

Grand castle lost in a basement...

How it looked ... computer image of the stronghold in Sheffield



A "LOST" castle has been uncovered as one of the most important in medieval England. Sheffield Castle deserves a place alongside the Tower of London, say experts. Built in 1270

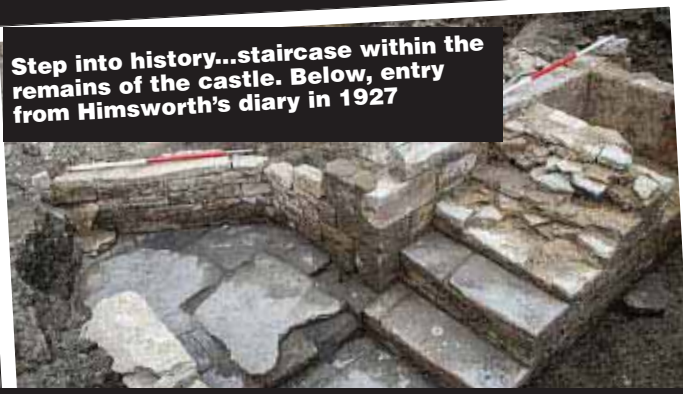
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and destroyed in the English Civil War its importance was ignored until 1927 when archaeologist Joseph Himsworth uncovered its

remains. But for years it has been hidden in a building's basement. Professor John Moreland, from Sheffield University, said: "This rich medieval history has largely been forgotten or ignored."

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Step into history...staircase within the remains of the castle. Below, entry from Himsworth's diary in 1927



THE UNCOVERING OF SHEFFIELD CASTLE SITE.

Oct 11 1927. Met Mr. G. Armstrong F.S.A. and Mr. Campbell on the site of Sheffield Castle, Exchange Street, where necessary excavating both straight and round in plan, both sections having a good finish. Had been uncovered when a trench was excavated for the foundations for basement premises (see the photographs of the remains).

