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


(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).


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)).