

Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

OVER DENTON WITH GILSLAND

Note: now shown as Upper Denton; much of Gilsland hamlet is in Northumberland.

Earthworks and (?) long barrow:

- (a) N. of the Wall on Harrow's or Harras scar.
- (b) [Supposed " camp " at Watch Hill, Triermain, found to be remains of quarrying (F. Haverfield, O.S. xiv, 197).]

Roman:

- (a) The Wall. A length in Gilsland vicarage garden was exposed 1894.
- (b) The Valium and Turf Wall, near Appletree, explored 1894-99 (F. Haverfield and Mrs. Hesketh Hodgson, O.S. xiv, xv; N.S. i, ii).
- (c) Birdoswald fort, AMBOGLANNA, better perhaps CAMBOGLANNA (references as to the Valium, and F. G. Simpson, N.S. xiii, 359; xxi, 265).
- (d) Milecastles at Pikehill, destroyed 1870 (O.S. i, 214) ;
- (e) Wall bowers; High House (F. G. Simpson, N.S. xiii, 312)
- (f) Harrows scar (F. Haverfield, O.S. xv, 351); and
- (g) Poltross burn (O.S. ix, 162; J. P. Gibson and F. G. Simpson, N.S. xi, 390; xiii, 320).
- (h) Turrets at Appletree, High house and Birdoswald (F. G. Simpson, N.S. xiii, 303-309).
- (i) Camp at Willowford (*ibid.* 396).
- (j) Fort at Throp (*ibid.* 363).
- (k) Roads: Stanegate near Throp (*ibid.* 381) and military way (*ibid.* 389). Near Gilsland vicarage (F. Haverfield, O.S. xv, 185).
- (l) Inscribed rocks: Combe crags (C.I.L. vii, 871; F. Haverfield in E. E. ix, p. 603).
- (m) Inscribed stones :-from Birdoswald, many now at Carlisle Museum, others at Rokeby (8), Naworth (5), Lanercost (4), Castlesteads (3), Newcastle (2), Corby (1), Lancaster (1, see R. G. Collingwood, N.s. XXiii, 13) and Birdoswald (7) - (C.I.L. vii, 800- 872, *ibid.* 276; E.E. vii, 1071, 1075, ix, 1210-1215);
from Gilsland (Lap. 347; E.E. vii, 1077, ix, 1207, 1208, at Gilsland vicarage)
from Hare Hill (E.E.ix, 1216B) : from High house (E.E.ix, 1216A)
from Over Denton (E.E.vii, 1074, 1078)
from Triermain (C.I.L. vii c3, 862) . See references for the present position of the stones.

Early village site:

High mains, W. of Over Denton church (R. S.Ferguson, O.S. vi, 194).

Motte:

Of 12th cent type; N. of Over Denton church; small bailey and mound in circular ditch about 14 yds. diameter (R. S.Ferguson, O.S. vi, 194; Curwen, *Castles*, 28).

Churches :-

- (a) Over Denton; chancel-arch and materials apparently from Birdoswald Roman fort, attributed to 11th or 12th cent.; Norm. slit on N. side; 13th cent. window in chancel. Restored 1881 (C. J. Ferguson and A. Wright, O.S. iii, 157; Rev. W. G. Bird, N.S. xv, 185; Baldwin Brown, *Arts of Early England*).
- (b) The font is a Roman capital.
- (c) 12th cent. graveslab.
- (d) Pre-reformation bell, now at Gilsland vicarage.
- (e) Tomb of Margt. Teesdale, " Meg of Mumps Hall," 1777.
- (f) Gilsland church, consecrated 1854
- (g) Old vicarage, Over Denton, a tower, N.E. corner of churchyard (N.s. xxi, 137) .

Domestic buildings :

- (a) Mumps - earlier Monks' Hall (T. H. B. Graham, N.S. xxi, 130).
- (b) Shaws [visit of Sir Walter Scott, 1797] rebuilt 1859. The ancient spa is the sulphur well, on W. bank of river; the chalybeate well discovered c. 1830.
- (c) Temon, 16th cent. peel-house; remains in farm buildings (H. Penfold in *Castles*, 409).
- (d) Willowford, site of peel-house destroyed c. 1849 (Jenkinson, *Guide to Carlisle*, 202) .

Old Roads:

- (a) Brampton by Naworth to Monks' (Mumps) Hall, 1675 ; after 1745 Wade's road crossed the Poltross at Temon (T.H. B. Graham, N.S. xxi, 131).
- (b) (?) " Lord's gate," 4m. E. of Triermain (Ordnance map)

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (138 in total – though there may be some overlap with adjacent townships)).