

BROUGHTON.

BROUGHTON, in Furness, is a small Market Town and Chapelry, in the parish of Kirkby Ireleth, 10 miles N.W. of Ulverstone, 12 miles N. of Dalton, 13 miles S.W. of Hawkshead, 31 miles N.W. of Lancaster, and 270 miles N.W. by N. of London; containing a population of 1253 souls. This place, in the Saxon times, gave name to a considerable family, which flourished here through the period of the Norman conquest, the struggles of the Barons, and the contests of the Houses of York and Lancaster, till the young adventurer, Lambert Simnel, landed at the Pile of Foudrey, in 1487, to prosecute his fictitious claims to the Crown of England.* Before the arrival of the followers of Swartz, the Duchess of Burgundy, sister to the deposed tyrant, Richard III. had prevailed upon Sir Thomas Broughton, to join the invaders; and the landing in Furness was probably a consequence of the arrangement between the Duchess and the Knight. After the defeat of the invaders, at the battle of Stoke, near Coventry, Sir Thomas, according to tradition, narrowly escaped with his life, and found an asylum amongst his tenantry at Witherslack, in Westmoreland, where, dying in seclusion, in the spring of 1495, without issue, the family became extinct. The fall of the enemies of Henry VII. served to enlarge the already extensive possessions of the house of Stanley, into whose hands the estates of Lord Viscount Lovel and Sir Thomas Broughton, in the north of this county; and the still more valuable domains of the Pilkingtons in the south, fell by the attainders of their several proprietors. Another civil war so far impaired the fortunes of the Knowsley family, that in 1657, Charles, the eighth Earl of Derby, conveyed the manor of Broughton in fee to Edward Leigh, Esq.; by him it was conveyed to Roger Sowry, Esq.; in the year 1688, this Roger settled the manor upon his only son, who had married a daughter of the Gilpins, of Scaleby-castle; the only issue of that marriage was Richard Gilpin Sawrey, Esq. who dying without issue devised the same to his relation, John Gilpin, Esq. who took the name of Sawrey, and from whom the present proprietor, John Sawrey, Esq. is descended. Mr. John Gilpin was a considerable benefactor to Broughton, and gave ground for the purpose of building that spacious square which ornaments the centre of the town; and his widow, under the influence of the same munificent disposition, erected the handsome and lofty obelisk in the centre of the square. The mansion called Broughton Tower, stands at a little distance from the town, in an elevated situation; the original tower remains entire, but as it has been built up on three sides the front only appears. The customs of this manor are so easy towards the tenants that they enjoy advantages equal almost to freehold possession: the tenant, on his admission, pays a twenty-penny fine to the lord, together with an ancient annual rent; rendering suit and service to the court, and he is free to alienate or mortgage the estate on payment of ten shillings to the lord. Swartz-moor, the common upon which Martin Swartz mustered his forces, is eleven miles from Broughton Tower, and one mile from Ulverstone. The hall, called Swartz-moor hall, is an ancient mansion, and

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has been the residence and property of two distinguished characters—Judge Fell and George Fox. The founder of Quakerism having entered upon his mission at Derby in the year 1650, travelled northward through Lancashire, and in 1652 arrived at Swartz-moor hall, where he was hospitably received by the lady of Judge Fell. On the return of the Judge into the country, he expressed some displeasure at the change produced in the manners and appearance of his family, by the new doctrines; but he was soon convinced of the rectitude of the preacher's principles, and became a proselyte to his faith. Under the influence of the new light, Judge Fell exchanged the judicial for the ecclesiastical character, and accompanied his guest to Gleaston, Dandron, and Rampside, where they were well received; and to Ulverstone, Cooken, and Northscale, where they were strongly opposed, and their lives endangered by popular violence. In 1658 the Judge died, and eleven years afterwards his widow accepted the hand of Mr. Fox in marriage; by this union he became possessed of the hall, and was enabled, from his improved circumstances, to pursue the duties of his future ministry without suffering many of those privations to which, in the early part of his career, he had been exposed.

