords<sup>ps</sup>: most Obedt. & Oblig'd Serv<sup>ts</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. & Nath<sup>l</sup>. Buck.

This Castle was built by W<sup>m</sup>. Fitz Osborn Earl of Hereford & Lord of Wight; but ye Ground belong'd at that time with ye Manour to Randulph or Ralph (de Mortuo Mari or) Mortimer one of the K. W<sup>m</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup>. Captains and Knights who came from Normandy with him. Hugh de Mortimer his son founded & endow'd the Adjacent Priory about the year 1179. In the absence of Ralph the Grandson of High, this was plunder'd by the Welsh U most of the Building burnt; except the Church: but it was again restor'd by the Family. The Mortimer's of Wigmore were of great Dignity and distinction: Edmund de Mortimer Earl of March married Philippa only daughter & Heir of Lionel Duke of Clarence 2<sup>nd</sup> Son of K. Ed III. after which he was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland where he died, his Body was brought over & buried in the Church of this Monastery. It came thus into ye Crown, by whom it was in process of time given to ye Noble Family of Harley, who are Barons of Wigmore, Earls of Oxford and Mortimer.

S & N Buck Delin. et. Sculp<sup>t</sup>. 1731.