

Ancient Monuments in this township

PENNINGTON

Tumulus;

- (a) "circular tomb " with bones and sword, found while building the house Coninger Hurst (o.s. ix, 504).
- (b) ? The hill of Coninger Wood in the field called Ellabarrow (H. S. Cowper, N.S. vi, 317).

Hill fort: "Castle Hill "; rampart and fosse; stone celt found 1886 (H. S. Cowper, o.s. ix, 503; N.S. vi, 316; Curwen, *Castles*, 37; *V.C.H. Lancs.*, ii, 555) . The seat of the de Penningtons, mentioned 1318, was at Becksides, where foundations remain (H. Gaythorpe, .B.N.F.C. xvii, 64).

Church, mentioned 1200, now St. Michael's; restored 1925. Trans. fragments in vicarage garden; tympanum with 12th cent runes, formerly at Loppergarth, now in the church (H. Gaythorpe, N.S. iii, 373; and see N.S. xviii, 241). Carved wooden pillar (H. S. Cowper, o.s. xv, 312). Font, 14th-15th cent. Two bells, 1685 and 1719 (F. C. Cheetham, *Trans. Lane. and C. Soc.* xl).

Domestic

- (a) Cowran, stone of 1728.
- (b) Village stocks near the church.

Finds:

- (a) Querns, stone balls and axes found 12 ft. deep while making the railway (o.s. ix, 504).
- (b) Stone axe-hammer, Pennington (B.N.F.C. xvii, 210)
- (c) Perforated pebble, on the moor at Rathvale, 1880 (o.s. xv, 170)..

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