

Ancient Monuments in this Township

Introduction

1926 List

BROUGH AND STAINMORE

Roman:

- (a) fort; VERTERAE, site at Brough Castle.
- (b) fort Maidencastle on Stainmore; pottery 2-4 cent. (R. G. Collingwood, N.S. XV, 192).
- (c) Road, replaced by highroad of c. 1770, Stainmore towards Kirkbythore (N. & B. i, 9).
- (d) Bronze statuette etc. found in the Eden (O.S. iii, p. xix).
- (e) The "Brough Stone " found at the church 1879 -80, now in Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge (E. C. Clark, O.S. viii, 205).
- (f) Rom.-Brit. fibulae etc. found in the river-bank (H. S. Cowper, N.S. iii, 70) now in British Museum.
- (g) Forged " Idol " (F. Haverfield, O.S. xi, 296).

Earthwork ? Roper Castle or Round Table.

Viking Age ?(a)Rey Cross, formerly boundary of county, now on the Yorks. side (O.S. v, 70; ix, 44 8 ; Calverley, *Crosses*, 264).

Church

- (a) of Brough, mentioned 1223-46 (Prescott, *Wetherhal*, 413) ; St. Michael's, 12th cent. doorway and S. window. 14 ? cent. windows. Tower 1513. E. end rebuilt early 17th cent. Restoration, 1880 (C. J. Ferguson, O.S. ix, 396). Five fragments of graveslabs (Bower, N.S. vii, 168). [Much ancient glass described by Machel, 1675, quoted by N. & B. i, 572]. Stone pulpit repaired 1624. Parson's pew, 1682. Altar rails, 1704. Chapel and hospital of SS. Mary and Gabriel founded 1506 at Gibgarth (N. & B. i, 573) ; church rebuilt 1859 and 1873. St. Mary's or St. Winifred's well (*ibid.* 575).
- (b) Stainmore, St. Stephen's; founded as school 1594, consecrated as chapel, 1608 (*ibid.*) rebuilt 1842, restored, 1913.

Brough Castle, founded c. 1170; repaired 1200; hall built c.1380. Burnt 1521; restored 1662; dismantled 1695. Fosse cutting off the rest of the Roman fort in which the castle stands (J. F. Curwen, N.S. ix, 177; *Castles*, 82). Partial fall of tower 1920 (N.S. xx, 251) ; restored by H.M. Office of Works, 1923 and later.

Ancient (market ?) cross near church; steps removed 1902; coins of Commodus found (N.S iii, 416).

Beacon on Stainmore top, 15th cent. (N. & B. i, p. xliv).

Hillbeck Hall of Helbecks and Blenkinsops (N. & B. i, 580), rebuilt by T. Carleton of Appleby (Mr. J. W. Braithwaite).

The Fox Tower, built by T. Carleton of Appleby, 1726-66; dismantled c. 1800 (S.A.H. in *Penrith Observer*, Sept. 5th, 1916).

Old roads:

(a) "High street " on Roman road (above)

(b) Brough to Middleton in Teesdale, made turnpike after 1817;

(c) to Kaber from Nine Creases;

(d) the " Coal Road " to old pits on the Yorks. border (J. F. Curwen, MS.).

Bridges at Brough and Sowerby mentioned 1369 (*Test. Karl.* 96).

Buckle's bridge, Stainmore, temp. Eliz. (N. & B. i, 571).

Finds :—At Brough Hill on Roman road three bronze axes (N. & B. i, 606; Evans, *Anct. Bronze Impl.* 53).

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (3 in total – though there may be some overlap with adjacent townships)).