

Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

MILLOM AND THWAITES

Great stone circle : Swinside, 55 stones, 90 ft. diameter with gateway to S.E. Explored 1901 (C. W. Dymond, N.S. ii, 53).

Stone circles:

(a) two, E. and S. of Lacra (J. Eccleston, O.S. i, 278).

(b) Small circle at Fenwick (Rev. W. S. Sykes).

Standing stones:

(a) " Old Kirk," N.W. of Lacra; dyke 50 by 25 yds. enclosing tall stones arranged in oblong (*ibid.*)

(b) "Giant's Grave," ½ m. W. of Kirksanton; two tall stones, cupmark on the taller (*ibid.*)

Cairns and foundations : Thwaites fell, ½ m. N. and ½ m. E. of Fenwick.

Terraces : E. of Lacra Old Kirk.

Earthwork : Gornal ground; ring enclosing mound, traces of smithy (C. W. Dymond, N.S. ii, 67).

Bloomeries:

(a) Duddon furnace, in use 18th cent. (O.S. xiv, 448)•

(b) in wood near Millom vicarage,

(c) in the vicarage garden.

(d) at Bornbarrow, between Low Scales and Harratts.

Churches;

(a) Holy Trinity; 14th cent. windows in S. aisle, vesical piscis at W. end of aisle; low arch at W. end of nave. Chancel chiefly Perp. Great E. window to S. aisle, late Gothic. Restored 1858, c. 1874 (Rev. R. D. Ellwood, N.S. xviii, 106). Oaken effigy c. 1400, on table-tomb of another date. Effigies of Sir John Hudleston, d. 1494, and wife. Font 15th cent. Armorial cross, 15th cent., in churchyard. Early cross-base? in churchyard (*ibid.*)

(b) St. Anne's, Thwaites; old church, rebuilt C. 1721, 1807.

(c) New church higher up the road, 1854.

(d) St. George's, Millom, 1877.

Well; Holy well, Hodbarrow, site lost,

Castles

(a) *Millom Castle*, traces of 12th cent. motte and bailey (H. S. Cowper) ; licence to crenellate 1335; pele-tower of 15th or 16th cent.; seat of the Hudlestons (Curwen, *Castles*, 211)

(b) "Gallows stone," ½m. E.S.E. of Castle, modern memorial of site.

Old roads :

(a) " Road by the two standing stones" ? High Street, in 1309 (N.S. xviii, 233).

(b) Packhorse road through Gornal ground (N.S. ii, 69, 74).

(c) Near Broadgate (N.S. ii, 75).

(d) Over sands to Ireleth i.e. Low, Middle, and High fords (J. Fell, O.S. vii, 1).

(e) Old road from Haverigg, an ancient port, by Waingate bridge, Cross, where it crosses High Street, Cross House, Thwaites, where it crosses High ford road, to Duddon bridge.

(f) Old paved road found at Holborn Hill.

Finds :

(a) flint, Millom vicarage, 1917 (Rev. R. D. Ellwood, N.S. xviii, 109).

(b) Two stone axes, Fenwick.

(c) Stone axe and celt, S. of Low Scales, 1824 (o.s. i, 280 -1).

(d) Urns with bones, S. of Beck, before 1872 (*ibid.*)

(e) Querns, Poo' House.

(f) Flint arrow, Scots Croft.

(g) Part of stone hammer, near Monks Holme, Kirksanton (Rev. W. S. Sykes).

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (158 in total – though there may be some overlap with other townships).