

Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

ALSTON

Tumulus at Parkin stones, W. of " Old Anthony's chair " or Benty Hill currock (N. and B. ii, 439).

Earthworks:?

- (a) near Greencastle or on Rotherhope (" Roderick ") heights, said to be a semicircular rampart (Hutchinson, i, 263).
- (b) Hall Hill " camp"; a moraine-mound, c. 200 by 50 yds.; level space at S. end, cut across by a trench, the N. part c. 60 by 35 yds., the S. part c. 30 by 25 yds; a depression (? but circle) 7 yds. diam. in S.W. corner of the N. part (R. G. Collingwood).

Roman coins and two mediaeval bronze vessels found 1839 (Jefferson, *Leath Ward*, 112).

Roman: part of the Maiden Way.

Church:

- (a) St. Augustine's, founded before 1154; rebuilt 1771 and 1869-70.
- (b) Quaker meeting-house 1732.

Pele-towers:

- (a) Randalholme, 14th cent. ; Tudor wing added c.1600; remodelled in classical style c. 1650; stone "W. A. R. 1711" ; armorial tablet of C. R. Richardson, 1746 (Curwen,*Castles*, 312; S. Lee, N.S. XV, 175).
- (b) Clargill Hall, in style of pele-tower, built 1678-9, heightened in 19th cent. (Curwen, *Castles*,411 ; and see N.S. xiv, 64-6).

Market cross, Alston, erected by Sir W. Stephenson, Lord Mayor of London 1764; inscription now in the church.

Boundary cross sites:

- (a) Long Cross, E.N.E. of Clargillhead;
- (b) Blake Cairn or Blakelawes cross on road to Wellhope (N. and B. ii, 438, from old Bounder). The same gives boundary marks at Parkin stones, Benty Hill currock, Little and Great Daffenside currocks, Black Fell currock and Tom Smith's stone (see *Croglin*).

Beacon, Daffenside, probably the beacon of Dale Raghon or Raven mentioned 1468 (R. S. Ferguson, O.S. xiv, 140, 142 ; N. and B. i, xlv) .

Old mines,

- (a) mentioned 1130-1 and onwards (Rev. W. Nall, O.S.viii, 7).

- (b) [Cave of Tutmanhole, entrance on S. bank of Gilderdale burn, 4m. above confluence of that stream and Wold gill].

NENTHEAD

Boundary cross sites:

- (a) High Raise; Killhope Cross, removed in 18th cent.;
- (b) Short's cross also then removed (N. and B.) Triple cross socket and stumps near or at the site of the last, at head of Middlecleugh (Rev. T. Westgarth, N.S. xv, 183; Rev. C. Caine, *Gerardegill*).

Chapel built 1845.

Nent Force level, canal, partly tunnelled, from the Scar limestone to Alston; begun 1776 (Nall, O.S. viii, 9).

GARRIGILL.

Earthworks:

- (a) "camp " on top of Bellbeaver (Jenkinson, *Guide to Carlisle etc.*, 157).
- (b) Chesters, 6m. S.S.E. of Alston; triangular field on farm of Tynehead; N.W. corner truncated by a ditch running S. to the river gorge: to S. is a deeper ditch with upcast to S.E. (Jefferson, *Leath Ward*, 119; Caine, *Gerardegill*). Not Roman; possibly an old ore-sifting site (R. G. Collingwood).

Chapel, built 1790, restored 1890 and 1896.

Old mining works. Embankment built 18th cent.

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