

## Dunnerdale-with-Seathwaite.

This parish has an area of 2,874 acres, rated at £1,851, of which the gross estimated rental is £2,022 5s. 0d. It is included in the rural deanery of Gosforth, the poor law union, rural district, and petty sessional division of Ulverston, the county court district of Barrow, and county council electoral division of High Furness.

The parish extends along the east side of the Duddon, from about two miles north of Broughton to the Wrynose Mountain, through a district highly picturesque and romantic. The scenery in some parts of the sequestered vale through which flows the Duddon, is exceedingly beautiful, and the stupendous hills, covered with debris from the impending green stone crags are a striking feature in the landscape. The dark crag of Wallabarow is a conspicuous object on the Cumbrian side. At its foot are the Stepping Stones, immortalised by Wordsworth—

The struggling rill insensibly is grown  
Into a brook of loud and stately march,  
Crossed ever and anon by plank and arch ;  
And, for like use, lo ! what might seem a zone  
Chosen for ornament—stone matched with stone  
In studded symmetry, with interspace  
For the clear waters to pursue their race  
Without restraint.

Opposite Wallabarow is a rock called the Pen, but the highest of the Dunnerdale fells are Caw and Stickle Pike. The hills in Seathwaite partake of a much wilder character, sending forth innumerable peaks, while huge masses of rock protrude from their sides. There is little either of heath or coppice to be seen. The beauties of the river Duddon have been sung by Wordsworth in a series of sonnets—

And thou blue streamlet, murmuring, yieldst no more  
Than a soft record, that whatever fruit  
Of ignorance thou mightest witness heretofore,  
Thy function was to heal and to restore,  
To soothe and cleanse, not madden and pollute.

The peculiar blue of the river, the poet ascribes to the clearness of the water and the colour of the gravel and stones over which it runs.

*Seathwaite Tarn* is the largest and, perhaps, the most interesting of the mountain tarns. It lies in a valley surrounded by lofty hills, and has a length of about a mile. Trout and char being abundant, the devoted followers of Izaak Walton find plenty of sport. The surplus water is carried by the Tarn Beck into the Duddon. In wet weather the body of water thus discharged is very considerable. It rushes with impetuosity down the sides of the hills, breaking into white foam, and looking like a stream of molten silver. The water of the tarn is now utilised by the Barrow Corporation, whose *Waterworks* were commenced in 1904. The supply of water is obtained principally from the Duddon, only in case of deficiency the water of the lake being used. The intake works, including settling ponds and screens, are near the Crook of Duddon. The greater part of the parish is of an Alpine character, the land less fertile than some of the adjoining districts.

The *Manor* belonged at one time to the family of Kirkby, and afterwards passed from the Stanleys to Robert Hesketh. In 1774 it was held by William Penny, whose trustees sold it to Richard Towers, of Duddon Grove. Later, it passed through the hands of the Rev. George Millers, and Major W. S. Rawlinson, and is now the property of George H. Cheetham, Esq., Duddon Hall. A court baron is held at the will of the lord of the manor.

Dunnerdale is a contraction of Duddon der dale, signifying Duddon-landvale.

The old *Chapel of Seathwaite*, whose original foundation is unknown, but which tradition ascribes to an Earl of Derby, was replaced in 1875 by a small but neat edifice, raised at a cost of £850. It is in the Gothic style, built of the slate stone of the neighbourhood, with stone facings, and will seat 100. A new organ was placed in the church in 1902, at a cost of about £200, raised by subscription. There are several brass and mural memorial tablets.

The living, the annual value of which is £152, is in the gift of George H. Cheetham, Esq., who is also lord of the manor, and is held by the Rev. James Beardwood Ditchfield, M.A. (Durham).

There is an endowment of £30, the interest of which has to be applied to the purchase of pious books for the use of the church and poor of Seathwaite.

Near the Church is a small school, with an average attendance of 25. It has an endowment of about £11 per annum, which is used by the County Council for educational purposes. The school-house, situated some distance from the school, bears the following inscription: "Seathwaite School House, the gift of Mrs. Gunson, of

Oakbank, Ulpha, to the parish of Seathwaite, in remembrance of her father, the late Rev. Edward Tyson, 52 years' incumbent of this parish, 1899."

A Mission Church, dedicated to the Holy Innocents, was built at Dunnerdale in 1887, at a cost of about £500, raised by subscriptions. It is a good stone building, surmounted by a spiral turret, and has accommodation for 140. The carting of the building materials was gratuitously done by the farmers of the district. Previous to the erection of the church, services were held in a barn at Hesketh Hall.

