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Draft parish/township histories

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Parish/township: ANGERTON (otherwise Angerton Moss)

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RELIGIOUS HISTORY

Despite its status as an extra-parochial place, small tithes were paid to the dean and chapter of York, as owners of the advowson of St. Cuthbert's, the parish church of Kirkby Ireleth, suggesting that it served the few inhabitants of Angerton Moss. The extra-parochial place was also included with Kirkby Ireleth parish for charity returns.¹ Nevertheless, prior to the building of the road bridge over Kirkby Pool c.1938, it was easier for residents to get to Broughton, so weddings, christenings and funerals tended to be held there; likewise, Angerton children went to school in Broughton prior to the Second World War.²

SOCIAL HISTORY

There were no inhabitants living permanently in any part of Angerton Moss until cottages were erected at Moss Houses in the early-sixteenth century.³ Other tenements were added after an enclosure episode around 1800, but at no time were more than five farms occupied, all tenanted. By 1902, four farms were occupied, three of them by members of the Whineray family. By the

¹ E.g. CAC (Barrow), BDX 606/4 (return and digest for endowed charities, parish of Kirby Ireleth and extra-parochial place of Angerton, 5 March 1903).

² Inf. from Joss Curwen (2015).

³ TNA, DL3/48/R5 37 Hen VIII

second half of the twentieth century, one extra property had been built, and all were by then owner-occupied, but by the early twenty-first century, only two of the premises were still being farmed by the residents.

In 1901 two of the four households were headed by people born in Angerton and the other two by people born less than ten kilometres away. However, the fact that only one of the total of ten children was born in Angerton suggests the farming families had been reasonably mobile, albeit within a restricted area. The living-in farm servants, labourers and domestic servants (amounting to nine persons, or a third of the then population) without exception also came from the surrounding area – Kirkby, Dalton, Millom, Barrow, Whicham, Ulverston and Cartmel.