

What some of Chester's earlier visitors had to say...

"With the odd ancienry of Chester we were much amused. It renders this city perfectly unique".

Anna Seward 1794

"Chester pleases my fancy more than any town I ever saw".

James Boswell in a letter to Dr Johnson 1779

"I must go again to Chester, for I suppose there is no more curious place in the world".

Nathaniel Hawthorne, author and US consul in Liverpool 1853

"The tortuous wall-girdle, long since snapped, of the little swollen city, half held in place by careful civic hands, wanders in narrow file between parapets smoothed by peaceful generations, peeps into homely streets and under the brows of gables, views of cathedral tower and waterside fields, of huddled English town and ordered English country. Chester is still an antique town, and medieval England sits bravely under her gables".

Henry James: 'The Ambassadors' 1903

"During childhood, John and I used to spend a lot of time in Chester. We would go for lunch in Brown's, and walk down by the river. John was very fond of Chester. We always thought Chester was the place to be, not Liverpool".

Julia Baird, John Lennon's sister



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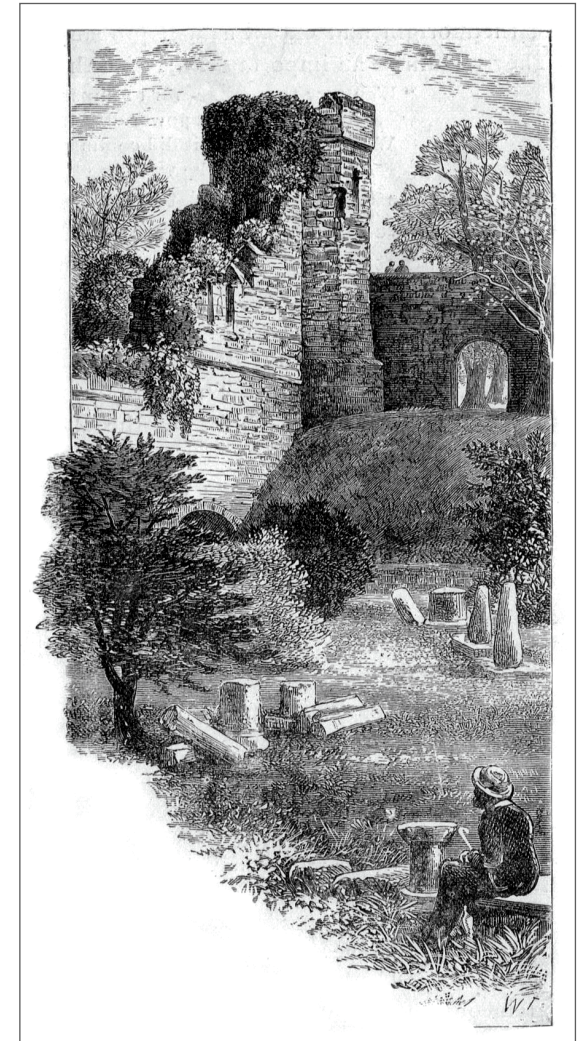
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