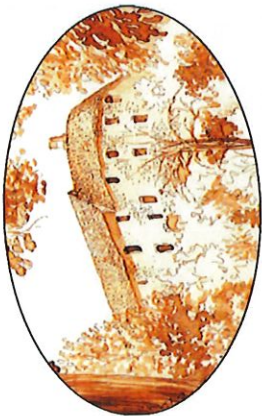


Historic overview

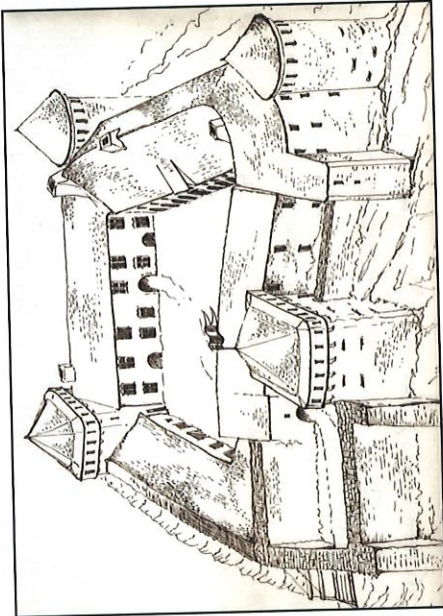


Originally, the castle was a feudal fortress built in the XIth century or in the XIIth century by the first Lords of Montby. His strategic situation 450 meters height, allowed them to control one of the passages connecting the Valleys of the Doubs and the Onion.

In spite of this privileged position, the castle was not impregnable. He was besieged and destroyed several times over the centuries. He is destroyed in 1475 by the Swiss army (during their war against Charles the Bold, sovereign of Franche Comté).

Reconstructed in the XVth century, the castle was transformed by the successive Lords. It is a mosaic today of various times. In the inner courtyard, we can notice the facades of Renaissance style and of the XVIIIth century. Arches date 1611. In border of the steep slope we can see the most characteristic element, a voluminous tower of angle being similar to a donjon.

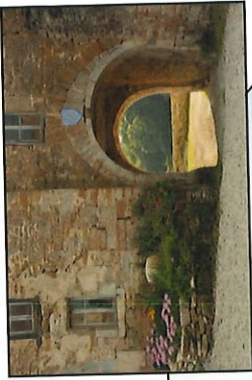
The defensive system was established in particular by a wide (flat broke) ditch, which surrounds all the buildings. There was also a drawbridge and several high towers.



« The imagined castle ». Gilberte Morel's drawing.

Among the numerous Lords, the most known is Jean, a founder of the second house of Montby. He fought in the imperial army of Charles Quint in the battle of Pavie in 1525. He contributed to the capture of king of France François 1st. The last occupying Lord of the castle was Pierre Charles, died in 1748. In the revolution the seigneury belonged to Iselin de Lanans, who emigrated. The castle was sold by auction in 1795 and served as farm until XXth century.

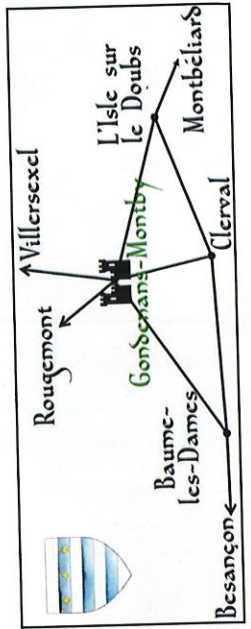
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« De guenies à l'aigle
d'or chargée en coeur
d'une coquille de
sable et à la bordure
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Guillaume of
Vienna's blazon,
Lord of Montby
Born in 1413, died in
1471, interred in the
castle of Montby ?

Events all year long

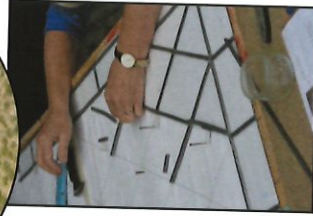
Medieval festival : with animations, shows, craftsmen, visits...



Attic sale...



Internships : stained glass windows, stone cutting, medieval dances...



Friendly moments : inaugurations, saturday renovation's day, festive meals...



The association :

« The friends of the castle of Montby »



Who we are ? Our association was created in 2008 by the owners, Michel and Valérie. They wished to promote their castle which is now registered on the Additional Inventory of Historic monuments. The association works at the protection, the historic and landscaped restoration, the promotion and the animation of the Medieval Castle of Montby. It organizes every year events and profits serve to repair the castle.



If you wish to help us and to participate in this beautiful adventure, you can adhere to our association (10 € contribution) or donate (contact : asso.montby@gmail.com).

Day of the heritage in September

Animations and visits of the Castle



Fast food and pump room

