

49. THE OWNERS OF THE CASTLE ON ST. ANN'S HILL AND COWDRAY

- The Bohuns c.1093 – 1492
(They built the castle on St. Ann's Hill and later moved to a moated mansion on or near the Cowdray site)
- Sir Davy Owen (married a Bohun) c.1492 – c1535
(He pulled down the Bohun house and rebuilt on the same site – Cowdray. The estate was later sold to William Fitzwilliam but Davy Owen retained a life interest)
- William Fitzwilliam, the Earl of Southampton 1535 – 1542
(He left the estate to his half-brother, Anthony Browne)
- Sir Anthony Browne of Battle Abbey 1542 – 1548
- Sir Anthony Browne, 1st Viscount Montague 1548 – 1592
- Anthony Maria Browne, 2nd Viscount Montague 1592 – 1629
- Francis Browne, 3rd Viscount Montague 1629 – 1682
- Anthony Browne, 4th Viscount Montague 1682 – 1708
- Henry Browne, 5th Viscount Montague 1708 – 1717
- Anthony Browne, 6th Viscount Montague 1717 – 1767
- Anthony Joseph Browne, 7th Viscount Montague 1767 – 1787
- George Samuel Browne, 8th Viscount Montague 1787 – 1793
- Mark Anthony Browne, 9th Viscount Montague 1793 – 1797
(He inherited the title but not the estate. The title died out with him)
- Elizabeth Mary Browne, Mrs William Stephen Poyntz 1793 – 1830
(She inherited the Cowdray estate from her brother George Samuel)
- William Stephen Poyntz 1830 – 1840
(He left the estate to his three daughters but there were difficulties about dividing the inheritance and they sold the estate undivided to the 6th Earl of Egmont)
- George James Perceval, 6th Earl of Egmont 1843 – 1874
- Charles George Perceval, 7th Earl of Egmont 1874 – 1879
- Augustus Arthur Perceval, 8th Earl of Egmont 1879 – 1908
(He sold the estate to Sir Weetman Pearson)
- Sir Weetman Dickinson Pearson, 1st Viscount Cowdray 1908 – 1927
- Weetman Harold Miller Pearson, 2nd Viscount Cowdray 1927 – 1933
- Weetman John Churchill Pearson, 3rd Viscount Cowdray 1933 – 1995
- Michael Orlando Weetman Pearson, 4th Viscount Cowdray 1995 –