

## Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

### BIRKER AND AUSTHWAITE

*Cairns and enclosures* (J. C. Ward, O.S. iii, 250; Parker, *Gosforth*, chap. v) :

- (a) E. side of Water crag, cairns and enclosure.
- (b) S.W. side of Greenhow, enclosure 9 yds. diameter.
- (c) N. of Smallstone beck, cairns.
- (d) Throstlegarth, foundations and dykes (Rev. W. S. Sykes) .

*Roman*: Fort, "Hardknot Castle," occupied A.D. 79-120 (R. G. Collingwood, N.S. xxi, 29; *Archæologia*, lxxi, 1). Explored 1889-93 (H. S. Cowper, Sir H. E. Maxwell, R. S. Ferguson, W. S. Calverley and C. W. Dymond, O.S. xii, 228, 375; xiii, 449). Inscribed stone (C.I.L. vii, 334) . Coin (N.S. xvi, 292). Road (N.S. xix, 17).

*Old roads* :

- (a) Hardknot (Roman) road in 1242 called the "Wainscarth " (Furness Coucher, ii, 563).
- (b) Road S. of Esk from Coppel how to bridge E. of Wha house.
- (c) Dalegarth to Ulpha, the old Whitehaven road.

*Domestic*:

- (a) Dalegarth Hall, of Stanleys of Austhwaite until c 1690, partly destroyed c. 1750 (Parker, *Gosforth*, chap. )(IV).
- (b) Pyat Nest, near Penny Hill, site of inn.
- (c) Scales, above Dalegarth, deserted by 1628 (Rev. W. S. Sykes).

*Beacon* on Hardknot, 1468 (N. and B. i, xlv).

*Bloomeries* (Miss Fair, N.S. xxii, 94) :—Forge farm; Dalegarth; Underbank wood; Low Birker; Hardknot gill; Lingcove gill.

*Mine*: Old copper mine near Penny Hill.

*Finds* :

- (a) Stone hammer, E. of Fieldhead.
- (b) Stone axe, Butterilket (Parker, *Gosforth*, chap. xiv).
- (c) Button-mould, Butterilket (N.S. iii 225).
- (d) Quern, Penny Hill

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (4 in total – though there may be some overlap with other townships).