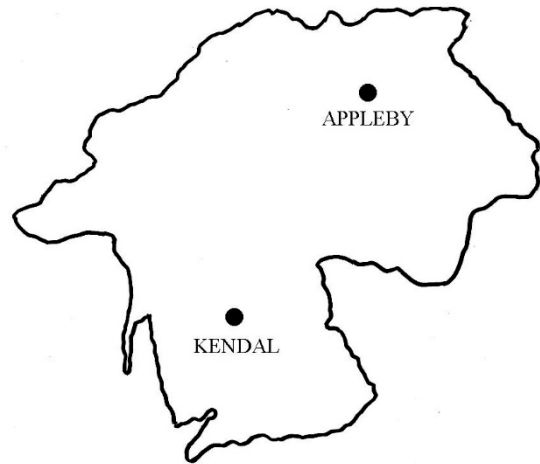
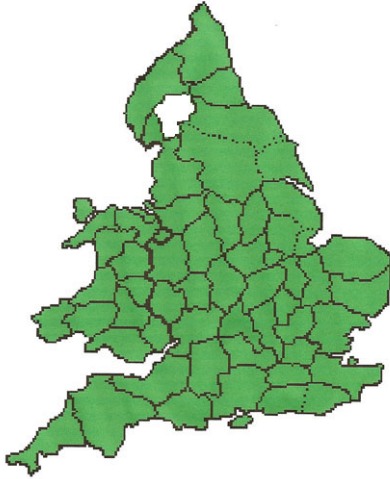


WESTMORLAND












Westmorland is small rural county, surrounded by Cumberland, the North and West Ridings of Yorkshire, and Lancashire. For centuries the county was divided into two 'baronies'. This division resulted in the Quarter Sessions being held alternately in Appleby and Kendal, and in fact the two centres operated almost independently. A further complication was that the county jurisdiction in Kendal was sometimes confused with the authority of the Borough of Kendal.

In 1857 a county police force was established, but it operated in tandem with the police force in Cumberland, which played the dominant part. It was not until 1903 that civilian inspectors of weights and measures were appointed. No specialist makers of scales or weights have been recorded.

In 1974 Westmorland was merged with Cumberland and the northernmost part of Lancashire to form the new county of Cumbria.

A: Inspection by the County of WESTMORLAND

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1825	One set of standards [54] issued.		There were 4 wards: East, West, Kendal, and Lonsdale.
1834	One inspector for the whole county.	 1835	<p><i>Inspector 1834-36</i> Isaac Sewell of Appleby; he replaced William Sewell.</p>
1836	Two inspectors, in Appleby and Kendal. The Kendal inspector used the borough standards [679] issued in 1835.	<p>     </p>	<p><i>Inspectors 1836-57</i> <i>Appleby (North) division = East and West Wards:</i> Isaac Sewell (1836-38 died) John Sarginson (1838-51 died) Joseph Dover (1852-57)</p> <p>The 'tower' mark indicates the northern division.</p> <p><i>Kendal (South) division = Kendal & Lonsdale Wards:</i> Joseph Clarke (1836-57)</p> <p>.</p> <p><i>Police officers as inspectors 1857-1903</i></p>
1857	Cumberland and Westmorland police force set up; took over WM duties immediately.	<p> </p>	<p><i>Appleby division (No.1)</i> Robert Parks (1857-79) Thomas Spencer (1879-85-) John Graham (-1894-) J. Smith (-1896-)</p> <p><i>Kendal division (No.2)</i> Edward Hibberd (1857-) Isaac Bird (-1869-79) James Shields (1879-94-) John Graham (-1896-)</p>



- ¶ An 8 oz bronze weight stamped by Isaac Sewell, the sole inspector for the county in 1835.

By the Court.

That the Inspectors do attend with the Stamps and Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures in the Market Towns and places within their respective districts as follow, viz.

Mr. Sewell.

