

MILLOM RURAL, under the provisions of the "Local Government Act, 1894," was formed out of the ancient parish of Millom, which has been divided into two townships, Millom and Millom Rural, the former comprising the area of the Millom Urban District; the latter, on the west bank of the river Duddon, is 2½ miles from Green Road station, on the Furness railway, 5 south from Broughton (Lancs.), 8 south-east from Bootle, 13 south-east from Raven-glass, and 31 south-east from Whitehaven, 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. On Duddon sands is a creek or harbour. The parish church of Millom (Holy Trinity) is an ancient edifice of stone in the Early Norman and Decorated styles, and consists of chancel, nave of four bays, south aisle, and a bell-gable with one bell: the aisle retains a piscina, and has a singular window of five lights, which, from its shape, has been called the "fish window"; most of the windows, however, are Decorated insertions; the nave arcade is Norman, but has pointed arches: the font is octagonal, and its sides are relieved by carved quatrefoils, and a shield with the arms of Huddleston; the rood-loft, extant in 1633, has now disappeared, but there is a western gallery, in which stands the organ: in the aisle is an altar-tomb of elaborate workmanship, with recumbent effigies, representing one of the Huddlestons and his wife; the sides of the tomb are adorned with tracery and figures of angels holding shields; near this stands another altar-tomb bearing a recumbent male effigy of wood, much mutilated; above these tombs is a mural tablet to Joseph Huddleston esq. ob. 10 Sept. 1700; to Bridget (Huddleston), his wife,

ob. 17 March, 1714, and to a son who died young in 1682: there is also a monument to Sir Barrington Huddleston, ob. 13 Sept. 1720, and others to William Wells, vicar, ob. 4 Jan. 1698; John Smith, vicar, d. 30 Nov. 1796, and John Bolton, vicar, d. 5 Nov. 1820; in the church are brasses to John Latus esq. J.P. of Beck, d. 16 Oct. 1702, and his wives, Catherine (Orfeur) and Agnes (Huddleston), and to Dorothy (Musgrave), wife of William Askew, gentleman, d. 22 April, 1705: the church has been restored since 1873 at a cost of £220, and affords 360 sittings. In the churchyard stands a massive stone cross, the shaft of which is adorned with four shields. The registers date from the year 1598, but are defective in a number of years; many pages of churchwardens' accounts are bound up with them. The living is a vicarage, average tithe-rent charge £91, gross yearly value £290, net £260, in the gift of the bishop of Carlisle, and held since 1865 by the Rev. John Irving M.A. of Queen's College, Oxford. The chapel of ease at the Hill was erected in 1875, at a cost of £575, and will seat about 100 persons. There is also a Wesleyan chapel, built in 1875. Charities:—Atkinson's charity of £1,222 in Consols produces about £27 yearly, of which £34 is assigned to educational purposes, in the proportion of 1s. 3d. to the school at Thwaites and 1s. 3d. to the school at Millom Rural, and 1s. 3d. to the schools at Millom, and the remainder, about £2 12s. is distributed to the poor in bread; the stock is held by official trustees. Millom Castle, the ruins of which stand on a slight eminence about half a mile from the village, was held soon after the Conquest by the Boyvilles, from whom it passed to Sir John de Huddleston, kt. by his marriage with Joan, daughter and heiress of Adam Boyville, or de Milloim. In 9 Edward III. (1335) a licence to crenellate the mansion was

granted to John de Hoddleston, and it continued in this family until in the 18th century, by the marriage of Elizabeth, eldest daughter and co-heiress of William Huddleston esq. with Sir Hedworth Williamson bart. the property was transferred, and sold by him in 1774 to Sir James Lowther bart. and it is now the property of the Earl of Lonsdale. The castle was crenellated by John de Hoddleston, 9 Edward III. (1334-5) by royal licence, but the great tower or keep, 50 feet square, has been despoiled of its battlements, and now serves as a farm dwelling; within it is a fine carved staircase, and in the court-leet room, over the fireplace, are the arms of Huddleston boldly carved, and the motto, "Soli Deo Honor et Gloria." On the outside a lofty flight of steps leads up to the principal entrance; the castle, though not extensive, was a place of some strength, and portions of the walls, now overgrown with ivy, are seven feet thick. It was once surrounded by a fine park, which as late as 1774 was well stocked with deer, but it was disparked in 1802 by James, 1st Earl of Lonsdale of the first creation, and over 200 deer were then killed and sold in Ulverston. The seignior of Millom was anciently very extensive, and contained the parishes of Bootle, Corney, Millom, Waberthwaite, Whitcham and Whitbeck, extending 18 miles in length and about 8 in breadth. In these six parishes the lords of Millom possessed exclusive privileges and jurisdiction, including the jura regalia, or power of life and death, and in a field close to the railway, and half a mile south of the railway, now called "Gallows field," stands a stone set up about 1860 with the following inscription:—

"On this spot stood a Gallows, the ancient Lords of Millom having exercised Jura Regalia within their Seignior."

