

Ancient Monuments in this township

ALDINGHAM AND DENDRON

Cairn, E. of road near the wall between Scales and Baycliff Hags; urn and ashes found 1803. Also, in same field, tomb of two persons with cover-slab and two standing stones (Richardson, *Furness*, ii, 16).

Motte and bailey: Aldingham Mote, ? seat of Michael le Fleming, 12th cent. (Curwen, *Castles*, 35; P. V. Kelly, N.S. xxiv, 271). Human bones said to have been found under centre of summit (o.s. iii, p. xxx). Spa near the motte (Close's West, 1822. p. 390). Later moat of manor-house surrounding a raised square 90 ft. on each side (Curwen, *Castles*, 47; *V.C.H. Lancs.*, ii, 557; P. V. Kelly, N.S. xxiv, 277).

Churches:

(a) Aldingham; mentioned c. 1180; as St. Cuthbert's 1416-46 (Wessington's list at Durham). Round-arched arcade; E.E. priest's doorway; rebuilding of 14th cent.; tower 15th cent.; N. aisle 1846. Piscina (o.s. xii, 21i). Graveslab of Godith de Scales, 13th cent. (*Furness Lore*, 110). Font bowl ? 12th cent. Jacobean altar rails (Cheetham, *Lanes*, 73). Sundial, 1753 Brass in churchyard to Thomas Fell, 1693-1767, curate and schoolmaster of Dendron (N.s. xxiv, 364.) Two pre-Reformation bells and one of 1711 (F. C. Cheetham, *Trans. Lane. and C. Soc.* xl.).

(b) Dendron chapel, 1643, rebuilt 1795, tower 1833, now St. Matthew's.

Castle : Gleaston Castle, ruins of curtain wall and towers, dismantled after 1458 (H. S. Cowper, o.s. xiii, 37; W. B. Kendall, N.S. VI, 184; xxiv, 263; W. O. Roper, *Castles of N. Lancs.*, 110; Curwen, *Castles*, 142; M. Stables, N.S. xxiv, 361).

Beacon at Gleaston Castle (o.s. xiv, 143).

Sites Gleaston village cross and Mickel or Michael's well (Richardson, *Furness*, ii, 11).

Burial ground : Friends' " Sepulchre," Sunbrick, of 17th and 18th cents. (o.s. ix, 401).

Bean well, $\frac{3}{4}$ m. N.E. of Aldingham church. [The stone cross at Aldingham marks the site of an accident, 1805.]

Old road : from Gleaston to " Barray " 1433 (B.N.F.C. xvii, 67).

Finds:

(a) flint flake and scraper, 1887, between Dendron and Newton (H. S. Cowper, o.s. ix, 504).

(b) Two stone celts, 1896 and 1898, Scales (B.N.F.C. xv, 118); of which ? one was the polished celt from Hardland Head, Scales, exhibited at Cartmel Gatehouse, 1923.

(c) Polished stone celt, c. 1912, Baycliff Hags (J. Dobson, N.S. xiv, 273).

(d) Celt and seven skeletons found 1870 in building vinery for Mr. Woodhouse, Roosebeck (Richardson, *Furness* ii, 17).

(e) Bronze celt, 1776, Gleaston Castle (o.s. xv, 161) ; at Holker Hall in 1900 (B.N.F.C. xv, 118).

(f) Three urns ? containing bones, found W. of Colt park (o.s. iii, p. xxix, quoting Close's West, 1822, p. 389).

(g) Two skeletons found before 1870 in cave, Scales Green (Richardson, *Furness*, ii, 16).

RAMPSIDE

Tumulus inferred from finds in Rampside churchyard (N.s. x 298) of bones and axe-hammer, as below; grave perhaps re-used in the Viking Age.

Church: Old chapel rebuilt 1621 and 1840 (N.s. x, 299) now St. Michael's. Medieval graveslab found c. 1850 over an interment (*ibid.*, 300). Bell 1739 (B.N.F.C. xvii, 116). Rampside Grange was founded by Furness Abbey before 1292 (N.s. x, 298).

Beacon (o.s. xiv, 1 43).

Domestic: Rampside Hall, of Knypes, early 17th cent. With 12 chimneys (called "Twelve Apostles ") on the roof-ridge (C. P. Chambers and H. Gaythorpe, N.S. x, 288).

Finds:

(a) stone celt and another stone implement, 1866, Moor head near Roosecote (o.s. xv, 169)

(b) Bones and stone axe-hammer, 1860, Rampside churchyard (o.s. xv, 169; N.S. x, 298).

(c) Stone axe-hammer, 1866, at Rampside churchyard (B.N.F.C. xv, 117).

(d) Stone hammer, 1876, Rampside (o.s. xiv, 442).

(e) Bronze weapon, c. 1830, Page Bank (N.s. vii, 39; B.N.F.C. xvii, 117).

(f) Iron dagger or sword, 1854 or 1855, in the churchyard (N.s. x, 300).

(g) Viking Age sword, 1909, in the churchyard (N.s. x, 301).

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (65 in total – though there may be some overlap with other townships).