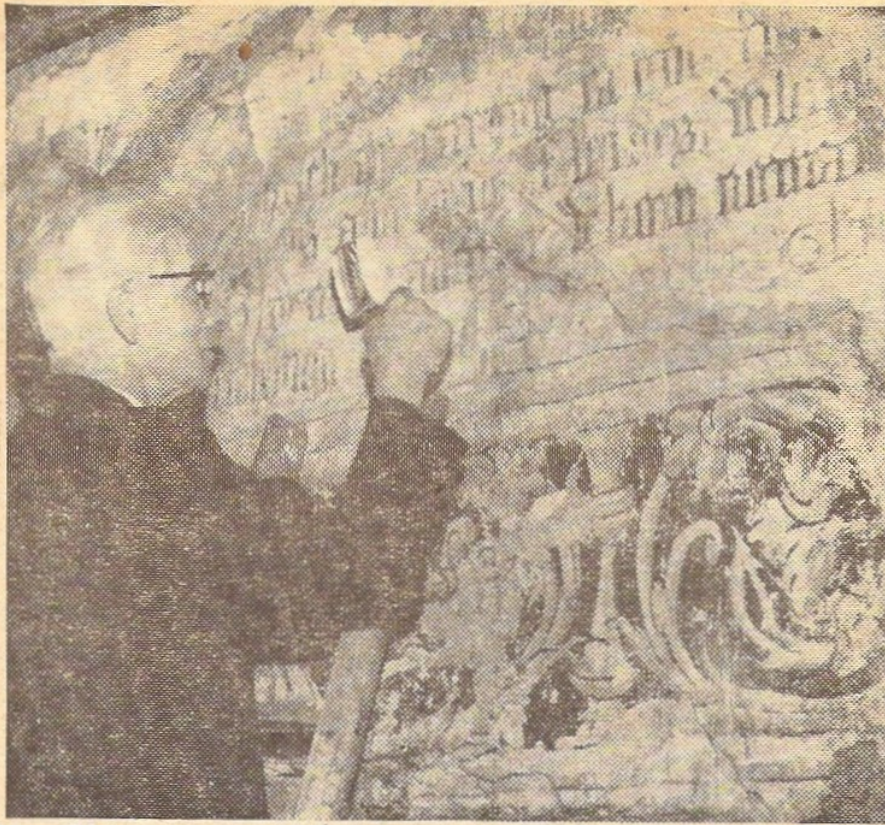


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Mr. Dickenson examining the writings at Kimbolton Castle.

## WRITINGS ON WALL 'VERY IMPORTANT'

The 16th century writings discovered on the wall of Kimbolton castle were a very important discovery in the history of mural decoration, the County Archivist, Mr. P. G. Dickenson, said today.

The writings were discovered during restoration work. Mr. Dickenson is calling experts from Cambridge to help him.

Mr. Dickenson said the date of the writings was around 1560 and he thought they were some sort of creed.

He said: "They are post Reformation and it is possible that they are one of the earliest examples in England of post Reformation scriptures.

"We will know more if we can find out who was living in the castle at that time and we may have to consult a pre-authorised version of the Bible. It is an extremely interesting and unusual finding."

Mr. Dickenson said he will contact Dr. P. G. Eden, in charge of the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments in Cambridgeshire, and Dr. G. H. Bushnell, Curator of the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology in Cambridge.

The writings were found behind a 1720 painting by Pellegrini, of the children of the Duke of Manchester.