This drawing, which appears to be dated 1775, shows the yew tree enclosed in a circular fence, south of the church. The source of the picture is not known.

2006: A gate leads directly from the churchyard into the castle grounds. The male yew now grows within a 3' 1/4" circular wall, so that its original base is well hidden. Many substantial low right angled branches have been removed, presumably to create more space for burials beneath the canopy. A girth of 15' 2" was recorded beneath these sawn off branches.