The Church of Broughton is dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen, and though a curacy only, the minister is entitled to small tithes; the Rev. William Pearson is the incumbent. Broughton has a chapel of ease at Seathwaite. The town, which forms a square, is situated on the declivity of a gentle eminence, with a south aspect. The houses are built of stone, covered with blue slate, and have a good effect. This place has been greatly improved within a few years; and there is a weekly market on the Friday, and three annual fairs—the first held on the 27th of April, the second on the 1st of August, and the last on the first Friday in October. The first and last are recently established, but the second is an ancient fair held by proclamation. The April fair is for horned cattle and hiring servants, and if it falls on Sunday is held on Saturday; the second is for horned cattle, and if it falls on Sunday is held on Monday; and the third is for horned cattle, mountain sheep, and hiring servants, and they are all of them much resorted to by the Yorkshire clothiers. Formerly spinning of woollen yarn, upon the domestic system, was carried on in this part of the country, and employed a great number of the females, but this branch of the manufacture has been entirely destroyed by the introduction of machinery; and the principal trade of the place consists in the making of brush stocks and hoops, the latter of which is carried to a considerable extent, on account of the vast quantity of coppice woods in Furness Fells.

The estuary of Dudden is fordable for carriages and horses at low water, but there is no regular guide. The river is navigable to within about half-a-mile of the bridge at the flow of the tide, but not higher, and vessels carrying 25 tons frequently discharge iron ore, and take in pig iron smelted with charcoal here. Considerable quantities of slates, iron, grain, malt, oak bark, hoops, &c. are shipped from hence, and coals and general merchandise imported. There is no harbour on the Lancashire side, but there is a safe natural harbour at Borrick Rilles, on the Cumberland side of the estuary. Vessels of 100 tons burthen, take in cargoes of slate upon the Sands about four miles below Dudden-bridge, but the general average is from 35 to 80 tons burthen: not less than 2000 tons of blue slate are shipped hence annually. A very broad bar

crosses the mouth of the channel, which renders the entrance unsafe when the tides are low and the weather boisterous. Vast quantities of cockles are gathered on these sands, on the Lancashire side, and they are esteemed the best in the kingdom: hence "Fresh Dudden Cockles," are sounded through the streets of all the towns of this and the neighbouring counties.

The quantity of cultivated land in this township bears but a small proportion to the wastes and commons, but it is in a good state of agricultural management. The surrounding country is very mountainous, and abounds with the usual products of Furness Fells—iron, copper, and slate. The air of this district is famed for its salubrity, and the inhabitants for their longevity; and a tomb-stone is shown in Broughton Church-yard which is perhaps unequalled by any other in the kingdom. The ashes reposing under this stone are those of seven members all of the same family, and the ages are 78, 80, 84, 92, 94, 101, 104 years.

DIRECTORY.

The Post Gig from Ulverstone, through Broughton to Whitehaven, every Mon. Thu. and Sat. and returns every Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday, time of arrival regulated by the tides.

Mrs. ANN CASSON, Post Mistress.

