

# SOURCES

PEER INTO THE PAST

A historical source is something that tells us about life in the past, such as a document, a picture or an object. It may be a primary source, from the time, or a secondary source, created later. Our experts have chosen these sources to help you learn about Walmer Castle and Gardens' history.

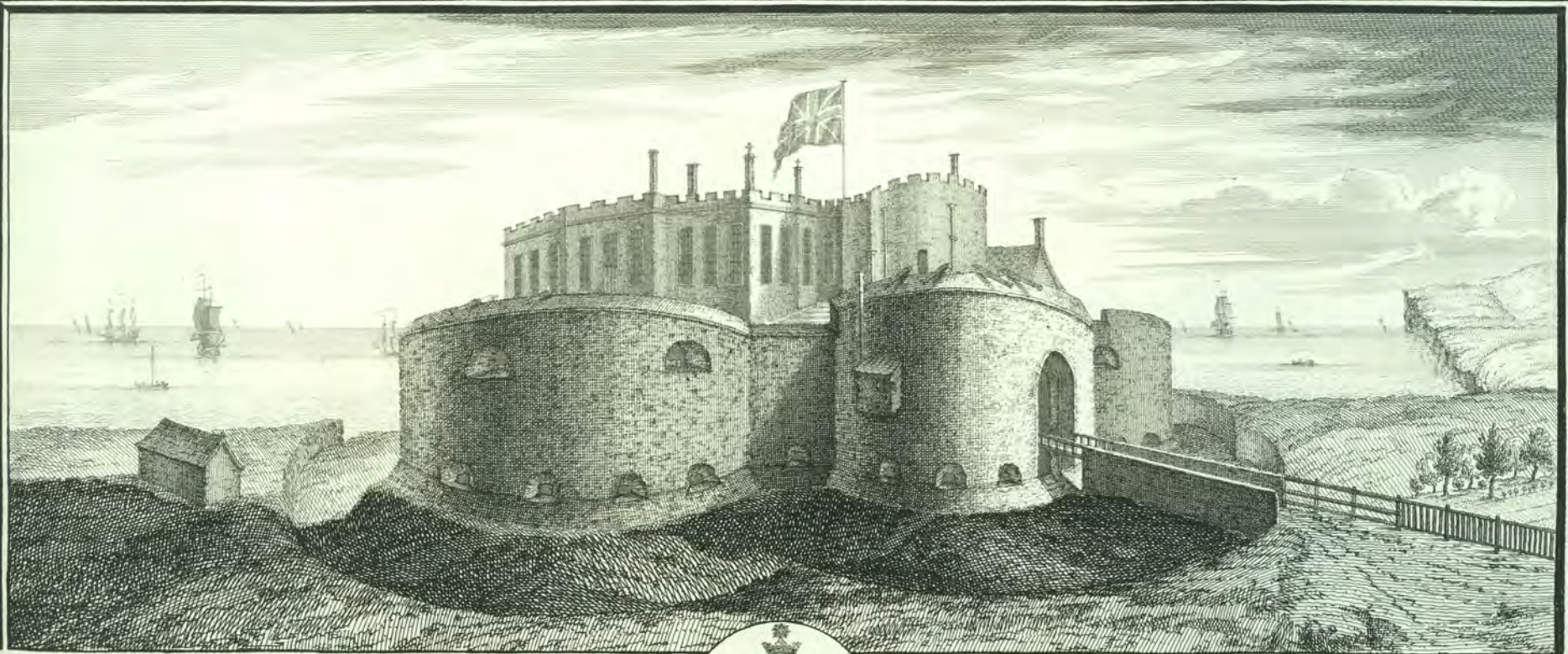
## SOURCE 1



A painting of the 'Three Castles of the Downs' showing Walmer (right), Deal (centre) and Sandown (above Deal), thought to be painted by Sir Martin Beckman in the later 17th century.



THE NORTH WEST VIEW OF WALMER CASTLE, IN THE COUNTY OF KENT.



To the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> CHARLES Earl of Middlesex  
 Son & Heir Apparent to the most Noble LIONEL Duke of Dorset  
 This Prospect with all Submission is Inscr<sup>ib</sup>d by  
 his Lordships most Humble & most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup>  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> & Nath<sup>l</sup> Buck.



THIS CASTLE standing on the Sea Shore, not far from Deal, was built in the time of K. Hen. VIII. Walmer was the Seat of the Noble Family of Crioll from K. Hen. III<sup>d</sup> time till K. Hen. I<sup>st</sup> Reign when St. Thomas Kerioll or Crioll dying without Issue Made one of his Daughters and Coheirs marrying S<sup>r</sup> John Fogge K<sup>t</sup> it came to him & by Anne one of the Daughters & Coheirs of S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Fogge Serj<sup>t</sup> Porter of Calais it pass'd to Will Scott Esq<sup>r</sup> and next to Hen. Sibam Esq<sup>r</sup> whose Ten Edw<sup>d</sup> decessing temp<sup>t</sup> Eliz<sup>z</sup> by Mary his sole Daughter & Heir it came to S<sup>r</sup> Geo<sup>r</sup> Perkins K<sup>t</sup> whose Daughter Mary by Marriage convey'd it to Richard Lord Winshull who A.D. 1627 sold it to James Hagason of Linsted Esq<sup>r</sup> in which Family it now remains. J. & N. Buck del et fec<sup>t</sup> 1735.

An engraving of Walmer Castle by the brothers Samuel and Nathaniel Buck, created in 1735.



### SOURCE 3

'I found myself so much the better for sea air that I have been tempted to stay as long as I could at Walmer.'



Prime Minister William Pitt writing in 1801 when he was Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

### SOURCE 4

'The Chalk Pit will be very pretty in time. I take great pleasure in attending to the planting of it.'



Lady Hester Stanhope writing about the Glen in 1805. Hester came to Walmer in August 1803 after travelling in Europe for a year. Before that, she had lived with her grandmother who died while Hester was abroad. When she arrived back in England, to avoid having to move back in with her father (who mistreated all his children), she was invited to stay with her uncle, William Pitt, at Walmer.

### SOURCE 5



An engraving called 'A Walk by the Sea-Shore' showing the Duke of Wellington by Walmer Castle.

## SOURCE 6



A drawing of the Glen and Glen Cottage (labelled Liverpool House in error) in 1860. Courtesy of the National Archives.

## SOURCE 7

'I'm sitting in the garden in perfect stillness & sun shine, crocuses sprouting & fizzling out of the ground in little blazes like fireworks.'

Violet Bonham Carter, a British politician, writing about Walmer in 1915. She was Sir Winston Churchill's closest female friend, apart from his wife, and her grandchildren include the famous actress Helena Bonham Carter.



SOURCE 8



A photograph (c.1921) of the Broadwalk and keyhole feature cut into the trees in the distance, so that there was a continuous view all the way down the garden.

## SOURCE 9

'I have been given many flowers before, but never a garden.'

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Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother speaking in 1997, when the garden was gifted to her by English Heritage to celebrate her 95th birthday. She was the first female Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports from 1978 to her death in 2002.

## SOURCE 10



During her time as Lord Warden, the Queen Mother enjoyed the garden with her corgis Monty, Rush and Minnie.