Ancient Monuments in this township

1926 List

ORTON AND TEBAY

*Stone circle:* Gamelands, $\frac{1}{3}$ m. N.W. of Raisbeck, 138 feet diam. (o.s. vi, 177, 183).

*Tumuli:*

(a) "British Sepulchre," N.W. of Raisgill Hall, c. 100 yds. circumference, cist and skeleton (N. & B. i, 491).

(b) One, $\frac{1}{4}$m. N. of Broadfell;

(c) another $\frac{1}{2}$m. N.W. of Sunbiggin and

(d) a third $\frac{1}{2}$m. N.E. of Sunbiggin. Two of these with subsequent Anglian interments (Greenwell, *Brit. Barrows*, 394-396).

*Roman road,* "Wicker Street" (P. Ross, N.S. xx, 3).

*Mottes:*

(a) Castle Howe, Greenholme (N. & B. i, 493; Curwen *Castles*, 29).

(b) Castle Howe, Tebay (N. & B., i, 493; Curwen *Castles*, 33; o.s. xi, 305).

*Dyke,* defensive; mentioned c. 1180; ? near Dike, 1m. W. of Tebay (Curwen, *Castles*, 19g)

*Churches:*

(a) Orton, mentioned 1291; All Saints' or St. Mary's (Bacon, *Lib. Regis*). 13th cent. window in E. wall of S. aisle; trefoil-headed piscina (Canon Bower, o.s. xii, 209). S. windows

Tudor. Chancel rebuilt and church restored 1877. Bells, one pre-Reformation, two of 1637 and one of 1817. Font 1662. Old oak in vestry 1639; chest and oak in baptistery 1733; old reading desk. Outside, altar-slab and cross-base. (Rev. J. Whiteside, N.S. iv, 154).

(b) Tebay, St. James', 1880

*Domestic:*

(a) Petty or Orton Old Hall, Elizabethan, of Birkbecks and Pettys (F. B. Garnett, o.s. xi, 300; M. W. Taylor, o.s. xii, 19; Dr. R. W. Gibson, N.S. xxiii, 280).

(b) Raisgill Hall, courthouse of Blenkinsops (N. & B. i, 490).

(c) Orton Hall, built by Chancellor Burn, d. 1785 (o.s. xi, 305).

(d) Tebay school, founded 1672 (N. & B. i, 485) now the Council School.

(e) Greenholme school, founded 1733 (*ibid.*).

*Beacon,* Orton Scar (N. & B. i, 490).

Old roads:

(a) Hollowstones-Breasthigh-Tebay (Curwen, Castles, 199).

(b) Tebay-Smardale bridge;

(c) Grayrigg-Roundthwaite-Birkbeck-Scales to Shap Thorn (J. F. Curwen, MS.)

(d) The turnpike roads Orton to Shap and Tebay to Kirkby Stephen made after 1760 and before 1775 (N. & B. i, 9).

(e) Bridge between Tebay and Roundthwaite mentioned 1380 (Test. Karl., 143).

Finds:

(a) Bronze spear-head, 1891, in Deep Moss, Tebay fell (o.s. xii, 57).

(b) Silver fibula and torque, Anglo-Saxon period (Greenwell, Brit.Barrows, 397).

(c) "Jewels of date of Petilius Cerealis," found 1847 (Whellan, 763)

See Pastscape for much more detail on these and more entries (65 in total – though there may be some overlap with other townships).