

Ancient Monuments in this township

DALTON

Tumuli :

- (a) "British cemetery," S. side of road Stainton to Dalton, 3 or 4 hundred yards from the cavern at the Castles; urns and ashes; in one urn a bronze spearhead found *c.* 1860 (Richardson, *Furness*, ii, 37) .
- (b) Interment with bronze spear and sword in cist, found 1874 in quarry at Butts beck (o.s. xv, 164; B.N.F.C. xvii, 213).

Roman ? interment, skeleton and coins, Elliscales (Baines, *Lancs.*, iv, 667).

Earthworks :rampart and fosse, E. side of Dalton church (Watkin, *Rom. Lane.*, 216), probably medieval (W. G. C., *Lake Counties*, 66), but destroyed *c.* 1810 (o.s. viii, 124).

Abbey of St. Mary, Furness, founded for Savignians, 1127; in 1148 becoming Cistercian (R. O'N. Pearson, N.S. viii, i ; for history see the *Furness Coucher book* i, edit. Atkinson, Chetham Soc. 1886-8; *Furness Coucher book* ii, edit. J. Brownbill, Chetham Soc.1915-19; Beck, *Annales Furnesienses*, 1844). Explored 1897-8 (W. H. St. John Hope, o.s. xvi, 221), and further exploration by H.M. Office of Works in progress. Of the fabric :— cloister, four piers of crossing, lower parts of W. wall of transepts and S. wall of nave are early 12th cent.; the buildings altered and completed after 1148; new infirmary and chapel *extra portas*, early 13th cent. ; old infirmary made into abbot's lodging, W. gatehouse and building in outer court, upper storey to central tower of church, 14th cent.; presbytery rebuilt and buildings in outer court, upper parts of transepts strengthened, frater rebuilt, 15th cent.; W. tower of church *c.* 1500. Five effigies in the infirmary chapel (o.s. xv, 432). Three piscinae and fragments (o.s. xii, 211). Abbey well, S.E. of the abbey; remains of structure. Ancient bridge, S. of the Abbey (P. V. Kelly)

Church

- (a) of Dalton, St. Mary's; 12th cent. rebuilt 1883. Ancient windows in S. choir aisle. Late Perp. font; fragments of old glass in N. porch (Cheetham, *Lancs.*, 114). Graveslabs and medieval fragments (John Fell, o.s. viii, 132). Sundial 1753; grave of George Romney the portrait-painter 1802 (B.N.F.C. xvii, 53).
- (b) St. Helen's chapel, 15th cent. on the road to Askam, mentioned 1538; until lately inhabited as a cottage; now much decayed.

Other

- (a) Tithebarn.
- (b) Yarl Well, near the Tithebarn.
- (c) Mary's Well on Mary Bank (Richardson, *Furness* ii , 45).
- (d) St. Helen's Well, Park, 200 yards W. of foundations at Chapel Meadow, found 1801 and 1879, containing window tracery of 13th cent.; tiles, pottery, quern, medieval bronze keys, slag and a lead pipe from a spring (not the Holy well) 300 yards away; also an ancient paved road found 1803 at Goldmire passing the site (Close in West's *Furness*, ed. 1805, 389; John Fell, o.s. vi, 77; H. Gaythorpe, *Furness Lore*, 37).

Market cross, rebuilt (Taylor, *Crosses, etc. of Lancs.*, 306).

Castle, Dalton, mentioned 1257; a 14th cent. pele-tower, repaired c. 1550, remodelled c. 1704 and 1856. Four 14th cent. figures on the parapet. Cannon of 14th cent. and armour of various dates inside (H. Gaythorpe, N.S. X, 312 and B.N.F.C. xvii, 52; Curwen, *Castles*, 274).

Sites :

- (a) ancient mines, Orgrave.
- (b) Cockpit, in 18th cent. on E. side of church (N.s. x, 312).
- (c) Battle at Newton, ? Oct. 1st, 1643 (N.s. x, 327).

Finds:

- (a) Stone celt, 1859, ? at Manor Farm, Furness Abbey (o.s. xv, 168).
- (b) Stone celt, c. 1888, at Dalton (B.N.F.C. xv, 117).
- (c) Two stone celts and an iron tool, in old iron-working near Dalton (Barber, 31).
- (d) "Neolithic implement," Lindal (*Archæologia*, xxxi, 452).
- (e) Stone celt, near Goldmire quarry, 1902 (B.N.F.C. xvii, 216).
- (f) Quern, Park Lodge, Dalton, 1907 (*ibid.*).
- (g) Stone axe-hammer, 1882, at Stainton (B.N.F.C. xv, 118).
- (h) "Copper weapon," 1-m. W. of Black Hagg (West, 345).
- (i) Bronze spearhead, 1895 or earlier, in wall of Dalton Castle (N.s. v, 183-4).
- (j) Three Roman coins, 1915-16, near Furness Abbey (N.s. xvi, 292).
- (k) Piece of lead inscribed SOL, found 1804, at Scalegate (Richardson, *Furness*, ii, 47).
- (l) Gold quarter-noble of Ed. III, 1880, near Furness Abbey (N.s. v, 303).
- (m) 17th cent. French coin (P.V. Kelly, N.S. xxv, 287)

IRELETH.

Hill fort :High Haume, mound enclosed by fosse (H. S. Cowper *Archæologia*, liii); four stone celts, one polished, found near it (H. S. Cowper, o.s. ix, 204); site of medieval beacon (o.s. xiv, 143) and later limekilns (B.N.F.C. xvii, 32).

Chapel rebuilt 1637; sundial 16[08]; old chapel bell at Longlands mines; old font at Cliff Cottage; schoolhouse founded 1608 (B.N.F.C. xvii, 32), rebuilt, 1898. Church, St. Peter's, 1865.

Bloomery at Cliff Cottage.

Domestic:*Marsh Grange*, remains of Furness Abbey grange; Tudor house of Askews (B.N.F.C. xi, 17).

Finds :

- (a) Urns near Ireleth Mill (Barber, *Prehistoric Remains*, 30) .
- (b) Stone celt on shore near Roanhead, now in Barrow Museum.(N. S. xiv, 492).
- (c) Stone celt found c. 1895 at Brockholes, Greenscoe, Askam (N.s. Ili, 144)-
- (d) "About 20 celts or stone hammers " in an old foundation near High Haume (Jopling, *Sketch* [1843], 95, quoted N.S. vi, 145); and see above, *Hill fort*.
- (e) Net-sinker found 1896 at Poaka beck reservoir (B.N.F.C. xv, 117) and one found 1870 (*ibid.* xvii, 210) 1880 (o.s. xv, 170)..

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