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Cover Story

The Battle of Towton by Graham Turner

The Battle of Towton took place on a snowy 29 March 1461 (Palm Sunday) on a plateau between the villages of Towton and Saxton in Yorkshire (about 12 miles (19 km) southwest of York and about 2 miles (3.2 km) south of Tadcaster).

The battle was part of Wars of the Roses, fought between the Houses of York and Lancaster for control of the English throne. The battle was a decisive victory for the Yorkists. The Lancastrian army suffered heavy losses and ceased to exist as an effective fighting force.

Towton was the largest battle fought in Britain. It is estimated that between 50,000 and 80,000 soldiers fought in the battle, including 28 lords (almost half the peerage at that time), mainly on the Lancastrian side. One of the most commonly quoted figures is 42,000 for the Lancastrians and 36,000 for the Yorkists. All estimates for the battle agree that the Lancastrians started the battle with the larger force.

It is also regarded as the bloodiest battle ever fought on English soil. Exact losses are a matter of continuing debate, and are extremely difficult to assess with any accuracy, however estimates of about 28,000 (perhaps more) casualties are frequently cited: such a figure would represent roughly 1% of the entire English population at the time.

-Wikipedia

It should be noted that this battle is nearly unknown. The English Heritage battlefield report states that, "Towton is an important battle which is singularly ill-served by its source material." It is most likely due to the high casualty numbers and the whims of history. Twenty years later, the House of York fell with Richard III to Henry Tudor, better known as Henry VII. It is most likely, in the interests of "unity", certain past events were obscured, including this battle.

Web pages of interest:

www.sca.org | www.northshield.org |

www.falconskeep.org |

www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm

Also on Facebook groups:

Falcon's Gate at UWSP

Falcon's Keep Rapier Fighters

The Chronicler's Quill



Saludos hasta el folk
de la Comarca de la Falcon's Keep
(Greetings unto the folk of the Shire of Falcon's Keep),

This edition of the Mewsletter is somewhat shortened, as many have journeyed to Gulf Wars, returning with pictures and tales. You will be seeing a few of the pictures. Events in the mundane world have kept the Chronicler from the quill also. The Mewsletter will return to its normal size next month...

A special thank you to Ysabella for her pictures, and her willingness to share them. They are on the next three pages. For some, they are part of memory. For others, they will only increase the desire to go next year.

Atentamente en el Servicio,
(yours in service)
Pedro de Benavides







CALENDAR

April 2010

- 10 Spring Coronation [Caer Antherth Mawr-Waukesha WI]
- 17 Provost Challenge [Coldedernhale-Pierre SD]
- 24 The Armored Combat Offering
[Nordskogen-St Paul MN]
- 24 Feast of Fools [Korsvag-Fargo ND]

May 2010

- 8 Spring Crown Tournament [Dreibrucken (Wilton ND)]
- 13-15 Quest for Camelot [Schattentor-Nemo SD]
- 15 Beltaine by the Bay [Darkstone-Mason WI]

June 2010

- 4-6 Mermaids Attack [Turm am See-Valders WI]
- 17-20 Rabid Yale Hunt [Coldedernhale-White River SD]
- 24-27 Moorish Tavern [Midewinde-Bottineau ND]

July 2010

- 8-11 Warriors and Warlords XVII [Nordskogen-WI]
- 16-19 Pirates, Knaves and Idiots V [Noiregarde- WY]
- 23-25 Battle of Urdhr's Well [Schattentor-SD]

Be sure to go to: www.northshield.org/Events/ for a full listing of future events.

Next Moot: April 3 (Saturday) at 1:00 PM

Location: The Momma's House

4321 80th St S, Wisconsin Rapids

From Marshfield, Take Hwy 13 into town. Turn right onto the Riverview Expressway. Go all the way through town and out to the Stop Sign. (You will pass several stoplights, just keep going straight) Turn Right onto County Trk U (80th St.) The house is on the left directly across from Conley's supper club.

From Wausau, Take Hwy 51 South to the Plover exit. (Hwy B) Turn Right onto B. Continue straight onto Hwy 54. Follow 54 for about 20 miles. You will see signs for South Wood County Park and County Trunk U. Turn left onto Cty Trk U (80th St.) Continue on 80th for about 5 miles. The house is on the left directly across from Conley's supper club.

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