

Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

KESWICK

Pre-historic site : Bristowe Hill, Crosthwaite; stone celt, querns; found 1903 (Canon Rawnsley, N.S. iv, 254).

Hill forts :

- (a) Castle Crag, Borrowdale, formerly trenched on one side ; Roman pottery and red sandstone found.
- (b) E. side of Lodore beck, above 1250 ft. Ramparts.

Roman :

- (a) Supposed station " extremely doubtful " (F. Haverfield, N.S. iii, 337).
- (b) Altar (C.I.L. vii, 335) formerly at Keswick, perhaps originally from Old Carlisle.
- (c) Roman pottery at Keswick Museum from Castle Crag.

Terraces on Skiddaw side above Applethwaite.

Anglian: Hermitage of St. Herebert, A.D. 685. Pilgrimage to St. Herbert's Island instituted 1374 (O.S. vi, 342). Ruins there of the summerhouse mentioned by Sandford, c. 1675.

Churches

- (a) Crosthwaite, St. Kentigern's; ? site of St. Kentigern's preaching-cross, c. A.D. 600. Church founded c. 1175. Traces of 14th cent. work. Fabric widened, tower rebuilt, partly with old materials, 1553; restored 1844-45 (G. Watson, O.S. xvi, 146). Fragments of 12th cent. church and of graveslab found 1915 (Canon Rawnsley, N.S. xvi, 276). Late 14th cent. font, inscription of Thomas d' Eskhede (Sir A. W. Franks, O.S. vi, 415). Glass of 14th cent. in S. chancel chapel window, and of 15th cent. in N. window of aisle. Tomb and restored brasses of Sir J. Radcliffe, 1527, and wife. Effigies of Sir J. de Derwentwater and wife, *temp.* Henry VI. Consecration crosses, 1553 (Canon Rawnsley, N.S. xiv, 295 ; xvi, 273). Stoup. Candlestick, 16th cent., given by Lord Ullswater.
- (b) Crosthwaite Parish Room, 14th cent. bell from Loweswater church (N.S. xvi, 273).
- (c) Thornthwaite, now St. Mary's, founded 13th cent., rebuilt 1853.
- (d) Newlands church, rebuilt 1843, restored 1885.
- (e) Borrowdale church, rebuilt 1845, chancel 1873.
- (f) Keswick, St. John's, 1838-39.
- (g) Grange, Holy Trinity, 1861.

Pele-tower:- traces of tower in Millbeck Hall; lintel 1592 of Williamsons (M. W. Taylor, O.S. xii, 148).

Domestic : Ormathwaite Hall, of Brownriggs, 18th cent. (*ibid.* 152). Old pike in Keswick Museum from the Hall.

Old roads, etc.:

- (a) Causey named 13th cent. up Grains gill to Eskhause (W. P. Haskett-Smith) .
- (b) Causey named 13th cent. near Braithwaite with stone bridge at Portinscale (W. P. Haskett-Smith, N.S. xxi, 153).
- (c) Highway named 13th cent. Crosthwaite to Bassenthwaite (*ibid.*)
- (d) Styhead path, " Hederlanghals " 1242 ; " Bredinebrigge " at Ellerbeck on path Grange to Manesty (W. G. Collingwood, N.S. xviii, 99) .
- (e) Old bridges at Portinscale, Seathwaite, Stockley bridge, Watendlath.

Old mines:

- (a) The Uregap, " Orskarh " 1242 (N.S. xviii, 96).
- (b) German miners' workings ; Goldscope or " Gottesgab," Barrow, Stonycroft, Brandelhow, Copperplate near Ellers, Borrowdale, etc.; tunnel at Forge and embankment of Greta near Brigham, c. 1570 (W. G. Collingwood, *Elizabethan Keswick*; J. Postlethwaite, *Mines, etc.*, 76-90) . Miners' wedges from Goldscope in Keswick Museum.

Saline Spa, Manesty, said to have been used by miners against lead-poisoning.

Mine - Wad or plumbago, ¼m. N.W. of Seathwaite, granted 1614 to Sir. W. Lawson and others (*ibid.* III).

Bloomeries :

- (a) Rampsholme_ and E. of Causeway head .
(W. G. Collingwood, N.S. iv, 276, 280).
- (b) Langstrath foot, near Smithymire Island.

The Borrowdale yews, N.W. of Seathwaite.

Finds:

- (a) Stone celts, Mossgarth, Portinscale; four found 1901, another 1902 (Canon Rawnsley, N.S. ii, 418).
- (b) Stone hammer from St. Herbert's Island, in Keswick Museum.
- (c) Crucifix mould, 14th or 15th cent., Portinscale 1901 (N.S. iii, 224).
- (d) Tau ring of c. 1420, found 1892 at Millfield, Keswick (O.S. xii, 266).

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (140 plus in total – though there may be some overlap with other townships).