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ULPHA is a parish 4 1/2 miles north from Broughton-in-Furness station on the Furness railway, 20 west from Kendal, and 8 north-east from Bootle; 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

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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 140 sittings. The register of baptisms and burials dates from the year 1703, and of marriages from 1754. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value, £186, with residence and 6 1/2 acres of glebe, in the gift of the vicar of Millom, and held since 1897 by the Rev. Charles Whitaker B.A. of Trinity College, Dublin. There is a Wesleyan chapel, erected in 1812. Near the church is an excellent inn, which is much frequented during the summer months. On Ulpha Fell several cairns have been noted. At Common Wood are slate quarries, now worked by Mr. Robert L. Hutchison. At Best Fell were formerly extensive copper mines, but these are 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, R. J. Martinez Danson esq. J. Gunson esq. J.P. George Herbert Cheetham esq. of Daddon Hall, Mrs. W. Butler and Miss Gunson 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 13,045 acres of land and 45 of water; rateable value, £1,775; the population in 1901 was 258.

Post Office.—Mrs. Ann Tyson, postmistress. Letters arrive from Broughton-in-Furness S.O. Lancs. at 8.15 a.m.; dispatched at 8.15 & 10.30 a.m. & 4.10 p.m.; no delivery on sundays. Broughton-in-Furness, 5 miles distant, is the nearest money order & telegraph office

Public Elementary School (mixed) (in Lancashire), for 60 children; average attendance, 35; James Tyson, master

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Gunson John J.P. Oak bank
Hutchinson Thomas, River bank
Hutchison Capt. Robert Leonard, Low Whitaker Rev. Charles B.A. (vicar of St. John's)

COMMERCIAL.

Atkinson James, joiner & saw mill, Beckfoot
Bowes Richard, farmer, Old hall
Casson Robert, farmer, Pike side
Dawson Jas. boot maker, Bridge end
Dawson Thomas, grocer, assistant overseer & rate collector & assessor & collector of taxes, Bridge end
Dodgson John & G.H. Travellers' Rest

Gunson William, farmer, Mosses
Harrison Joseph, farmer, Black hall
Hird William, farmer, Moor house
Hutchinson Christopher & Sons, hobbin turners, Bobbin mill
Hutchison Rt. Leonard, slate quarry
Jackson David, farmer, High Wallabarrow
Lindsey Richard, farmer, Church ho
Lindsey Thomas, farmer, Long garth
Marr John, farmer, Woodend
Park William, farmer, Loggan beck
Preston Edwd. farmer, Holme cottage
Redmeayne Thomas, farmer, Whinfield ground

Sawrey Edwd. farmer, Grass guards
Sawrey Robert, farmer, Stoneythwaite
Southward Andrew, farmer, Foulds
Stephenson Casson, farmer, Crosby Thwaite
Stephenson Moses, frmr. Pannel holme
Stilling John, farmer, Holehouse
Thackeray Robert, farmer, Biggardmyre
Tyson Ann (Mrs.), shopkpr. Post off
Tyson Jonn. farmer. Low Wallabarrow
Tyson Joseph, farmer, Bridge house
Tyson William, farmer, Birks
Youdell Joseph, farmer, Baskel
Youdell Jsph. jun. farmer, Hazel head