

## Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

### ASPATRIA

#### *Tumulus:*

- (a) Beacon Hill, 1/3 m. W. of church; mound 90 ft. circumference; opened 1789; cist with ringmarkings, skeleton with sword, dagger, axe, shield, gold fibula, belt buckle (H. Rooke, *Archæologia* x, 105 ; O.S. xiii, 394)
- (b) ? Bronze age barrow re-used in Viking age. Also site of beacon (R. S. Ferguson, O.S. xiv, 142).

*Viking Age:* in churchyard late 10th cent. cross; also in church two " spiral " cross-shafts; fragments of cross-head and shaft; the "swastika " slab and a hogback, all late 10th or early 11th cent. (Calverley, *Crosses*, II).

*Church:* St. Kentigern's; 12th cent. chancel-arch and doorway, both re-used at rebuilding of 1846-48. Graveslab of Bart. De Uchtersat, 13th cent.; another slab and fragments. Musgrave monuments from 1500. The Bishop's or Helly well. Dovecot, behind vicarage, ? 17th cent (O.S. ix, 428).

#### *Castles, etc.:*

- (a) Hayton Castle, 15th cent., largely rebuilt c. 1665, repaired 1719 (Curwen, *Castles*, 373; J. H. Martindale, N S xiii, 234). Ring of Mary Q. of Scots, given to Sir Edward Musgrave, May 17, 1568. Sundial. Site of chapel, S.W. of the Castle.
- (b) Site of Aspatria Castle, W. of Aspatria.
- (c) Site of Oughterside Hall, 1½ m. W.S.W. of Aspatria.
- (d) Brayton Hall. Ancient sword (R. S. Ferguson, N.S. xiii, 279).

#### *Finds:*

- (a) *Stone* implement 1875, 400 yds. S.S.E. of Aigle gill.
- (b) Gold armlet, c. 500 B.C., found 1828 at Aspatria (British Museum; reproduction at Carlisle Museum) .
- (c) Silver fibula of Viking Age, found before 1790 in the fishpond, Brayton (Calverley, *Crosses*, 296)

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