

Ancient Monuments in this township

WALNEY

Castle : Piel Castle, founded early 12th cent. Present building 14th cent., licence to crenellate 1327, to Furness Abbey; dismantled 1403, repaired c. 1429; decayed after the Dissolution of -the abbey. Ditch, curtain wall with towers at the corners, two gatehouses and keep, all partly washed away by the sea (W. H. St. John Hope, o.s. xiv, 152; J. F. Curwen, N.s. x, 271 and *Castles*, 224) .

Church: Old chapel, built about 1658, restored late 17th cent. and rebuilt 1852, as St. Mary's (H. Gaythorpe, N.S. xx, 97).

Domestic: Walney Hall, and lintels of 1663 and 1684 at Biggar (Richardson, *Furness*, ii, 225).

Beacon sites, Piel Castle and the Brow (o.s. xiv, 143).

Old fords (B.N.F.C. xvii, 120).

Finds:

- (a) stone celt, unfinished, 1908, Biggar (*ibid.*, 216)
- (b) Stone celt, Igor, Walney (*ibid.*, 210).
- (c) Stone axe-hammer, 1901, at junction of Juno and Hogue streets (N.s. ii, 417).
- (d) Stone hammer, 1875, Walney (B.N.F.C. xvii, 210).
- (e) Stone axe-hammer, 1910, Biggar, now in Barrow Museum (N.s xi, 483).
- (f) Stone axe-hammer, 1913, near Cobblers Corner on the Promenade, now in Barrow Museum (H. G. Pearson, N.S. xiv, 492).
- (g) Perforated pebble, 1903, Walney (B.N.F.C. xvii, 210).
- (h) Quern, 1868, Piel island, now in Barrow Museum (N.s. ix, 328).
- (i) Bronze spearhead, 1871, Piel Castle, owned by the Barrow Naturalists' Field Club (N.s. iii, 410; vi, 147).
- (j) Silver penny of Edward III. found 1908, Douglas Street, Vickerstown (B.N.F.C. xvii, 216).
- (k) Old cannon, swords etc. found 2 m. from S. point of Walney and supposed to be from the wreck of an Armada ship (Richardson, *Furness*, ii, 223).

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