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Sir Humphry Wakefield, Bt.

In the same family lineage since the 1200's, Chillingham Castle remains a powerful fortress to this day though now a strong centre for cultural rather than the martial arts of ancient days. The Castle was assaulted and conquered by its present family line in the mid 1200's. The family has provided wartime commanders for the historic battles from Agincourt to World War II. Two Prime Ministers and enough courtiers for a national pageantry have been reared at Chillingham castle. Visitors to Chillingham Castle have included the English Kings and Queens since the visit of King Edward I (to whom William Wakefield was Private Secretary) in 1298 and during each subsequent reign. The family of the Earls Grey granted Sir Humphry Wakefield the castle on account of his relationship with the family and for devoting his efforts to the concept of Chillingham Castle as a cultural centre. Sir Humphry Wakefield's father was a Minister in Winston Churchill's government. As Comptroller of Her Majesty the Queen's Household, he served as President and Prime Minister in various Colonial States.

