

## Ancient Monuments in this township

1926 List

### CARTMEL AND (UPPER) HOLKER

*Cist and urn*, near Cartmel new cemetery, found *c.* 1812 (Stockdale, *Annales Caermoelenses*, 251).

*Hill fort* ? Howbarrow (Stockdale, *op. cit.* 254).

"*Cairns* " near Howbarrow (*ibid.*). Cairns and stone ring rampart 150 yards circumference on Holker Bank; the " Toadstone," mentioned by Stockdale was the last remnant of standing stones; the rest removed *c.* 1798 (*ibid.*).

*Hut-Circles* on Pit farm allotment, Hampsfell (H. F. Rigge, o.s. viii, 265).

Site of ramparted enclosure in Walton, *i.e.* W. part of Cartmel town (Stockdale, *op. cit.* 253; see also N.S. XXIV, 291)

*Priory church* of St. Mary the Virgin; St. Michael's church was earlier than the Augustinian priory founded 1189-94. (Farrer, *Lancs. Chartulary*, 341). Quire, lower part of tower, N. quire aisle, S. doorway and transepts are Trans. and E.E. S. aisle enlarged 14th cent. Nave rebuilt, belfry added, great E. window etc. 15<sup>th</sup> cent. Repairs 1597, 1613; restorations 1618-23 and 1849-67 (W. O. Roper, o.s. xiii, 293; J. F. Curwen, N.S. xx, 106). Graveslabs :—prior Wm. de Walton, 14th cent.; prior Wm. Br—; and three others. Effigies of knight and lady, 13th cent.; and of an Augustinian canon. " Harrington tomb " composed *c.* 1620 of various monuments (Canon Bower, o.s. xv, 428; H. Gaythorpe, *Furness Lore*, 91; B.N.F.C., 1902-4, 148; J. Brownbill, N.S. xxv, 373) . Canons' seats 14th-15th cent. Canopies of stalls and screens 1620. Ancient glass in E. window and in E. window of the Town quire. Font re-cut. Many 17th cent. monuments. Brass of Briggs, 1703. Old books and relics in vestry. Mural . paintings (o.s. xv, 15). Piscinae (o.s. xii, 211). Sundial 1727. Four bells; two of 1661, the others of 1726 and 1729 (F. C. Cheetham, *Trans. Lane. and C. Soc.* xl). Base of churchyard cross. The gatehouse refitted in 1923 and vested in the National Trust. " Headless Cross " S. of town. Cross in Market place.

#### *Domestic:*

(a) Holker Hall, of Prestons *c.* 1600; rebuilt by the Duke of Devonshire after fire of 1871 (Stockdale, *op. cit.* 409-432).

(b) Bigland Hall, of Biglands 16th cent.; fireplace inscribed "I B M B / N G " misread as " 1167 " (H. Gaythorpe, B.N.F.C. xvii, 43).

(c) Frith Hall, of Prestons, remains in outhouse (Stockdale, *op. cit.* 511).

*Beacon*, 1m. E. of Priory (o.s. xiv, 143).

*Old roads* in 1800. See Stockdale (*op. cit.* 370.)

*Old iron-works*: Low-wood, 1766 (o.s. xv, 222).

#### *Finds:*

(a) prehistoric objects at Nun's Hill and Nab Green (Stockdale, *op. cit.* 250).

- (b) Stone axe-hammer, at Cartmel (B.N.F.C. xvii, 210).
- (c) Stone axe-hammer, 1911, at Backbarrow (J. Dobson, N.S. xiv, 272).
- (d) Roman coins, c. 1800, in Cartmel park wood; a hoard of six hundred coins up to A.D. 250 (Stockdale, *op. cit.* 244).

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