

Ancient Monuments in this township

1923 List

HOLME CULTRAM

Roman :

- (a) Beckfoot (or New Mawbray) fort at Castlefields;
- (b) cemetery also located (H. Duff, N.S. xxi, 270-71).
- (c) Inscribed stone (C.I.L. vii, 417) at Maryport.
- (d) Skinburness, remains at or near (O.S. i, 40) ; inscription (C.I.L. vii, 418) perhaps from this site.

Motte : N. of Abbey; mound with broad ditch (Curwen, *Castles*, 40).

Earthwork : The sea dike, Skinburness to Seadike end.

Abbey, Cistercian, founded c. 1150 (C. J. Ferguson, O.S. i, 263; Mrs. Hesketh Hodgson, N.S. vii, 262; J. H. Martindale, N.S. xiii, 244; Gilbanks, *Some records of a Cistercian Abbey*; 1899; Rev. W. Baxter, *Description of H. C. Abbey*; 1909).

Church:

- (a) St. Mary the Virgin, formed of six bays of the abbey church, originally Trans.; W. porch 1507; restorations 1597 ? 1602, 1604-6, 1730, 1811-14, 1885, 1913. Graveslabs: Earl of Carrick ?; two of de Keldesyk c. 1300; abbots Rawbankes 1379 and Rydekar c. 1434.

Parts of tomb of abbot Chamber c. 1518. Monuments to Chambers of Raby Cote 1586, 1619, 1620, 1658. Slab dating rebuilding 1597. Headless effigy and tile flooring found 1905 ; stoup found at Hunter's Cottage 1912; urn. Bell with name of abbot York 1465, and one of 1771. At Cunningarth is part of statue of the Virgin, from the church.

Ancient chapel-sites (F. Grainger, N.S. ii, 335) :

- (a) St. Roche's between St. Cuthbert's church and the Tarns, explored 1900;
- (b) St. Cuthbert's at Chapelfields, ½ m. S.W. of New Cowper;
- (c) St. John's or Skinburness chapel (4th field from Grune point) ;
- (d) Wolsty chapel, in the castle;
- (e) St. Christian's, at Chapel garth, Sandenhouse;
- (f) St. Thomas ? adjoining infirmary of Abbey.

Modern churches;

- (a) Holm St. Paul's, 1845 ;
- (b) Holm St. Cuthbert's, 1849.

Castle: Wolsty Castle; licence to crenellate 1348; repaired c. 1572 (N.S. i, 203), demolished 1652-53 (N.S. xxi, 103) ; foundations and moat remain (T. H. B. Graham, N.S. xi, 235). Camden in 1599 mentions books by Michael Scot here, but does not say that Michael Scot, who died in the 13th cent., lived here.

Domestic:

- (a) Sandenhouse, site of Pre-Reformation grange (Rev. W. Baxter, N.S. xiv, 274).
- (b) Other granges at Raby, Mawbray Seville and West Cote
- (c) Kingside Hill, arms of abbot York, 1458-88.
- (d) Millhouse, abbot Borrodaile's 1538 and R. Farish's 1672 (F.Grainger, N.S. xxi, 116).
James Jackson's, 1667 (*ibid.* 113).
- (e) Plasketlands, Langcakes', lintel 1679 (N.S. ii, 337)
- (f) Pelutho House, lintel 1685 (O.S. vi, 294).

Roads: New bridge repaired 1664 (N.S. xxi, 111).

Finds:

- (a) Stone hammer, 1873, S.W. of St. Roche's. Celt, 1890, half way between Hayrigg Hall and Gillbank.
- (b) Stone axe, 1898, 200 yds. W.S.W. of Mireside.
- (c) Spearhead, 1898, and arrow-head, 1899, ½ m. S. of Aldoth.
- (d) Stone axe S. of railway, near Causewayhead (N.S. xvii, 254).
- (e) Coins, 1894, ¼ m. N. of East cote.
- (f) Effigy, at Holm St. Cuthbert's vicarage (N.S. ii, 338).

See [Pastscape](#) for much more detail on these and more entries (5 in total – though there may be some overlap with other townships).