

Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

GOSFORTH AND SEASCALE

Stone circle:

- (a) " Grey croft," 300 yds S.W. of Seascale Mill; one stone left, c. 4 ft. high (Parker, *Gosforth*, chap. II).
- (b) Circle in Bolton wood (C. A. Parker, N.S. vi, 152).

Earthworks:

- (a) " King's camp," Laconby; $\frac{3}{4}$ m. E.N.E. of Bolton Hall; small oblong enclosure (Parker, *Gosforth*, chap. II) ; an old homestead.
- (b) "Danish Camp," $\frac{1}{2}$ m. N. of church; explored 1902; triple trench to a garth, and foundations with 17th and 18th cent. pottery (C. A. Parker, N.S. iv, 195).

Viking Age: famous cross c. 1000 in churchyard (C. A. Parker and W. G. Collingwood, N.S. xvii, 99). Six 10th or 11th cent.stones in the church (Calverley, Crosses, 168-176) .

*Church, Gosforth, St. Mary's; 12th cent. caps to chancel arch. Rebuilt and restored 1789, 1858, 1879, 1896-9. Resting cross, base and head, mediæval (C. A. Parker, O.S. ix, 87). Gosforth Hall cross in churchyard (*ibid.* 83). Twenty-two graveslabs and fragments. Denton monument 1751. (Parker, *Gosforth*, chap. iii).*

Wells:

- (a) Holy well and chapel, foundations N. of church; explored 1901 (W. G. Collingwood, N.S. ii, 77) ; cross-head from the site now at Harecroft.
- (b) St. Helen's well, Newton, mentioned 13th cent. (Parker, *Gosforth*, chap. III).

Crosses;

- (a) Bridge Petton cross (N.S. ix, 84).
- (b) Site of cross " in Stainraise above Welleberch " 1239; *i.e.* field 730, Ordnance map 1860 (*ibid.* 83).

Domestic :

- (a) Seascale Hall, of Senhouses, stone 1606.
- (b) Gosforth Gate or Denton Hill, of Sherwens, 1628 (C. A. Parker, N.S. iii, 230).
- (c) Gosforth Hall of Copleys, begun 1658 (Parker and Curwen, N.S. iii, 227 ; Rev. Rees Keene, *ibid.* 398).
- (d) Green house, 1669.
- (e) Hall Bolton, of Senhouses.
- (f) Low Bridge Petton, 1679 (C. A. Parker, N.S. ix, 84).
- (g) Wind hall, 1705 (N.S. iv 195).

Old roads :

- (a) Packhorse road Whitehaven to Kendal passed Santon bridge. Rowend bridge shows widening from original narrow form.
- (b) Ancient track, Wasdale to sea-coast by Hall Bolton and Raynors.

Finds (C. A. Parker, N.S. vi, 151, 335; *Gosforth*, chap. v)

- (a) Stone axe, W. of Hall Senna, 1855.
- (b) Stone axe-hammer, in moss at Gosforth, before 1842.
- (c) Two stone axes, N.N.E. and S.W. of Rainors, 1885, 1887.
- (d) Bronze axe, 200 yds. E. of Santon bridge, 1855.
- (e) "Copper battle-axe," Bolton wood, c. 1820.
- (g) Flint arrow-head, N. of Parknook, 1905.
- (h) Coin of Nerva, S.W. of Benfold.

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (98 in total – though there may be some overlap with other townships).