

## Ancient Monuments in this township

### URSWICK AND BARDSEA

*Double stone circle* at Birkrigg, diam. 27 and 75 ft. Explored 1911 and 1921, cinerary urn and interments found (N.s. xii, 262; xxii, 346).

#### *Barrow*

- (a) on E. side of Birkrigg explored 1912, no remains found (N. s. xiv, 466) .
- (b) Another, on N. side of Birkrigg, contained interments and a bronze tattooing-awl of Early Bronze Age (*ibid.*, 468)
- (c) A barrow between the two " camps " at N.E. end of Appleby Slack examined 1913 contained three burial urns, etc. (*ibid.*, 472).

#### *"Brit. Setts."*

- (a) "Stone Walls," ½m. W. of church. The N.W. area explored 1906; querns, flint, etc. found (J. Dobson, N.S. vii, 72) ; bronze fragment with pattern of 1st or 2nd cent. B.C. (R. A. Smith, N.S. Vii, 99).
- (b) " Stone Close," fm. N.E. of Stainton, now destroyed by the Devonshire quarries. Here were found a bronze celt and palstave,. 1894; many stone celts 1894-1901 and 1910; bronze ring, 1901; querns, 1901, 1903, 1904, 1909; bone of ox or horse and snail shells, 1910; bloomery cinder (J. Dobson, N.S. Xii, 277) and other finds (o.s. iii, p. xxvii; N.S. iv, 352-3)
- (c) At Appleby Slack, ramparted enclosure with traces of fosse (H. S. Cowper, *Archeologia*, liii)
- (d) " Foula," Holme Bank, enclosure with double rampart and hut-circle (*ibid.*).

*Anglian*: cross-shaft of c. 900, found 1911 in the church (W. G. Collingwood, N.S. xi, 462).

*Viking Age*: Cross-fragment of 10th cent. found 1909 in the church (W.G.C., N.S. X, 307).

#### *Church,*

- (a) mentioned 1127; St. Mary the Virgin (*V.C.H. Lancs.*, viii, 334) or St. Michael. Lower part of tower 11th or 12th cent. Porch 12th cent. Ancient windows; the Flamboyant E. window removed c. 1850 to Hawkfield, now restored to the church. Chancel rebuilt 1850, restorations 1909-11 (Rev. T. N. Postlethwaite, N.S.vi, 191; xxiv, 278; H. Gaythorpe, *Furness Lore*, 100). Hagioscope. Piscina (o.s. xii, 211). Graveslab 13th-14th cent. Rude dial or mass-hour. Glass of 14th cent. in chancel S. window. Two ancient brasses. Two fonts, one of 15th cent. Pre-Reformation bell. Early post-Conquest cross found 1913 in church (N.s. xiii, 412). Three-decker pulpit of 16th cent. Gale pew, 1759, now removed. Pitch-pipe. Altar-piece by James Cranke of Urawick, 1707-1780. Good modern wood carving.
- (b) Bolton chapel, founded before 1216 (Richardson, *Furness ii*, 34) ; ruins now modernized.
- (c) [Bardsea church, Holy Trinity, 1843.]

#### *Domestic :*

- (a) Bardsea Hall (N.s. xx, 154).
- (b) Redman Hall, of Redmans and Fells (Richardson, *Furness*, ii,33)
- (c) Stainton Hall (N.s. vi, 321).
- (d) Greenbank, Little Urswick, built by J. Cranke the artist c. 1754 (N.S. vi, 132).
- (e) Grammar School founded 1580, cockpit (Richardson, *Furness*, ii, 29, 30).
- (f) Cockpit at Stainton (H. S. Cowper, o.s. xiii, 97).

*Finds:*

- (a) stone celt, near Stainton, 1899 (B.N.F.C. xv, 115).
- (b) Unfinished stone celt, W. side of Flat Woods, 1906 (N.s. vii, 310).
- (c) Two stone celts and iron tool in " Old Men's Workings," Stainton mines, before 1870 (Richardson, *Furness*, ii , 38).
- (d) Stone axe-hammer at Slop Lane, near Stainton, 1882 (o.s. xiv, 442).
- (e) Stone axe-hammer, incompletely bored, at Much Urswick, 1909 ? (N.S. x, 509).
- (f) Saddle quern, 3 furlongs S.E. of " Stone Close," 1905 (N.S. xii, 283).
- (g) Six socketed bronze celts, at Little Cow Close, Skelmore Heads, Urswick (N.S. iii, 410; v, 183; B.N.F.C. xvii, 211).
- (h) Bronze knife, ¼m. N. of Urswick Stone Walls (N.S. xii, 283).
- (i) Cinerary urns, ½m. W.S.W. of Stone Close (Bolton, *Geological Fragments*, 139) .
- (j) Coin of Otho, at Little Urswick, 1798 (Richardson, *Furness*, ii, 34).
- (k) Coin of Constantine, vicarage garden, Urswick, 1904 (N.s. xii, 283).
- (l) Bronze skillet, near S.W. corner of Urswick Tarn, 1774 (Richardson, *Furness*, ii, 23).
- (m) Silver coins of Edward III, at Bolton, c.1800 (Close's West, 395)

[A stone circle with standing stones in the centre, up the hill behind the Schoolhouse, Little Urswick, was erected by James Cranke, Junr. c. 1816-20 (N.s. vii, 73).]

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (84 in total – though there may be some overlap with other townships).