

Ancient Monuments in this township

1926 List

KIRKBY LONSDALE, LUPTON AND MANSERGH

Roman road (supposed), S. of High Biggins to Sealford (N.s. v, 278). Inscribed altar found 1684 (*Archæological Journal*, xxxix, 366) ? from Overborough.

"*Brit. Sett.*" Rom.-British period, near Sealford; ramparts and hut-circles, partly explored 1888 and later; bones of *bos longifrons* and "*hipposandal*" found (Bishop Ware, o.s. vii, 111; N.S. V, 278).

Motte and bailey, N. of Kirkby Lonsdale vicarage (N.s. v, 278; Curwen, *Castles*, 35).

Churches:

- (a) Kirkby Lonsdale, St. Mary's; mentioned 1090-97 (Farrer, *Kendale*, ii 306). Three columns of N. arcade and three of S. arcade 12th cent. Rebuilding c. 1220 with old stones is inferred. Lowest stage of tower Norman and Trans.; upper part 1708. Middleton chapel 1486 (N.s. viii, 126) but reduced in 18th cent., contains 15th cent. effigy and tomb (o.s. xv, 440). Parts of rood-screen c. 1500. Piscina (o.s. xii, 210). Fabric repaired and N. aisle added, 1619; restored 1708, 1808, 1868, (Bishop Ware, o.s. i, 189; Rev. R. Percival Brown, N.S. XXV, 365). Christopher Wood's inscription (*ibid.*, 321). Pulpit 1619; stalls, 1619, re-erected in baptistery. Cross near the church.
- (b) Mansergh, St. Peter's; chapel built 1726, rebuilt 1880.
- (c) Lupton church built 1867; font of 1686 from Kirkby Lonsdale.
- (d) Site of chapel, Tarnside c. 1250 (Farrer, *Kendale*, ii, 344) destroyed *temp.* Charles II (N. & B. i, 247).

Grammar School founded 1582, rebuilt 1628 (N. & B. i, 238; Col. Chippendall, *Hist. K.L. Grammar School*, 1918).

Old roads:

- (a) Kirkby Lonsdale to Milnthorpe, mentioned at Spittal, Lupton, 1687 (*Q. Sess. records*) ; widened by Act of 1796.
- (b) Kirkby Lonsdale to Kendal made turnpike road after 1752 (J. F. Curwen).
- (c) Drift road, see FIRBANK.

Bridges :The " Devil's Bridge," grant of pontage for repair [of early wooden bridge ?], 1275. Stone, dated 1633 (Whellan 887).

Gibson " Stang bridge," Lupton, decayed 1671 (*Q. Sess. records*).

Finds:

- (a) Stone axe-hammer, c. 1905, at Mansergh (N.s. vii, 64)
- (b) Gold rosary ring, near Kirkby Lonsdale (N.s. v, 279).

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