Addison Agnes, baker	Denny Wm. painter & glazier	Robinson John, schoolmaster
Allen Charles, surgeon, &c.	Denny John, painter & glazier	Sandwith Wm. vict. King's Arms
Askew John, schoolmaster	Denny Catharine, artificial flower maker	Sawroy John, Esq. lord of the manor, <i>Broughton tower</i>
Atkinson Wm. surgeon, &c.	Dixon George, joiner	Simpson John and Moses, brush stick manufacturers
Atkinson John, auctioneer	Dodgson B. & Co. milliners, &c.	Stable David, tanner and fell monger
Barwick James, shopkeeper	Ellwood Francis, vict. New King's Head	Stable John, hat manufacturer
Barwick & Spedding, hoopers & wood mongers	Flah Edward, surgeon, &c.	Stable Wm. tapner & fell monger
Barwick John and James, chair makers	Fleming Betty, vict. Old King's Head	Thwaites Robert, schoolmaster
Bell Robert, joiner	Fleming John, tanner	Townson Betty, milliner, &c.
Bellman Daniel, clock & watch maker	Fletcher Jonathan, millwright	Whinfield Moses, shopkeeper
Bellman George, blacksmith	Gaitskill Thos. shoemaker	Wilson Edw. clog & patten mkr.
Bellman Sarah, milliner, &c.	Gawith Thos. plasterer & waller	Wilson Jonathan, butcher
Benson James, vict. Griffin	Gilpin Martin, Esq. Broom hill	Wilson William, butcher
Blendall Wm. attorney & coroner for the liberty of Furness	Hannah Robert, shopkeeper	Wilson William, saddler
Braithwaite Shepherd, vict. King's Head	Hannah Robert, check mfr.	
Briggs James, brush stick mfr.	Hartley Thos. twine splinner	
Carter Miss Agnes	Hartley George, chair maker	
Carter Matthew, tailor	Hugh Thos. tailor & draper	
Casson Robert, butcher	Holmes James, blacksmith	
Casson Thomas, shoemaker	Latham Richard and Co. iron masters	
Casson Ann, baker, dealer in garden seeds, cheese, &c. (post office)	Latham Rd. & Son, maltsters	
Clark Wm. saddler, ironmonger & dealer in cheese & flour	Latham Miss Ann	
Cole Arthur, clog & patten mkr.	Metcalfe John, swiller	
Colebank Henry, spirit merchant, grocer, tallow chandler, &c.	Mossop Isaac, surgeon	
Crowdon Moses, butcher and auctioneer	Newton Thomas, cooper	
Crosby John, hoop maker and wood monger	Nicholson Geo. shoemaker	
Danson Sarah, vict. Black Cock	Patrickson Mrs. Maria	
Dawson Thomas, parish clerk and sexton	Perry William, cooper	
	Perry William, baker	
	Pool Wm. tailor and draper	
	Porter Isaac, flour dealer, &c.	
	Porter Joseph, tailor & draper	
	Postlethwaite Robert, Esq.	
	Redhead William, shoemaker	
	Rigg John, shoemaker	
	Robinson Geo. land surveyor	

CARRIERS FROM THE COUNTRY.

BOOTLE, James Benson, arrives Wed. & Sat. ret. same day
 CONISTON, Rt. Eccleston, *Old King's Head*, and Edw. Barrow, *Griffin*, arrives on Friday, and go from Conistone to Hawkshead on Monday
 HAWKSHED, Adamson Knipe, *King's Arms*, arrives Friday, returns same day
 KENDAL, Richard Nelson, *Old King's Head*, ar. Th. dep. Fri.
 SEATHCOTE, William Stables, *King's Head*, arrives Friday, returns same day
 ULVERSTONE, Jas. Benson and John Newby, arrives Thu. & Sat. return same day

KIRKBY IRELETH PARISH.

KIRKBY IRELETH a village, and parish (without a township bearing its own name) in the Hundred of Lonsdale, North of the Sands, in the Deanery of Furness and Cartmel, and in the Archdeaconry of Richmond; $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles NW. of Ulverstone. This parish contains six townships, including two chapelries, of which the following forms the enumeration, with the returns of the number of inhabitants in 1801, 1811, and 1821, the estimated annual rental of each township in the parish:—

KIRKBY IRELETH (Parish.)		POPULATION.					Estimated Annual Value.
		1801. Persons.	1811. Persons.	Houses.	1821. Families.	Persons.	
Broughton.....	Chapelry	1005	966	258	268	1253	£5175
Dunnerdale	Township	998	349	27	26	143	1608
Seathwaite.....	Chapelry			44	38	208	
Low Quarter	Township	1041	491	116	117	572	8542
Middle Quarter	Township		377	95	96	504	
Woodland & Heathwaite	Township		211	47	46	267	
Total		2344	2394	587	591	2947	15,325

Of the 591 families in this parish, 244 of them are employed chiefly in agriculture, and 265 in trade, manufactures, or handicraft; the remaining 82 are either engaged in professional pursuits or unemployed.

