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MILLOM RURAL, under the provisions of the "Local Government Act, 1894," was formed out of the ancient parish of Milom, which has been divided into two townships, Milom and Milom Rural, the former comprising the area of the Milom 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 (Lanes), 3 south-east from Bootle, 13 south-east from Ravenglass and 31 south-east from Whitehaven, in the Whitehaven 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 Milom (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 roof, left, extant in 1653, 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. 1736, and John Bolton, vicar, d. 5 Nov. 1820; in the church are brasses to John Latus esq. J.P. of Beck, d. 15 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 1895-1907: the church has been restored since 1873 at a cost of £220, and affords 300 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 £252, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Carlisle, and held since 1621 by the Rev. David Whitely Irving B.A. of Queen's College, Cambridge. The chapel of ease at the Hill was erected in 1875, at a cost of £375, 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. Milom 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 Milom, 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 Huddleston, 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 Milom was anciently very extensive, and contained the parishes of Bootle, Corney, Milom, Waterthwaite, Whickham and Whitebeck, extending 12 miles in length and about 3 in breadth. In these six

parishes the lords of Milom 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 1860 with the following inscription:—

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

The mountain called "Black Combe," lying between Milom and Bootle, and about 4 miles from the shore, rises thence in ridged slopes to a height of about 1,975 feet, and affords a splendid panoramic view, sometimes including the peak of Snowden and the Irish coast. Various relics have been found at Lonsdale, 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, Milom 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 512 of tidal water and 2,526 of foreshore; rateable value, £12,663; the population in 1911 was 1,200 in the civil and 2,576 in the ecclesiastical parish.

THE GREEN is a small hamlet in this township, 3 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 residence of Mrs. Myers, 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, M. Jackson Ormandy.

Post, M. O. & T. Office, The Green.—Miss Eleanor Hartley, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Milom, Cumb.; no delivery or dispatch on sundays.

Post Office, Hill Milom.—Miss Alice Shaw, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Milom; no delivery or dispatch on sundays. The Green is the nearest money order & telegraph office.

Public Elementary School, The Hill, Milom (mixed), erected in 1883, for 116 children; Henry Shaw, master.

County Police, George Gibson, constable.

Railway Station, Green Road, Herbert Edwin Hewitt, station master.

CHAPEL SUCKEN is a hamlet, containing a few houses and scattered farms, and is 1½ miles from Silcroft station on the Furness railway, 6 south-east from Bootle, and 9 south-west from Broughton (Lanes). 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 125 persons. At Laera, 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 "cupmark." The Croft, Chapel Sucken, within about a mile of Black Combe, is the seat of James Wilson Brockbank esq. who, with A. H. Fox-Brockbank esq. is the principal landed proprietor. The chief crops are barley, oats and pasture land.

KIRKSANTON is also a hamlet.

Wall Letter Box, Kirksanton

MILLOM ABOVE OR RURAL.

Fender John, The Readings
Irving Rev. David Whiteley B.A.
(vicar), The Vicarage
Johnson Mrs. Oakwood
Shaw Henry, Dashed gate
Shepherd John, Parkside

COMMERCIAL.

Alex Eilen (Mrs.), White Horse P.H.
The Hill
Birkett John, farmer, Marsh side
Dobson Thomas, farmer, Underhill
Fisher Isabella (Mrs.), farm, Burnall
Newton James, farmer, Water ideam
Shaw Alice (Miss), shopkeeper, & post
office, The Hill
Shepherd Jn. Kirby, farm, High brow
Shapson John, farmer, Woods (postal
address, Silcroft)
Tyson Marshall, farmer, Low house
Wilson John, farmer, Bank side
(postal address, Silcroft)

CHAPEL SUCKEN.

Marked thus * should be addressed
via Silcroft, Cumab.
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via MilloM, Cumab.
* Benn Thomas, Bankfield

* Brockbank James Wilson, The Croft
* Brockbank John Edwin, The Croft
* Fox-Brockbank Arthur Hodgson, The
Croft
Jones Noble, Garthlands
* Warbrick George Newton, Po house

COMMERCIAL.

* Bell William, farm, Standing stones
† Brockbank James Wilson & Sons,
brewers, Bank Springs brewery
* Harrison William, farmer, Layriggs
* Jackson Annie Jane (Mrs.), King
William IV. P.H.
* Wallbank Robt. farmer, Hestham hall
* Young James, farm bailiff to the
Co-operative Society Limited,
Langthwaite

KIRKSANTON.

Barrow Thomas, farm bailiff to A. H.
Fox-Brockbank esq. Raceside
Clemmison John, farmer, Manor farm
Taylor Joseph, farmer, Hall Green
Thompson William John & Ann
(Mrs.), milkers (water)

THE GREEN.

Bell John, Low Beck-stones
Busfield William, Old Dunningwell
Myers Mrs. Dunningwell
Newton John, Ruskin mount
Newton Parker, Haws
Sherwen Rev. William Sherwen B.A.
(perpetual curate of St. Anne's,
Thwaites), Vicarage

COMMERCIAL.

Bell Hubert, stationer, Post office
Bond Agnes (Mrs.), aparts, Styall side
Bones Thomas, farmer, Bridgend
Broadbent William, High Sunningwell
Butterfield Margaret (Miss), shop-
keeper, Lowbeck stones
Butterfield Thomas, joiner, Green rd
Clegg Isaac, boot & shoe maker
Crayston Christopher, farm, Roanlands
Forsyth Kenneth, nurseryman
Hunter Robert Geldert, Mill inn
Jenkinson Daniel, farmer, Arnaby
Mawson Miles, farmer, Lowshaw
Newton Parker, farmer, Haws
Reading Room (John Eva, sec)
Troughton Robert, farmer, Arnaby
Waring Ernest, Alb Punch Bowl P.H.
Watson Henry, farmer, Arnaby