

Ancient Monuments in this township

1926 List

LEVENS

Tumuli and enclosure,

- (a) Heaves fell. The enclosure of "*Brit. Sett.*" type; its S.W. wall overlying a tumulus in which a skeleton and fibula, with a ring and a bead of 2nd-3rd cent. A.D. were found; no remains found in the second tumulus (T. McKenny Hughes, N.S. xii, 397). The third tumulus yielded five skeletons and neolithic remains (*ibid.* iv, 201) and the fourth a Bronze Age urn (*ibid.* 71).
- (b) Interments near Hyning, four skeletons, oriented; lower down the hill a York token found (T. McK. Hughes, N.S. xii, 403).

[The mound thought to be a "burh" near Lawrence House is a natural hillock (T. McK. Hughes, N.S. iv, 338).]

Church, St. John Baptist, 1828.

"Kirksteads," Levens park, ruins of a round building and another building (N. & B. i, 208).

Towers :

- (a) Levens Hall, tower of de Redman. First hall c. 1450; mansion of Bellinghams 1577-1617; altered by Col. James Graham, 1692-1704. Garden laid out 1701. Howard tower etc. 1807 (Taylor, *Manorial Halls*, 199; Curwen, *Castles*, 294, and *Levens Hall*).
- (b) Nether Levens, tower of Prestons, 15th ? cent. and part of curtain wall. Hall rebuilt 1594; altered 1649. Pigeon-house (J. F. Curwen, N.S. iv, 235; *Castles*, 385). Graveslab.

Bloomery in the Gilpin valley. Forge at the Force, 18th cent. (N. & B. i, 208).

Packhorse road,

- (a) "the Carsar," Levens church to Gilpin bridge (J. A. Barnes, N.S. iv, 209).
- (b) In 1671 the "Long Cawsey" and the "New" or "Sampool bridge" (Levens bridge) mentioned (*Q. Sess. records*). Levens bridge marked on Saxton's map, 1576.

Finds:

- (a) Stone celt, before 1881, near Low Levens (o.s. vi, 202).
- (b) Stone celt, 1904, ½m. below Gilpin bridge (N.s. v, 303)

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (69 in total – though there may be some overlap with other townships).