

1) The legend about the Sidgunda hillfort tells that there used to be an ancient Latvian castle on the hill with a praying hill, which have sunk. At that moment there were a lot of people on the praying hill whose songs can be still heard in clear Sunday mornings. When the hill was sinking two people managed to escape, however had become mute. Latvian Folklore Repository (hereinafter referred to as "LFK") 951, 89. Rec. by Herta Cēmīte, 15 years old, Rg in Sidgunda, 1930.

2) On Sidgunda hillfort there used to be an ancient Latvians' castle. According to other legends here used to be a church which sank. Still now on clear Sunday mornings the singing of the church-goers can be heard. The church sank with all the worshippers, just two of them managed to escape, but they became mute. LFK 951, 92. Rec. by Jānis Straumītis, 15 years old, Rg in Sidgunda, 1930.

3) Regarding the Veckalns Hill there is a legend told me by the blind Mārtiņš. On the hillfort there also used to be a church which had sank there. The place is still boggy there. Once a man when trying to float a beam had fallen in there. LFK 951, 91. Rec. by Vēra Noaro Rg in Sidgunda, 1930.

4) there is a hill about half a verst behind the [Riktere] castle on the bank of a river called the Veckalns Hill. The river is very deep there. Then my father's father's mother told my mother and father that when she was small at noon time on Sundays the old people were going to watch the church clock visible in a calm and light time and when they had laid their heads on the ground they had heard the parish singing. LFK 524, 69 Rec. by Emīlija Lase in Sidgunda Vildēni homestead, 1927.

5) The current Riktere manor which has now been renamed into Sidgunda is located on the bank of the Lielā Jugla River in Vidzeme. Just a couple of centuries ago when the ancestors of the present general Richters family from Suntaži manor bought a piece of forest here and built the current manor which was burnt during the world war. However, the family made their first manor in Šķiliņa about ten versts from the current one, but they did not live there long and then made a half verst from the current castle on the so-called Veckalns Hill. There used to be a church as well which I wrote about last year, it sank and there still is said to be a squared hole. The castle stood in the Veckalns Hill just for two centuries and then the current one was made by the rent lord. The owner of the current burnt down castle told my father that the Richters' ancestors have been governing in Rikerte parish for 450 years, which was originally Šķiliņ or „Šķiliņ kap”. Then in the Veckalns and afterwards in the current castle. At the Veckalns Castle there has also been the first mill and the bridge across the Jugla River went there from the Veckalns Hill to the valley, there are still some old birch trees in the castle park suggest that they had been planted along the road where the road entered the park. On the Veckalns Hill the ruins can still be found, now the hill has been assigned to new-farmer Fogelis. He is said still to be digging bricks and pieces of lime and using them in the foundations of buildings. What concerns other antiquities still found there nothing is known as the man would not say anything. The castle most likely was destroyed during the Sword-bearers wars. LFK 524, 510 Narrator Jānis Lauva, sen. In Sidgunda Ķiceri. Rec. by Emīlija Lase in Sidgunda Vildēni, 1928.