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ABBREVIATIONS OF COUNTIES AND EPNS COUNTY SURVEYS

Co	Cornwall
Ha	Hampshire
He	Herefordshire
K	Kent
La	Lancashire
Nb	Northumberland
Sf	Suffolk
So	Somerset
Wt	Isle of Wight

CPNE	<i>Cornish Place-Name Elements</i>
EPNE	<i>English Place-Name Elements, Parts 1 and 2</i>
PN BdHu	<i>The Place-Names of Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire</i>
PN Brk	<i>The Place-Names of Berkshire, Parts 1, 2 and 3</i>
PN Bu	<i>The Place-Names of Buckinghamshire</i>
PN Ca	<i>The Place-Names of Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely</i>
PN Ch	<i>The Place-Names of Cheshire, Parts 1–5</i>
PN Cu	<i>The Place-Names of Cumberland, Parts 1, 2 and 3</i>
PN D	<i>The Place-Names of Devon, Parts 1 and 2</i>
PN Db	<i>The Place-Names of Derbyshire, Parts 1, 2 and 3</i>
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PN Li	<i>The Place-Names of Lincolnshire, Parts 1–8</i>
PN Mx	<i>The Place-Names of Middlesex (apart from the City of London)</i>
PN Nf	<i>The Place-Names of Norfolk, Parts 1–3</i>
PN Nt	<i>The Place-Names of Nottinghamshire</i>
PN NRY	<i>The Place-Names of the North Riding of Yorkshire</i>
PN Nth	<i>The Place-Names of Northamptonshire</i>
PN O	<i>The Place-Names of Oxfordshire, Parts 1 and 2</i>
PN R	<i>The Place-Names of Rutland</i>
PN Sa	<i>The Place-Names of Shropshire, Parts 1–6</i>
PN Sr	<i>The Place-Names of Surrey</i>
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PN W	<i>The Place-Names of Wiltshire</i>
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Hywel Wyn Owen and Ken Lloyd Gruffydd, *Place-Names of Flintshire* (Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2017). ISBN 978-1-78683-110-1. Hardback, 272 pp. £40.00. Also available as an eBook.

As an archaeologist, removing the overlying layers of meaning from a site, a monument or a landscape is a familiar process to me, and exponents of place-name studies perform much the same activity, revealing the origin and identity of places which are very familiar to us, and casting them in a new light. This publication covers the old county of Flintshire with its detached portion of Maelor Saesneg, extending towards south-west Cheshire and north-west Shropshire and including the smaller enclaves, including around the villages of Marford and Hoseley.

As a native of the adjoining county of Denbighshire and a researcher of the medieval parks, gardens and designed landscapes of North Wales and north-west Shropshire, I find a publication such as this provides additional proof, or indeed disproof, of locations I have identified through other complementary methods. Its format and layout make it easy to use, and it can usefully be read in parallel with the 'Buildings of Wales' volume covering the now preserved county of Clwyd (Hubbard 1986).

Whilst the origin of some of the place-names was familiar, the evidence outlined for others led to a re-examination of places I thought were familiar, but now felt less so. The prime example on a personal level was 'Caergwrle'; no longer associated with the Twentieth Roman Legion or a legendary giant it is now a 'Hill fort above the river meadow of the Crane'. I then understood, and recognised for the first time, how the many different pieces of evidence I had collated associated with the hybrid Welsh / Edwardian Castle of Caergwrle fitted together, and what the landscape had been trying to tell me, now buried under later development.

With four-figure grid references provided – although I would personally have preferred at least six figures – and an excellent glossary, this book should be on the shelves of anyone with an interest in this border county whether English, Welsh, or like the castle, a hybrid of the two.

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