

History of Stokesay Castle

Stokesay Castle was built in 1931 by George Baer Hiester as a honeymoon cottage for his bride. He closely duplicated the original Stokesay Castle in Shropshire, England, which was built in 1240 and is still in existence...he had been impressed by it on a trip to England.

Mr. Hiester had come into his inheritance at the age of 21 and no expense was spared to be authentic to his endeavor. Local building materials and craftsmen were used, and great care was exercised in carefully duplicating hand carved beams, bas relief figures in plaster ceilings and leaded glass windows. Then the benefits of all available modern conveniences such as 300 amp electrical service, an extensive hot water heating system, \$30,000 worth of hardware were added, all of which still function today. Stokesay Castle was maintained as a summer party home by Mr. Hiester until 1956 when it was sold to a group of individuals who converted it to a restaurant.

In 1978 Stokesay Castle was purchased by Charles F. Quade, a local business man, who operated it with his son, C. Scott Quade. Most recently, the restaurant operated under the guidance of C. Scott Quade, with the help of his wife Christine and his mother Jacquelyn.