The church is dedicated to St. Cuthbert, and the living is a peculiar, under the Dean and Chapter of York,* who is rector and patron, and the Rev. Thomas Pearson is the vicar. The township of Kirkby Ireleth is famous for the production of excellent dark coloured blue slate, and upwards of 10,000 tons of this article is annually raised from the quarries upon Kirkby-moor, where about 270 workmen are employed in the different departments. Lord Geo. Cavendish, who is lord of the manor, derives an income of upwards of £3,000 annually from these quarries. This sum is raised by the manor royalties, or rent, chargeable upon the three qualities of slate, in the following proportions, viz.—On the best, or London, 10s. per ton; seconds 8s. and Tom 4s. The following are the villages and townships in this parish:—

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DUNNERDALE; 2 mls. N. of Broughton.

HEATHWAITE; 6 miles NNW. of Ulverstone.

LOW QUARTER; $5\frac{1}{2}$ mls. W. of Ulverstone.

MIDDLE QUARTER; 6 miles NW. of Ulverstone.

SEATHWAITE; 6 mls. N. of Broughton.

WOODLAND; 8 mls. NNW. of Ulverstone.

DIRECTORY OF KIRKBY IRELETH PARISH.

Those marked i reside in Broughton; 2, in Dunnerdale; 3, in Heathwaite; 4, Low Quarter; 5, in Middle Quarter; and 6, in Seathwaite.

1 Bayliffe Miss, gentlewoman
4 Braithwaite Wm. joiner
1 Briggs James, brush head & handle mfr. Saitcoats
6 Carter Ephraim, vict. Newfld.
3 Carter Wm. sickle maker
4 Coward Mrs. Eliz. Highgill hs.
4 Cragg John, gent. Beckside
6 Dawson Thomas, joiner
3 Friarson George, maltster
2 Gaitskill Rev. Isaac
4 Harrison Wm. coast walter
3 Jackson Nathaniel, farrier
4 James Isaac, yeoman, Lowbarn

4 James Joseph, miller
4 James John, parish clerk-
5 Johnson John, miller
4 Mason John, yeoman, Cross
beck
4 Otley G. school mtr. Beckside
1 Park Joel, hamper maker
4 Pearson Rev. Thos. Beckside-
1 Pool N. 'Blacksmiths' Arms'
Pool Wm. 'Punch Bowl'
Postlethwaite Mttw. maltster
3 Postlethwaite Mrs. Mary
4 Postlethwaite R. jun. Gargrave.
1 Pullen Thomas, miller
5 Riley Wm. gov. of Workhs.
3 Sandwith Rev. Wm.
4 Shepherd Jas. 'Ship Inn'
1 Stanley Thos. hamper mfr.
1 Stephenson J. C. maltster

6 Swalley Thos. wool carder
5 Wales John, maltster
2 Whineray Saml. maltster
1 Whineray Saml. maltster
5 Wilson Wm. ymn. Doveford
4 Woodend Wm. 'Plough'
BLUE SLATE 4 Parker John
MERCHANTS. 6 Parker Geo.
4 Chamley John 6 Postlethwaite
Merebeck Matthew
4 Coward Edw. 4 Postlethwaite
Beckside Roger
4 Fisher Jas. 4 Postlethwaite
Fisher Thos. William
4 Mason John 4 Todd Thos.
3 Melon M. 4 Town Wm.
Soutergate 4 Webster Frs.
3 Nelson M. 4 Woodburn J.
Fellgate

* Woodland and Heathwaite are under the same jurisdiction, but the chapelry of Broughton is subject to Chester, and within the archdeaconry of Richmond.