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ULPHA is a township and parochial chapelry in Millom civil parish, 20 miles west from Kendal, 8 north-east from Bootle, and 4 1/2 from Broughton-in-Furness station on the Furness railway; it is in the western division of the county, ward of Allerdale-above-Derwent, Bootle union and petty sessional division, county court district of Whitehaven, rural deanery of Gosforth, archdeaconry of Furness and diocese of Carlisle. The village is on the river Duddon, which is here crossed by an ancient stone bridge of one arch, connecting it with the county of Lancaster. The scenery in the neighbourhood is, generally speaking, of the most romantic and beautiful description; in some parts the mountains rise to an altitude of several hundred feet, and are covered to their very summits with trees, principally hazel, which appear to thrive well here. The church of St. John, probably "the Baptist," is a plain but ancient edifice of local stone, consisting of nave, west porch, and a bell-gable with 2 bells; there is an ancient stone font. The church affords 160 sittings. The register of baptisms and burials dates from the year 1703, and of marriages from 1754. The living is a perpetual curacy, gross yearly value £207, with residence and 6 1/2 acres of glebe, in the gift of the vicar of Millom, and held since 1881 by the Rev. William Kewley, Associate of King's College, London. A Baptist meeting house was erected in 1855 by Mrs. S. Wilson, of Low, and there is a Wesleyan chapel, erected in 1812. Near the church is an excellent inn, which is much frequented during the summer months. A fair is held for the sale of sheep and cattle annually on the last Friday of August. On Ulpha Fell several cairns have been noted. At Common Wood are slate quarries, but not at present worked. At Hest Fell were formerly extensive copper mines, but

these are also now unworked. Wallabarrow Cragg is an immense rock of solid stone. Here is a bobbin mill, at which an extensive business is carried on by Messrs. Christopher Hutchinson & Sons. At Booth Holme is a large accumulation of slag, or refuse of iron ore, now used for the repair of the roads; but no traces remain of any ancient ironstone workings or furnaces, nor is there any tradition to show who were the smelters. Iron ore, however, is known to abound here at the present time. This part of the mountain is entirely divested of wood, which, it is supposed, was cut down and used as fuel to supply the furnaces. Of Ulpha Old Hall only fragments of walls are now standing. Frith Hall, situated on the top of a hill, and now in ruins, was once a wayside inn at which the coaches used to change horses on the road to Whitehaven. Black Hall is now a farmhouse. The inhabitants are chiefly occupied in agricultural work, and there are about fifty farms, many of which bear ancient names. The Earl of Lonsdale is lord of the manor. Lord Muncaster, William Millers Rawlinson esq. of Duddon Hall, W. Danson esq. and J. Gunson esq. are the chief landowners. The soil is peat, gravel, and red loam, resting upon a bed of solid stone; grass is the chief crop here. The area is 13,043 acres; rateable value £2,031; the population in 1891 was 279.

POST OFFICE, (Sub-office. Letters should have S.O. Cumberland added—Mrs. Jane Tyson, postmistress. Letters arrive at 9.30.; dispatched at 4.0 p.m. in summer & 3.0 p.m. in winter. Broughton-in-Furness is the nearest money order & telegraph office. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid National School (mixed), for 60 children; average attendance 16; John Tyson, master

ULPHA

- Gunson John, Oak bank
- Gunson Mrs. Oak bank
- Gunson Miss, River bank
- Kewley Rev. William, Th.A.E.C.L. [curate of St. John's]
- Kitchen Henry, Low
- Wilson Miss, Low
- COMMERCIAL.
- Atkinson James, joiner & saw mill, Beckfoot
- Atkinson William, miller
- Bowes Richard, farmer, Bridge house
- Casson Robert, farmer, Pike house
- Dawson Thomas, boot maker, grocer, assistant overseer & rate collector & assessor & collector of taxes, Bridge end

- Dodgson John, Traveller's Rest
- Gunson Roger, farmer, Mosses
- Gunson Samuel, farmer, Crook
- Hutchinson Christopher & Sons, bobbin turners
- Lindsey Richard, farmer, Church ho
- Newby Richd. frmr. Whinsfield ground
- Parker Wm. farmer, Birks
- Robinson James, farmer, Woodend
- Sawrey Joseph Casson, farmer, Grass guards
- Sawrey Robert, farmer, Stoneythwaite
- Southward Andrew, farmer, Foulds
- Southward Ferdinand, farmer, Booth holme
- Stephenson Casson, farmer, Crosby Thwaite

- Stephenson Jasph. frmr, Biggard myre
- Stephenson Joseph, farmer, Pannel holme
- Stephenson Nicholas, farmer, Biggard myre
- Stilling John, farmer, Holehouse
- Thompson Wm. farmer, Loggan beck
- Tyson Edward, farmer, Hazel head
- Tyson Jane (Mrs.), shopkeeper
- Tyson Jonathan, farmer, High Wallabarrow
- Tyson Moses, frmr. Low Wallabarrow
- Tyson Ralph, farmer, Black hall
- Walker John, farmer, Holme cottage
- Warriner Eleanor (Mrs.), farmer, Long garth
- Youldell Joseph, farmer, Bass Kell