The mountain called "Black Combe," lying between Millom and Bootle, and about 4 miles from the shore, rises thence in ridged slopes to a height of about 1,970 feet, and affords a splendid panoramic view, sometimes including the peak of Snowdon and the Irish coast. Various relics have been found at Lowscates, and in 1824 an ancient British battle axe, 13½ inches in length, was discovered here. In 1842 Mr. George Hudson, while at plough at Beck Hall Farm, turned up two sepulchral urns, containing the remains of some human skull bones resting upon the ashes by which they were consumed, the teeth of which were quite perfect; both vessels were handsomely ornamented, and formed of clay. At Sunkenkirk megalithic remains and a stone circle have been noted. In 1250, Millom had a charter for holding a market on Wednesday, and a fair for three days at the festival of the Holy Trinity, but these are now extinct. The Earl of Lonsdale is lord of the manor. The soil is loamy; the subsoil, gravel. The principal crops are barley, oats, and turnips and pasture land. The acreage of the parish is 11,498 acres of land; rateable value, £12,663; the population in 1891 was 2,865.

The Green is a small hamlet in this township, 8 miles south from Bootle, and about three-quarters of a mile north-west from the Green Road station on the Furness railway; a small stream runs through the hamlet, which is pleasantly situated, and has an excellent inn, in the occupation of Mr. James Clegg. Dunningwell, the property and residence of Charles John Myers esq. D.L., J.P. is attractively seated on an eminence, in the midst of plantations, and overlooks the estuary of the Daddon; the grounds and gardens are extensive and well laid out.

Parish Clerk and Sexton, Richard Kitchen.

Post & M. O. O., S. H. & Annuity & Insurance Office, The Green.—John Kirkby, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Millom S.O. at 8.30 a.m.; dispatched at 9.15 a.m. & 6.35 p.m. Broughton-in-Furness is the nearest telegraph office

MILLOM ABOVE OR RURAL.

Irving Rev. John M.A., J.P. Vicarage
Jackson Joseph, Reddings
Newby Thomas, Old Vicarage
Shepherd Anthony, Oak wood

COMMERCIAL.

Barwick Septimus, farmer, Marsh side
Bell John, farmer, Bank side
Birveck Daniel, beer retailer
Dobson James, farmer, Daddon mnt
Dobson Thomas, farmer, Underhill

Fisher William, farmer, Burnfield
Haunah Peter, farmer, Woods
Newton James & John, farmers,
Water bleen
Park Wm. (Mrs.), shopkeeper, The Hill
Riley Wm. James, farmer, Park head
Shepherd Jn. Kirby, farmer, High brow
Storey George, farmer, Marsh side
Thackery Adam, White Horse P.H.
The Hill
Thompson Wm. farmer, Marsh side
Tyson Thomas, shopkeeper, The Hill
Walker John, farmer, Apple head

Post Office, Hill, Millom.—Mrs. Mary Huddleston, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Millom S.O. at 7.50 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.; dispatched at 7.45 a.m. & 6.25 p.m. The nearest money order office is at The Green & Millom is the nearest telegraph office
Board School, The Hill, Millom (mixed), erected in 1883, for 110 children; average attendance, 99; William James Rich, master; Mrs. Rich, assistant mistress

Railway Station, Green Road, Herbert Edwin Hewitt, station master

Birker and Ansthrwaite form a township, 7 miles east from Ravenglass, about 1 east from Eskdale, and about 1 mile from Beckfoot station on the Ravenglass and Eskdale railway. The township consists principally of a few scattered farmhouses. The inhabitants have the right of marriage and burial at Eskdale. Dale Garth, a once celebrated mansion, now a farmhouse, was the residence of the Ansthrwaite and afterwards of the Stanley family, who, in the 17th century, removed to Ponsonby Hall. In this township is the small lake called Devoke Water, a mile in length and about half a mile wide; in the middle of the lake, which is famous for its trout, is a small rocky islet. In the township also, and on the right of the valley road leading up to Hard Knot, are the two cascades known as "Birker Force" and "Stanley Ghyll." Birker Force, about a mile from Boot terminal station on the Ravenglass and Eskdale railway, is a waterfall of fine effect after heavy rains, but is otherwise not very attractive, the surroundings being very bare and uninteresting. Stanley Ghyll, about a mile west of Birker Force, and about a quarter of an hour's walk from Beckfoot station, is a delightful spot, at the end of a deep and thickly wooded ravine, crossed at intervals by stone steps and small wooden bridges. The grouping of the rocks and the variety and richness of the foliage and vegetation, among which firs and larches are conspicuous, give this spot a peculiar charm, which the twin streams of the fall render still more romantic. The area of the township is 8,140 acres of land and 103 of water; rateable value, £583; the population in 1891 was 90.