The Dunnerdale-with-Seathwaite Ulpha School is situated on the Seathwaite side of the Duddon, not far from Ulpha Church. It was built in 1873, on a site given by the late Mr. Joseph Gunson, of Oak Bank, Ulpha, who also bequeathed an endowment of £500, now invested in the Manchester Corporation Stock.

The principal landowners of the parish are—George H. Cheetham, Esq., Duddon Hall; M. J. A. Dickinson, Esq., Messrs. Thos. Dawson, John Dawson, Joseph Hirst, John Whineray, Broughton; Major Brougham, Messrs. Richd. and Thos. Sim Fell, Walter J. Caddy, Mrs. H. Hartley, Eskdale; Thos. Butler, Esq., Broughton; Mr. Daniel Tyson, Cockley Beck; Mr. Moses Tyson, Mr. John Gunson, Miss Frances Gunson, Mr. Nicholas Casson, Mr. Wm. Stilling, Miss Eliz. Dickinson, Mr. John Garner, Mr. Jph. Casson, Mrs. Pritt, Mr. Geo. Dobson, Mrs. J. P. Burns, Messrs. Joshua King, Hadwen, Towers Tyson, Edward Tyson, Thos. U. Coward, Thos. Kendal, Mrs. Tyson, Mrs. Brockbank, &c.

CHARITIES.—*Donor Unknown*.—Two shillings and sixpence is paid every third year out of the Greenbank estate in Dunnerdale. It is expended in the purchase of a Bible or Testament for a poor person.

*Charity arising from the Sale of Coppice Wood, 1731*.—A dispute having arisen between the lord of the manor and the tenants respecting the right of the latter to the coppice wood, it was agreed that the tenants should purchase it, but that a portion of the purchase money should be applied to the benefit of the tenants, or to charitable or pious uses. A considerable sum of money derived from this source was put out to interest for many years, and the interest applied to charitable purposes; but the person in whose hands the money was deposited having become insolvent, £140 only of the money was recovered, and this sum the tenants agreed to divide amongst them.

*Thomas Tyson and others*.—15s. 8d. per annum for the purchase of religious books.

The following is a copy of a deed relating to the estate of Scithwaite, taken from a photograph of the original deed, in possession of Mrs. Nicholson, of Old Hall, Bouth, daughter of the late Mr. John Pritt, and translated from the Latin:—"Dunderdale—Memorandum that on the fifteenth day of December, in the twenty-third year of Our Lady Elizabeth, by the Grace of God, Queen of England, France, and Ireland. Defender of the Faith, &c., Richard Prytte and Christopher Prytte, Chaplain, took from the most noble Earl of Derby, Knight of the honorable Order of the Garter, by the personal handing over of the said Earl, one tenement with its appurtenances, then and there in his occupation, for a rent of eleven shillings and fourpence per annum.

The aforesaid tenement to be had and held with its appurtenances by the aforesaid Richard Prytte and Christopher Prytte and their assigns, for the term of their life, and further for the life of whichever of them shall survive the other, by the annual payment of a rent to the aforesaid Earl, his heirs, and assigns, of the amount abovesaid, to be paid at the accustomed times. And they shall do all service such as the other tenants of the aforesaid Earl do, or are wont to do, and they shall make nothing waste, and shall obey their lord and his officers in all things as long as the aforesaid term shall last, and they shall not divide, alienate, nor demise their property or interest in the aforesaid tenement, nor any parcel of it, without the consent of the said Earl, or his commissioners being first obtained, under pain of being ejected from the said tenement. And they shall give to their lord, as a price for entry, five legal pounds of English money, of which one-half shall be payable before the last day of July next, and the other half before the last day of August immediately following. In testimony of which the aforesaid Earl has set his own hand to these presents, on the day and in the year first abovementioned."

