

Ancient Monuments in this township

1926 List

GRASMERE AND RYDAL

Tumulus :

- (a) Dunmail raise, described by West, 1779, as a barrow.
- (b) Cairns near Easedale tarn, S. of Sourmilk gill (o.s. iii, 253).
- (c) ? Site of stone circle (Hodgson, *Westmd.*, 223) .

Roman road, Rothay bridge to Skelwith (N.s. xxi, 25, 26).

Earthwork: terraced mound at Rydal mount (Miss Armitt, *Rydal*, 38).

Churches:

- (a) Grasmere, chapel mentioned 1203 (Farrer, *Kendale*, ii, 58) ; now St. Oswald's. Tower, parts of N. and S. walls, priest's door and a window, 14th cent. N. aisle built c. 1540; roof raised on second tier of arches c. 1562. Restorations, 1851, 1876, 1879, 1893. Piscina, re-cut (o.s. xii, 210). Stone head of 14th-15th cent. Fleming pew 1663, and brasses 1663, 1675. Bench end 1635; almsbox, 1648. Altar, now credence-table, and rails 1755. Monuments to Wordsworth and family. St. Oswald's well at Kelbarrow (Miss Armitt, *The Church of Grasmere*; G. Middleton, *Grasmere*; J. F. Curwen, N.S. XiV, 312).
- (b) Rydal, St. Mary's, 1824.

Domestic:

- (a) Rydal Old Hall, ruins on " St. John's Howe " (Miss Armitt, *Rydal*, 216, 220, 564).
- (b) Rydal Hall, of Flemings, 17th cent.; collection of MSS., portraits, etc. Houses of 16th and 17th cent. (Miss Armitt, *Grasmere*, 224).

Old mines :

- (a) Copper, *temp.* Eliz., Greenhead Gill.
- (b) Iron, Tongue Gill
- (c) bloomery above Winterseeds (Miss Armitt, *Rydal*, 342).

Old roads :

- (a) packhorse track, Grasmere-W. of Tongue-Patterdale.
- (b) Paved way from Old Hall to ford and stepping-stones.
- (c) Causeway across Old Orchard made by John Bell's scholars *temp.* James I (N. & B. i, 174; N.S. vii, 144).

Finds:

- (a) Stone celt, Loughrigg tarn (*Proc. S.A.*, N.S. Vi, 438).
- (b) Urn with ashes, and Roman remains, in making the turnpike road (c. 1770) at Rydal (West, *Guide*, 77).
- (c) Quern, at Meadow brow (N.s. iii, 419)

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (60 in total – though there may be some overlap with other townships).