Chapel Sucken, with Kirksanton, forms a township, containing a few houses and scattered farms, and is 1½ miles from Silcroft station on the Furness railway, 6 south-east from Bootle, and 9 south-west from Broughton (Lancs). Christ Church, a chapel of ease to Holy Trinity, erected in 1891 at a cost of £1,050, is an edifice in the Gothic style, consisting of chancel, nave, north porch and a western bell-gable with one bell, and will seat 128 persons. At Lacra, an ancient estate here, on the summit of a hill 500 feet above the level of the sea, is "Old Kirk," an oblong area, 50 by 25 feet, originally surrounded by upright shafts about 6 feet in height and encompassed by a dyke; only the bases of a few stones now remain; the fosse may be traced on the west side; here are also two incomplete stone circles. About ½ a mile west, near the shore, is the "Giant's Grave," which consists of two huge lichen-covered monoliths, one 10 and the other 8 feet in height, and standing 15 feet apart; in the former is an ancient circular hollow or "cup-mark." The Croft, Kirksanton, within about a mile of Black Combe, is the seat of J. W. Brockbank esq. proprietor of the Bank Springs brewery. Mr. Brockbank is also largely connected with the iron trade of West Cumberland, being a director of various important companies, and is also a large landowner and the proprietor of royalties in the district. W. and G. Myers esqs. and W. Brockbank esq. are the principal landed proprietors. The chief crops are barley, oats and pasture land.

Wall Letter Box, Kirksanton, cleared at 5.45 p.m. week days only

Water Bleen (The) Mining & Color Co. (William Gliaster, manager),
Water bleen

CHAPEL SUCKEN.

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Marked thus † should be addressed via Millom S.O.

*Denn William Lucas J.P. Bankfield
*Brockbank James Wilson, The Croft
†Brockbank William J.P. Garthlands
†Bell William, farmer, Langthwaite

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brewers & wine & spirit merchants,
Bank Spring brewery
Crank Jas. Septimus, farmer, Raeside
*Frear Edward, farmer, Layriggs
*Gardner Thos. farmer, Standing stones
*Graham John, Kink William IV. P.H.
*Leece Thomas, farm bailiff to W. L.
Henn esq. J.P. Hestham hall

KIRKSANTON.

Fearon William, farmer, Hall green
Goad John, farmer & miller (water)

BIRKER.

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S.O.; the remainder through Root
S.O.

Dixon Fletcher, gamekeeper to Lord
Muncaster, Dalegarth hall
Dixon John, farmer, High ground
Dixon John, farmer, Low ground
Dixon William, farmer, Dalegarth hall
Harrison John, farmer, Butterkit
Hartley John, farmer, Birker Thwaite

Hodgson William, farmer, Pennyhill &
Low Birker
*Southward James, farmer, miller &
assistant overseer, Drantrake
*Southward William, farmer, Forge
& Sword house
Stephenson Japh. frmr. Bicker Thwaite
*Vickers Edward, farmer, Fieldhead
Wilson John, farmer, Whin cop

THE GREEN.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Haslam Rev. John Park M.A. (curate
of St. Anne's, Thwaites)
Lowther John, Rising hill
Lowther Joseph, Rising hill
Myers Maj. Chas. Jn., D.L., J.P. Dun-
ningwell
Myers Miss, Old Dunningwell
Ormandy Mrs. Rising hill
Park James
Robinson Mrs. Style cottage, Green rd
Walker Miss, Low Beckstones

COMMERCIAL.

Clegg Isaac, boot & shoemaker

Clegg James, Punch Bowl P.H.
Hunter Robert Geldert, Mill inn, shop,
keeper & miller (water)
Jenkinson Daniel, farmer, Arnaby.
Kirkby John, grocer & draper, Post off
Kitchen Richard Stable, bootmaker,
Strands
Mawson Miles, farmer, Lowshaw
Newton John, farmer, Haws
Newton William, farmer & miller
Norman Jn. farmer, High Dunningwell
Ormandy Jackson, blacksmith
Robinson Isaac, carpenter & wheel-
wright, Green road
Shepherd Isabella (Miss), dress maker,
Green road
Shuttleworth John, butcher
Thompson Thomas, wood hoop maker,
Green road
Troughton Matson, farmer, Arnaby
Warbrick George, farmer, Bridge end
Watson John, farmer, Arnaby
Wayles James S. farmer, Roanlands
& Highshaw
Wood Thomas, shopkeeper, Green road

WAPESBY is a township and scattered parish. on several substantial villas. The Earl of Lonsdale, who

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