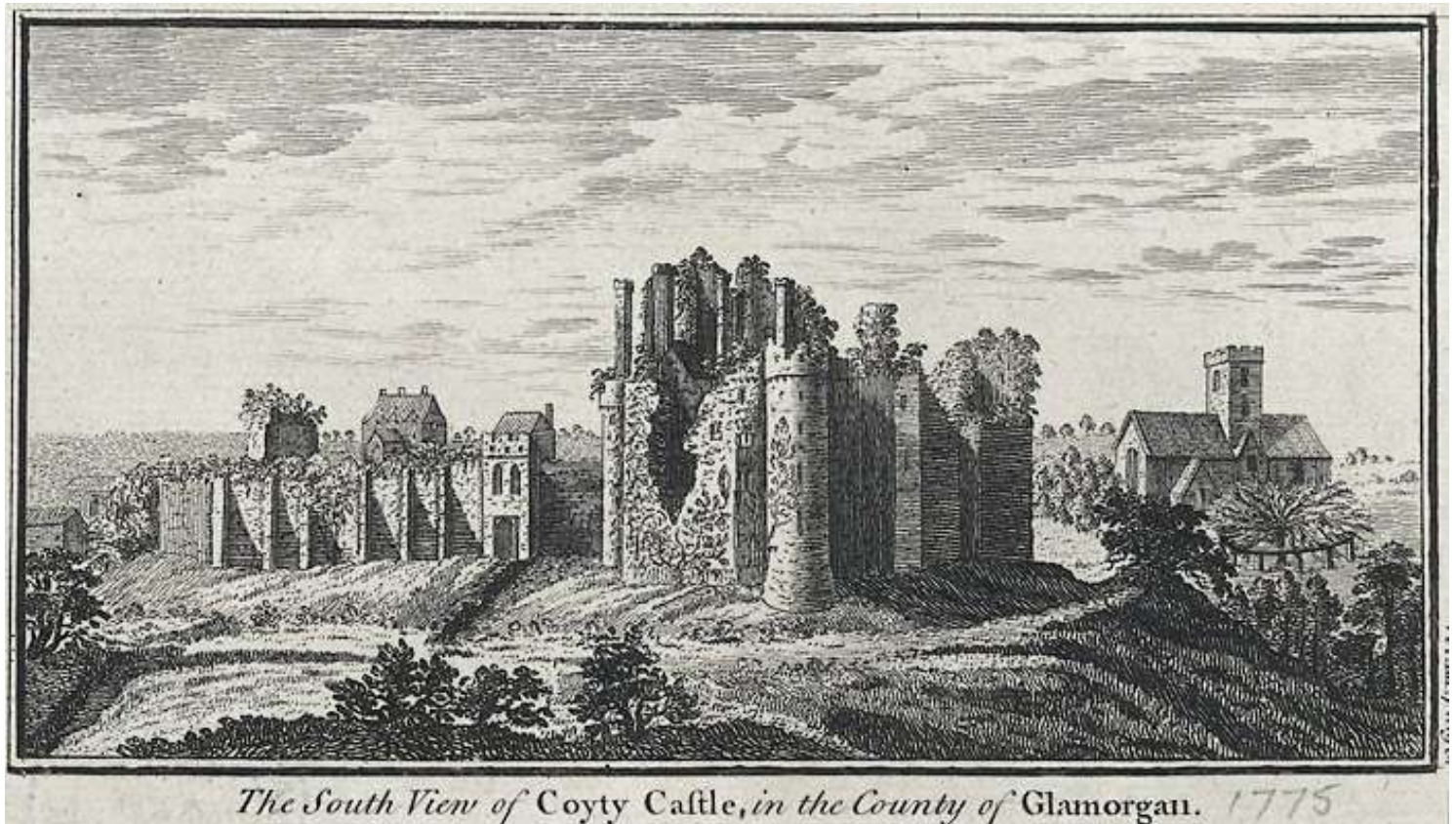


This drawing, which appears to be dated 1775, shows the yew tree enclosed in a circular fence, south of the church. The source of the picture is not certain, but it has been suggested that it was sketched by Samuel Buck, dated April 5th 1740.



1856 - Archaeologia Cambrensis reports that 'near church or castle a fine old yew tree'.

1859 - Cambrian Journal - September 14th: 'The parish church of Coity stands immediately behind the castle, is a beautiful buildingnear is stands a gigantic Yew tree, numbering at least 100 or 200 years in age, giving an air of solemnity and antiquity to the churchyard.'

1860 - Cambrian Journal vol IV: a poem about Coity Castle describes the ruins as 'watched by the giant Yew, in solemn Gloom'.

1990 - County Churchyards by Donald Gregory notes that 'The churchyard is circular and has an ancient yew of considerable size, which flourishes on a small mound, around which there is a wall of stone a foot high.'

2006 - Tim Hills: A gate leads directly from the churchyard into the castle grounds. The male yew now grows within a 3/4' high 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.

