

Ancient Monuments in this township

1926 List

KENDAL AND SKELSMERGH

Earthwork ? "Coneybeds " on Hayfell (Whellan, 865).

*Motte and bailey:" Castle How " (W. G. Collingwood, N.S. viii, 97; Curwen, *Castles*, 31)*

Anglian fragment of cross at Kendal church (W. G. C., N.S. iv, 330).

Churches :

- (a) Kendal, pre-Conquest (by the place-name in Domesday book). Holy Trinity; an E.E. church, restored 1252 of which date are the nave-arcades and perhaps chancel and W.wall. Parr aisle, 14th cent. St. Mary's chapel, 1321. St. Anne's chapel, 1511. St. Anthony's and St. Christopher's chapels 16th cent. Bellingham aisle *temp.* Henry VIII. Restorations 1829, 1852, 1864-70. Piscina ? (o.s. xii, 210). Strickland tomb 14th-15th cent. and effigy 1656 (o.s. xv, 438). Parr tomb 16th cent. Bellingham tomb, much restored, and brass 1577 (o.s. xiii, 148). Bells recast 18th cent. (J. F. Curwen, o.s. xvi, 137).
- (b) Site at Spital of the 12th cent. hospital of St. Leonard (N.s. viii, 127; xvii, 254; xviii, 240; xix, 169; Farrer, *Rec. of Kendale, passim*).
- (c) Skelsmergh, site of pre-Reformation chapel of St. John Baptist and well (N. & B. i, 123).

Other chapels

- (d):near Abbot Hall;
- (e) on Chapel Hill; All Hallows (rebuilt 1865) ;
- (f) St. George's 1754 (rebuilt 1848)
- (g) Presbyterian;
- (h) Quaker (N. & B. i, 74, 75, 80).
- (i) St. Thomas', 1837.

Grammar School (N. & B. i, 80).

Hospital school founded 1670 (*ibid.* 81).

Kendal Castle, ruins; founded c. 1184; dismantled 1566. Fragments of hall, square tower and turret, curtain wall and fosse outer bailey with rampart and ditch on N. and W. Castle Mill to W. by the river. (R. S. Ferguson, o.s. x, 178; J. F. Curwen, N.S. viii, 84; *Castles*, 145.)

"Castle Dairy," Tudor house with 14th cent. remains (J. F. Curwen, N.S. xvi, 101).

Tower :Skelsmergh Hall of Leyburnes c. 1425; new buildings c. 1550; extensions 1629 (Rev. G. E. P. Reade, o.s. vi, 202).

Domestic:

- (a) Abbot Hall rebuilt 18th cent. (N. & B. i, 74) .
- (b) Anchorite's House and well, " The Ankeriche " on Speed's map, 1614.
- (c) Other old houses (Curwen, *Kirkbie Kendall, passim*).

Market stone, the " Cauld Stean " in Kendal market-place.

Old roads made turnpike 1760-70 (N. & B. i, 9) :

- (a) To Kirkby Lonsdale,
- (b) To Sedbergh-Rawthey bridge-Kirkby Stephen,
- (c) To Tebay; the highway to St. Leonard's hospital 13th cent (*Boke off Recorde*, 127).
- (d) From Heron sike and Burton, and N. to Shap and Eamont bridge; the 13th cent. " Stayngate " (N.s. ix, 271).
- (e) To Ambleside and Dunmail raise.
- (f) To Underbarrow, Crosthwaite, Bowland bridge, Newby bridge, Ulverston and Kirkby Ireleth; old packhorse track; branch over Windermere ferry.
- (g) To Milnthorpe and Sandside; route mentioned 1184-1220 (Levens MS. quoted by J. F. Curwen) ; and from Milnthorpe to Clawthorpe quarries.

Bridges:

- (a) Mint bridge mentioned before 1246 (N.s. xix, 113); and two others over the Mint and three over the Sprint marked on Saxton's map, 1576.
- (b) Nether bridge, repaired 1376 and 1421 (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1421, 399) ; doubled in width 1772; widened, 1908.
- (c) Stramongate bridge, broken 1374. (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1 375, 237) rebuilt, 1379; widened 1794..
- (d) St. Sunday's bridge, repaired 1686 (*Q. Sess. Records*).
- (e) Force bridge and Hawes bridge decayed 1691 (*ibid.* Information from Mr. J. F. Curwen).

Canal: Lancaster Canal begun 1792 (J. F. Curwen, N.S. xvii, 26).

Finds:

- (a) Stone hammer, before 1881, Skelsmergh (o.s. vi, 203).
- (b) Stone Axe-hammer, 1923, Garnett bridge (N.s. xxiii, 293).
- (c) Two querns, Spital (o.s. vii, 94).
- (d) Various antiquities at Kendal Museum.

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