

Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

HAYTON AND GELTSDALE

Tumuli:

- (a) *site* of mound or mounds opened 1775, near Gelt bridge, cist and skeleton found (G. R. Hall, O.S. vi, 470).
- (b) Site of Bronze Age (?) interment near lodge of Edmond Castle; opened; the urn lost, stones of cist made into a seat at the Castle (ibid. 470).

Roman:

Pigeon or Lad crag, ½ m higher up the Gelt than the principal rock inscription, a " written rock " (C.I.L. vii, 913 ; N.S.44).

Mottes

- (a) 12th cent. Castle Hill, N. of Hayton; 100 ft. diam. inside breastwork on summit; surrounding ditch with double rampart; on S. W., terrace 15 ft. wide overlooking the ravine (G.R. Hall, O.S. vi, 466; Curwen, *Castles*, 40.)
- (b) Lazon Castle, N.E. of meeting of bounds of Hayton, Carlatten and Cumwhitton; no remains known (T. H. B. Graham, N.S. xii, 200) .
- (c) ?The How at How Hill (G. R. Hall, O.S. vi, 470).

Stonehouse, site only, N.E. of Hayton, mentioned 1633 (H.Penfold in *Castles*, 410) .

Church, St. Mary Magdalene, rebuilt 1780, chancel rebuilt 1842; restoration 1888.

Old roads:

- (a) " Thief street," old Low Gelt bridge over Watch Hills; skirting Peck o' big hole and joining highroad at Towtop (T. H. B. Graham, N.S. vii, 50).
- (b) " How Street," from Toppin Castle E. past Street house.

Terraces:

Between Gairs and the Gelt, 15 to 20 ft. high, 80 yds.long. Between Greens and the Gelt, 52 yds. long. In Talkin Head wood (G. R. Hall, O.S. vi, 457). The last perhaps old quarries ?

Site of Cross, near Low Moor ; shaft in Edmond Castle grounds.

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