

**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  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Green Road station, on the Furness railway, 5 south from Broughton (Lancs.), 8 south-east from Bootle, 13 south-east from Ravenglass, 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 Borrington 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 1873. 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 do Millom. In 9 Edward III. (1335) a licence to crenellate the mansion was

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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 Hudleston 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 crenelated by John de Hodleston, 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 seigniory of Millom was anciently very extensive, and contained the parishes of Bootle, Corney, Millom, Waberthwaite, Whicham and Whitsbeck, 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 Seigniory."

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 Lowscale, 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 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 Duddon; 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

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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  
Birbeck Daniel, beer retailer  
Dobson James, farmer, Duddon mnt  
Dobson Thomas, farmer, Underhill

Fisher William, farmer, Burnfield  
Hannah Peter, farmer, Woods  
Newton James & John, farmers,  
Water blean  
Park Wm. (Mrs.), shopkeeper, The Hill  
Riley Wm. James, farmer, Park head  
Shepherd Jn. Kirby, farmr. High brow  
Storey George, farmer, Marsh side  
Thackery Adam, White Horse P.H.  
Tho 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 Austhwaite form a township, 7 miles east from Ravenglass, about 1 east from Eskdale, and about ½ a 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 Austhwaite 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 Silecroft 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 Lactra, 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 40 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 Blean (The) Mining & Color Co. (William Glioster, manager). Water blean

CHAPEL SUCKEN.

Marked thus \* should be addressed via Silecroft S.O. 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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\*Brockbank James Wilson & Co.  
brewers & wine & spirit merchants,  
Bank Spring brewery  
Crank Jas. Septimus, farmr. Raceside  
\*Frear Edward, farmer, Layriggs  
\*Gardner Thos. farmer, Standing stones  
\*Graham John, Kink William IV. P.H.  
\*Leece Thomas, farm bailiff to W. L.  
Penn esq. J.P. Hestham hall

KIRKSANTON.

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

BIRKER.

Marked \* should be addressed Eskdale  
S.O.; the remainder through Boot  
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, Butterilkit  
Hartley John, farmer, Birker Thwaite

CUMBERLAND.

Hodgson William, farmer, Pennyhill &  
Low Birker  
\*Southward James, farmer, miller &  
assistant overseer, Drantrake  
\*Southward William, farmer, Forge  
& Sword house  
Stephenson Josph. 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

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Clegg James, Punch Bowl T.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. farmr. 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

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