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3. Firth, C. & Davies, G. Regimental History of Cromwell’s Army Vol I & II (Oxford, 1940) – Classmark: Y 355.3 FIR
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1. Johnson, D. Adwalton Moor 1643 – The battle that changed a war (Pickering, 2003) – Classmark: L ADW 942
   Johnson challenges the perception that the Battle of Adwalton Moor was merely a regional battle suggesting that the battle changed the Parliamentarians’ negotiation strategy with Scotland.
2. Fox, G. The three sieges of Pontefract Castle (Otley 1987) – Classmark: YQ PON 942
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5. ed. Horsfall -Turner, J. The Old History of Bradford 1776 (Bradford, 1834) – Classmark: Y 942.062 FAI
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   Short Memorials of the Civil War by Thomas Lord Fairfax p.199 – 226
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