

THWAITES CHAPELRY

Extends along the Duddon, and contains the small hamlets of *Duddon Bridge*, *Hall Thwaites*, and *Lady Hall*. The total area, inclusive of mountain and common, is 4,391 acres, but of these 2,631 acres only are subject to assessment. The estimated rental is £2,972, and the population in 1881 was 321, a decrease of 199 since the commencement of the century. A little above Duddon Bridge is Hans Bridge, which spans the river with two arches springing from perpendicular

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rocks. At Duddon Bridge are the remains of an old iron furnace, where the ore was smelted when charcoal was the only fuel used in the process.

The manor of Thwaites was held under the lords of Millom, in the reign of Edward I. by a family of the local name. In the 17th century it was conveyed by the Huddlestones to Sir John Lowther, Bart., from whom it has descended to the present Earl of Lonsdale. *Thwaites Chapel*, dedicated to St. Anne, is situated near the hamlet, and three miles from the Parish Church. The present building was erected in 1853-4, and is a handsome structure in the Early English style. The original chapel was replaced by one built in 1721 by the inhabitants, who endowed it with £200; but showing very visible symptoms of decay it was rebuilt in 1807. The present chapel consists of nave, chancel, aisle, and bell turret carrying two bells. A lofty arch spans the entrance of the chancel, and four perpendicular arches separate the nave from the aisle. The interior is light and elegant and beautifully furnished. The pulpit and font are of Caen stone, and both are ornamented with some beautiful carving. The latter is unusually large, and is supported on four columns of Purbeck marble. The east window is lancet shaped, and consists of three lights, the centre one containing a representation of the crucifixion; and the side ones other incidents in the life of Christ. In the chancel is a handsome marble tablet in memory of W. Lewthwaite, Esq., and his wife Eleanor. In 1715 the chapel was certified as having no endowment; but subsequently it received, in addition to the £200 already mentioned, £800 from Queen Anne's Bounty, £100 from a private source, and a Parliamentary grant of £1,000 in 1825. The living is a perpetual curacy, worth £130 a year, and in the patronage of certain landowners.

CHARITIES.—Ann Smithson, in 1728, bequeathed £20 to the poor of Thwaites, the interest thereof to be distributed in bread on the first Sunday after the 13th of February, and the further sum of £20, the interest thereof to be paid to the schoolmaster there. These legacies formed part of £400 which was laid out in 1788, in the purchase of land in Millom, for the augmentation of the curacy. *John Wennington* gave £30, and *Bernard Benson* £5 for the use of the poor of this chapelry: these sums are secured on two tenements in the neighbourhood.

Buckman Brow School is a neat building of the Elizabethan style, erected in 1845 by Miss Frances E. Millers, who also left £2,000 for the instruction of girls between the ages of five and sixteen, in reading, writing, arithmetic, sewing, and the Church catechism. Thirty pounds a year and a residence were to be allowed for a governess. The number and mode of admission of the children are regulated by the trustees, who, according to the deed of foundation, shall be the ministers of Thwaites and Broughton-in-Furness, and the owners of the estates of Duddon Grove, Ulpha, and Broadgate.

Thwaites Board School receives the sum of £16 for the education of 16 boys belonging to this chapelry. (See Millom Below.) The

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school belongs to the church, but is under the management of the Millom School Board. It may be withdrawn at any time by giving three years notice. Duddon Hall, the residence of Mrs. Rawlinson, is delightfully situated on the banks of the river, from which it derives its name, amidst the most picturesque scenery. At *Swinside*, in this chapelry, are the remains of a Druidical Circle or temple, known locally as *Sunkenkirk*. It consists of 53 large stones, with several small ones lying amongst them, forming a circle 84 feet in diameter, the entrance to which is about five feet wide. The largest of these stones is conical in form, and stands about nine feet high.

Letters for Thwaites, *via* Broughton-in-Furness, arrive at 8-30. a.m.—N.B. If addressed Millom, they are not delivered until about 5-30 p.m.

Marked 1 reside at Hallthwaites.

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Allonby Wilson, woodcutter, Lady hall
 Backhouse Bateman, woodcutter, Duddon bank
 Barker George, Saw mill, Duddon bridge
 Bewley John, Esq., Ash houses
 Brockbank James, Esq., New Chapples
 Bryer William, miller, Upper Beckstones mill
Buckman Brow School; Miss Pickett, mistress
 Coward John & Co., auctioneers, High Bog house
 Garnett John, husbandman, Knot end
 1 Heap John Milner, carpet weaver
 1 Helling Joseph, joiner, &c.
 Jackson William, reservoir keeper, Baystone bank
 1 Jessop William, woollen weaver
 Lamb Edward, joiner, Lady hall
 Lewthwaite Mrs., Broadgate
 Lewthwaite Wm., Esq., J.P., D.L., Broadgate
 Massicks Thos., Esq., J.P., The Oaks
 Mawson Mrs. Mary, Lady hall
 1 Moore Mr. James Stevenson
 1 Moore J. B. & R., woollen cloth, &c., manufacturers, and dyers
 Park William, coachman, Beck bank
 Ratcliffe Mr. John, Cragg house
 Rawlinson Mrs. Elizabeth Mary, Duddon hall, and High Duddon bridge
 Shephard Jos., water bailiff, Lady hall
 Shaw John, Lady hall
 Southward Wm., gardener, Wha cot
 Taylor John, coachman, Duddon lodge
 1 *Thwaites Board School*; H. D. Shardlow, master

Townson Mr. Stephenson, Small Thwaite
 Tyson John, hoop, hammer shaft maker, and timber dealer, Duddon bridge
 1 Walker Isaac, grocer, farmer, wine and spirit merchant; and *Silecroft*
 Walton William, shepherd, Beck bank
 1 Wilson Joseph, woollen weaver

Farmers.

Bowes Thomas, yeoman, Fenwick
 Braithwaite Henry, Duddon bridge and Small Thwaite
 Casson Robert, Beck bank
 Coward John (and auctioneer), High Bog house
 Dodgson John (and miller), Thwaites mill
 Fisher Thomas, Thwaite yeat
 Garnett Edward, Cragg hall
 Garnett Leonard, Knot end
 Hartley William, Buckman hall
 Jenkinson John, Bank house
 Mansergh Joseph, Holme, Duddon bank and Boad hall
 1 Moore John Birkett (J. B. and R. Moore), and assistant overseer
 Park William, Lady hall
 Robinson Thos., hind, Gornall ground
 Sewell John, Lady hall
 Troughton Robert, Windy slack
 Walker Mary Ann, Greystone house
 Walker Wm. Shepherd, Mire house
 Walker James, Lady hall