

INGLEBOROUGH ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

ANTIQUARIAN TO SIGHTSEER: A Bibliographical Study of the Literature inspired by the topography and people of the local area dating between 1500 and 1939.

AUTHOR SURNAME: HOUSMAN **TITLE:**

FIRST NAMES: JOHN

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES: 1764 - 1802 **DATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH:**

Son of Henry Howard's gardener at Corby Castle, Cumwhitton, Carlisle. He accompanied a "gentleman" (Howard) on a tour through England 1797-8 and sent a narrative of his journey to the Monthly Magazine. On his return, he wrote his "Descriptive Tour", pub. by Jollie for whom he had supplied notes on agricultural matters for Hutchinson's "History of Cumberland" (P.Bicknell).

TITLE(S): A DESCRIPTIVE TOUR AND GUIDE TO THE LAKES, CAVES, MOUNTAINS, AND OTHER NATURAL CURIOSITIES IN CUMBERLAND, WESTMORELAND, LANCASHIRE AND A PART OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.

PLACE(S) OF PUBLICATION: Carlisle

PUBLISHER(S) Printed by F.Jollie, sold by C.Law, Ave-Maria Lane, London.

EDITION: 1 **VOLUME** 1 **DATE OF PUBLICATION** 1800

SIZE:

TEXT: Advertisement p.i – iv, Index, References to map of the soils and distances along the roads.
Pp. 1 – 226. List of New Books printed for H.D.Symonds no.20 Paternoster Row

PLATES: **ARTIST:** **NUMBER: 1**

NOTES: An engraving of Furness Abbey and two sets of decorative maps of the Lakes and Tarns

MAPS:

AUTHOR:
SCALE:
TITLE: Folded map frontispiece

DATE(S):
NUMBER:

LOCATON:

Kendal Ref. Library. Local History section.

BINDING:

Rebound. Usually calf.

NOTES:

P.iv p.iv.

“ unexaggerated descriptions, in plain and simple language, are here principally aimed at;....”

P.33 pp.33-34 If travelling on horseback leave Ingleton and proceed via Thornton, if on foot follow the Doe upstream. “ a solitary farm house, called Breadagarth, surrounded with a few meagre looking fields, while all the surrounding country has the appearance of a wild unfrequented desert; with here and there, two or three sheep peeping from among the rocks.”

An unfortunate tailor having been working at Breadagarth returning home at night fell into the pool at Keldhead and was found drowned the next day.

The guide got lights and a large candlestick from Breadagarth. “The road is little frequented and is the only one in or near this valley”

P.39 – 40 Reference to Gray’s Journal. About half a century ago, a lunatic escaped from his friends and “lived here upwards of a week in the winter season having previously provided himself with cheese and other provisions. Snow being on the ground, he pulled off the heels of his shoes and set them inverted at the toes. A poor woman big with child, was taken in labour and was found dead in the cave.

On the upper side of Yordas is a quarry of black marble. Gingling “Cave” is not yet explored.

Returning to Kingsdale, we cross the valley near the farm cottage and proceed about three miles over the mountain to Chapel in the Dale but without any path, or other mark whereby to direct our steps, except the top of Ingleborough and other prominences.

See attached Photostats.