**BIOGRAPHY.**—The Rev. Robert Walker, who was born at Undercragg, in Seathwaite, in 1709, having made considerable proficiency in learning at the chapel school here, became a schoolmaster at Loweswater, in Cumberland, where, through the assistance of a friend, he acquired some proficiency in the classics. In 1736 he was presented to the living of Seathwaite, the value of which was then only £5 a year. He married a lady with a dowry of £40, which furnished the parsonage house attached to the chapel. Thus established, it behoved him to improve his limited income, and to effect this, his industry, frugality, and temperance have scarcely a parallel. For five days and a half in each week he kept a school in the chapel, his seat being within the rails surrounding the communion table—the table itself supplying the place of desk. He was constantly employed at a spinning wheel, whilst the children were repeating their lessons by his side. His evenings were also employed either in spinning on a wheel, writing out petitions, deeds of conveyance, wills, covenants, &c., for his rustic neighbours, or in attending to his garden, to the two or three acres of land which he rented, in addition to less than an acre of glebe, and to the couple of cows and a few sheep which he was enabled to keep by right of pasturage on the mountains. He also assisted the neighbouring farmers in hay making, shearing their flocks, &c., receiving as payment perhaps a quarter of a sheep, or a fleece in a year, perhaps less, but not the most menial drudgery was rejected. The diet of his family was free from every species of luxury, and their apparel was made of homespun materials by their own hands. Peat, procured by their own labour, was the fuel burned, and the lights on winter evenings consisted of the pith of rushes dipped into fat—tallow candles being only procured to honour the Christmas festivities. He was so far from being tainted with the vice of parsimony that he refused another benefice in addition to his own, though his income at the time was only £17 a year. Nor did he make any charge for teaching school; such as could afford it gave him what they pleased. He was exceedingly hospitable, and on every Sunday served up dishes of broth for such of the congregation as came from a considerable distance. By these means Mr. Walker not only brought up and educated a numerous family, but also gave every member of them something to begin the world with; and at his death he left behind him the sum of £2,000, besides a number of webs of linen and woollen yarn of his own spinning. He died June 25th, 1802, in the 93rd year of his age, and the 67th of his ministry in Seathwaite.

### SEATHWAITE

*Post Office* at Mrs. Elizabeth Dawson's, Newfield. Letters arrive by rural post messenger *via* Broughton-in-Furness at 10-20 a.m., and are despatched at 3-15 p.m. No Sunday business.

*Rural District Councillor*—Wilson Butler, B.A., Glebe Lands, Broughton.  
*Assistant Overseer* for Dunnerdale-with-Seathwaite—John Hartley, Turner Hall.

Dawson Miss Mary, Havelock cottage  
Dawson Mr. John, Newfield  
Dawson Thos., vict. and yeo., Newfield Hotel  
Dickinson Matthew Jackson Allason, Esq., Kilnbank  
Dickinson The Misses Sarah and Anna, Kilnbank  
Ditchfield Rev. James Beardwood, M.A. (Durham), The Vicarage  
*Dunnerdale-with-Seathwaite Ulpha School*; John Hy. Broadbent, master; Miss Alice Frearson, asst.  
Nicholson Mr. Joseph, Hall Dunnerdale  
Parker Mrs. Eliz., Hall Dunnerdale  
*Seathwaite Parochial School*; William Newton, master; Miss Annie Dawson, assist.  
Tyson Mrs. Hannah, Hall Dunnerdale  
Tyson Jnthn., roadman, Low Hollin House  
Tyson Mr. Ralph, Under Cragg

Varley James William, caretaker, Barrow Corporation Water Works, The Crook, Ulpha

### Farmers.

Boow Wm. Wilson, Hall Dunnerdale, and Low Hall  
Casson Joseph, (yeo.), Kiln Bank and Birks  
Dawson James, Long House  
Dawson Mrs., Browside  
Harrison Joseph, (of Black Hall), Dale Head  
Hartley Tyson, Turner Hall, Under Cragg, and Troutal Hall  
Mansergh Airey, High Kiln Bank  
Satterthwaite Geo. Vickers, Hall Dunnerdale  
Slee Isaac, Thrang  
Tyson Daniel, (yeo.), Cockley Beck  
Tyson Mrs. Dorcas, (owner), Hinning house  
Tyson Moses, (yeo.), Tongue house and Hollin house

### DUNNERDALE.

Letters *via* Broughton-in-Furness by rural messenger.

Braithwaite John, gamekpr., Stonestars  
Carter Mr. John, High Green bank  
Graham Miss Eleanor, apartments, Hare hall  
Hirst Mr. Joseph., Rylstone

Hannah Peter, Scrithwaite  
Hodgson Isaac, Pickthall Ground  
Mansergh Wm., Dry Hall  
Marr Robert, High Whineray Ground  
Nelson Wm., Carter Ground  
Pritt James (and apartments), Hoses  
Riley John, Rowfold  
Shepherd James, Green Bank  
Stephenson Thos., Ball Hall  
Stilling John, Jackson Ground  
Todd James Martindale, Pickthall Ground  
Tyson John, Hesketh Hall (and miller), Broughton Mills  
Whineray Robt. Dobson, Whineray Ground

### Farmers.

Casson Nicholas, (yeo.), Stella  
Cranke James, Knott End and Hare hall  
Fell Thos. Sim, (yeo.), Green Bank  
Gibson —, Jackson Ground  
Hadwen Thos., (yeo.), Stephenson Ground

### Egton-with-Newland

Is included in Ulverston union, deanery, rural district, and petty sessional division, the county court district of Barrow, and the electoral division of Low Furness.