

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 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 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 Bock, 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: on the south side of the chancel is a stained window to the Rev. Canon Irving M.A. vicar 1865-1907: 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 1590, but are defective in a number of years; many pages of churchwardens' accounts are bound up with them. The living is a vicarage, average net yearly value £232, in the gift of the Bishop of Carlisle, and held since 1907 by the Rev. Reginald Southwell Graham Green M.A. of Queen's College, Oxford, and surrogate. 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, which is appropriated to educational purposes and to providing bread for the poor; 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 Millom, 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 7 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, Whicham 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, now called "Gallows field," stands a stone set up about 1850 with the following inscription:—

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

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 Lowscapes, 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 12,350 acres of land, 23 of inland and 518 of tidal water and 2,526 of foreshore; rateable value, £12,716; the population in 1901 was 1,489 in the civil and 2,906 in the ecclesiastical parish.

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. Dunningwell, the property and residence of Major Charles John Myers D.L., J.P. is attractively seated on an eminence, in the midst of plantations, and overlooks the estuary of the Boddon; the grounds and gardens are extensive and well laid out.

Parish Clerk and Sexton, M. Jackson Ormandy.

Post, M. O. & T. Office, The Green.—Thomas Green, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Millom, Cumb. at 8 a.m. & 5.30 p.m.; dispatched at 10 a.m. & 6.35 p.m.; no delivery or dispatch on sundays

MILLOM ABOVE OR RURAL.

Fisher John, Parksaid
Green Rev. Reginald Southwell
Graham M.A. (vicar), The Vicarage
Johnson Henry, Oakwood
Shaw Henry, Dashet gate

COMMERCIAL.

Airey Septimus, White Horse P.H.
The Hill
Burns John, beer retailer
Dobson Thomas, farmer, Underhill
Fisher Isabella (Mrs.), frmr. Burnfild
Fisher Mark, farmer, Marsh side
Gilpin James Walker & Bernard,
farmers, Woods (postal address,
Silecroft)

Newton James & John, farmers,
Water bleas
Shepherd Jn. Kirby, frmr. High brow
Spry Moses, shopkeeper, The Hill
Tyson Thomas Taylor, farmer. Low ho
Tyson William, butcher, Beddings
Wilkinson Mason, farmer, Marsh side
Wilson John, farmer, Bank side
(postal address, Silecroft)

CHAPEL SUCKEN.

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via Silecroft, Cumb.
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via Millom, Cumb.
*Benn Thomas, Bankfield
*Brockbank James Wilson, The Croft

Post Office, Hill Millom.—G. Lawson Jordan, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Millom at 7.15 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.; dispatched at 10.10 a.m. & 6.45 p.m.; no delivery or dispatch on sundays. The Green is the nearest money order & telegraph office

Public Elementary School, The Hill, Millom (mixed), erected in 1883, for 116 children; average attendance, 66; Henry Shaw, master

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 half a mile from Beckfoot station on the Raven-glass and Eskdale railway. The township consists principally of a few scattered farm houses. The inhabitants have the right of marriage and burial at Eskdale. Dale Garth, a once celebrated mansion, now a farm house, was the residence of the Austwaite and afterwards of the Stanley family, who, in the 17th century, removed to Pensonby 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 Gill." Birker Force, about a mile from Boot terminal station on the 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 Gill, 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 8,143 acres of land and 102 of water; rateable value, £514; the population in 1901 was 72.

CHAPEL SUCKEN is a hamlet 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 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 half 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, Chapel Sucken, within about a mile of Black Combe, is the seat of James Wilson Brockbank esq. G. Myers esq. J. W. Wilson esq. and W. Brockbank esq. J.P. are the principal landed proprietors. The chief crops are barley, oats and pasture land.

KIRKSANTON is also a hamlet.

Wall Letter Box, Kirksanton, cleared at 7.45 a.m. & 5.45 p.m. week days only

*Brockbank John Edwin, The Croft
*Brockbank William J.P. Garthlands
*Fox-Brockbank Arthur Hodgson, The Croft
*Kewley Mrs. Foxcroft
*Warbrick George Newton, Po house

COMMERCIAL.

†Brockbank James Wilson & Sons,
brewers, Bank Springs brewery
*Curtis James, frmr. Standing stones
*Gornall Thomas, farmer, Layriggs
*Graham John, King William IV. P.H.
*Wallbank Robt. farmer. Hestham hall
*Wood Thomas, farm bailiff to the
Co-operative Society Limited,
Langthwaite

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KIRKSANTON.

Olemminson John, farmer, Manor farm
Park John, farm bailiff to A. H. Fox-
Brockbank esq. Baceside
Taylor Joseph, farmer, Hall Green
Thompson Margaret (Miss), apart-
ments, Limestone hall
Thompson Wm. frmr. & miller (water)

BIRKER.

Marked * should be addressed Esk-
dale, Cumb.; the remainder thro'
Boot, Cumb.

COMMERCIAL.

Dixon Isaac, farmer, Dalegarth hall
Dixon John, farmer, High ground
Grice George, farmer, Low ground
Harrison John, farmer, Butterilk
Hartley John, farmer, Birker Thwaite
Herbert Edward, farmer, Brantrake
Jackson George, farmer, Pennyhill

Massicks George, head gamekeeper to
Lord Muncaster, Birker Thwaite
*Southward William, farmer, Forge
& Sword house
*Vickers Edward, farmer, Fieldhead
Vickers Wilson, farmer, Low Birker
Wilson John, farmer, Whin cop

THE GREEN.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Bell John, Low Beckstones
Haslam Rev. John Park M.A. (per-
petual curate of St. Anne's,
Thwaites)
Irving Misses, Old Dunningwell
Myers Major Charles John D.L., J.P.
Dunningwell
Newton John, Buskin mount
Newton Parker, Haws

COMMERCIAL.

Bond Agnes (Mrs.), aparts. Styall side

Butterfield Margaret (Miss), shop-
keeper, Strands
Butterfield Thomas, joiner, Green rd
Clegg Isaac, boot & shoe maker
Clegg Margt. (Mrs.), Punch Bowl P.H.
Danson Andrew, farmer, Haws
Forsyth Thomas, nurseryman
Green Thomas, grocer, & post office
Hunter Robert Geldert, Mill inn
Jenkinson Daniel, farmer, Arnaby
Kitchen Richard Stable, boot maker,
Strands
Mawson Miles, farmer, Lowshaw
Newton Catherine (Mrs.), farmer &
miller
Norman Jn. frmr. High Dunningwell
Stephenson William, frmr. Roanlands
Troughton Matson, farmer, Arnaby
Tyson William, blacksmith, Rising hill
Ullouck John, farmer, Bridge end
Watson Henry & William, farmers,
Arnaby

MILLOM RURAL

The chief crops are roots and wheat