

Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

MUNCASTER

Long barrows ? three at Latterbarrow, S. of W. end of Raven Crag (C. W. Dymond, O.S. xii, 180).

"*Brit. Sett.*" Barnscar, hut-circles, enclosures and cairns with burial urns; area c. 800 by 400 yds. (*ibid.* 179).

Earthwork : " Great Round," ring-dyke of stones and earth, 12 ft. broad, enclosing c. 4 acres, on Muncaster fell (Miss Fair) .

Tumulus and Cairns : W. of Devoke water (J. C. Ward, O.S. ii, 251; Parker, *Gosforth*, chap. v).

Cairns : Stainton fell, 1 m. S. of Barnscar (*ibid.*)

Roman:

(a) Fort, Ravenglass (according to Haverfield CLANOVENTA) Agricolan and Hadrianic. Bath-house, " Walls Castle," explored 1881 (O.S. i, 216). Rubbish pits ? c. 150 yds. S. of Walls Castle (O.S. iii, i8). Coin of Vespasian, found 1850 (*ibid.* 21). Pottery found 1899 (N.S. iii, 396). Road (N.S. xix, 17).

(b) Tilery, $\frac{2}{3}$ m. W.S.W. of Muncaster Head; kiln found c. 1884 (O.S. viii, 67).

Viking Age: two 10th or 11th cent. stones in the churchyard (Calverley, *Crosses*, 238).

Church, St. Michael's; traces of 12th cent. E. window c. 1500. Restored and transept built 1874. Pennington monuments from 1518 (C. A. Parker, N.S. xiv, 483).

Site: Chapel garth, Croppel how; masonry stones found early 19th cent.

Old road: Waberthwaite-Eskdale passed the site above. Old inn, " the Cat," on road through Nether Stainton.

Pele-tower: Muncaster Castle; tower c. 1325 with many later additions (Curwen, *Castles*, 308).

" The Luck of Muncaster," mediæval glass bowl (O.S. vi, 209).

Market cross, Ravenglass (C. A. Parker, N.S. ix, 79), site still traceable (C. Caine, N.S. xxi, 248).

Beacon,

(a) Muncaster fell, 1468 (N. and B. i, xlv) and 1688 (T. Denton).

(b) The tower on Newton Knott built c. 1823 (C. Caine, N.S. xxii, 103).

Bloomeries : Muncaster head and Forest how (Miss Fair, N.S.xix, 168; xxii, 92).

Boundary mark : "Robert Cross," stone-heap at the extreme E. point of parish boundary.

Finds : Gold coin of Theodosius, found 1800 at Muncaster Castle.

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