Brough, Thursday, 10th November
 Kirkby Stephen, Monday & Tuesday 14th & 15th November
 Orton, Wednesday, 16th November
 Shap, Thursday, 17th November

Askham, Friday, 18th November
 Morland, Monday, 21st November
 Kirkby-thore, Tuesday, 22nd November
 Appleby, Wednesday & Saturday, 23rd & 26th November



Mr. Clark, at

Stavely, at the New Inn, on Tuesday the 6th December
 Bowness, at the Crown Inn, Wednesday 7th December
 Ambleside, White Lion, Thursday and Friday 8th and 9th December
 Borough of Kendal, in W. D. Crewdson's Yard, Highgate, on Saturdays
 Kirkby Lonsdale, Green Dragon, Tuesday and Wednesday 13th & 14th December
 Burton, Kings Arms, Thursday 15th December
 Milnthorpe, Kings Arms, Friday 16th December

- ¶ Printed notice of arrangements for inspection, after the formation of the two divisions in 1836 [WQ/M/29].



- ¶ Weights stamped in the Appleby (North) district. On the left, a brass 1oz weight with the mark for the East Ward in the reign of William IV (up to 1837). On the right, a similar weight with the mark for the West Ward in the reign of Victoria (1838 onwards).


Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1879	Numbers issued: Appleby division 49 Kendal division 50		Unqualified police officers continued as inspectors until c1903.
1889	Westmorland CC set up; the police continued to act as WM inspectors.		
1896	Several policemen named (irregularly) as WM inspectors for the two divisions [AR].		
1903	Qualified inspectors appointed. They remained under police control.		<p><i>Qualified inspectors:</i> <i>Appleby division</i> J. Carter (q1904 -1919) [MR 33: 208]</p>
1928	The two offices were combined into one, based in Kendal. After this there was only one inspector for the whole county.		<p>J. Anderson (q1912 in Airdrie, 1919-28&)</p> <p><i>Kendal division</i> W.J. Miles (q1903-28) [MR 45:36]</p> <p><i>Whole county (1928 onwards)</i> J. Anderson (&1928-45) [MR 45:63]</p>
1974	Westmorland became part of the new county of Cumbria.		<p>A. Bryant (1945-72-)</p>

¶ A 4oz brass weight with marks for the North (No. 1) division. At the top is the East Ward mark with the number 1 alongside, and at the bottom the later VR 49 mark.



¶ A 1lb bronze weight with marks for the South (No.2) division. At the top is the Kendal Ward mark, and at 4 o'clock is the No.2 mark. Also visible is the VR 514 mark used later in the Borough of Kendal.

B: Localities with separate jurisdiction in the county of WESTMORLAND

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Appleby was an Ancient Borough. It was not granted the status of a municipal borough in 1835, but at that time it appointed as its inspector Isaac Sewell, who was also the county inspector.				
Kendal	AncBo MB:1835 cp	 KK	514	s:1835, 1858(?), 1877 i:1834

The letters KK stand for Kirkby Kendal, the full name of the borough.

Prior to 1835 two searchers of WM were appointed annually by the Court Leet. The inspector appointed under the Act of 1834 was Joseph Clark[e], to whom standards [679] were delivered in 1835, and who, a year later, was also appointed as inspector for the Kendal and Lonsdale wards of the county.

The relation between the borough and the Kendal division remained confused for many years. There was a borough police force, but it was 'administered' by the county until 1876. In that year an independent chief officer was appointed, John Wilkinson (CC 1876-82). New standards [1611] were issued to him in 1877. Thomas Cotton (CC 1882-90) was recorded as IWM in 1885 [B], and Luke Talbot (CC 1890-95) was listed in 1892 [AR].

The first qualified inspector was George Hardy (CC 1895-99, q1892/3 in Oldham). He was followed by James Burrows (CC 1899-1900, q1896/7 in Cambridgeshire), Charles Harris (CC 1900-02, q1898/9 in Oxford) [MR 02:308], and Arthur Berry (CC 1902-08, q1896/7 in Rotherham). From 1908 until 1924 the chief constable was not a qualified IWM and W.J. Miles, the county inspector for Kendal, acted for this period [MR 45:36]. In 1924 Patrick O'Neill who had qualified in Northumberland in 1903/4, was appointed chief constable, and he continued until the borough police force was amalgamated with the county force in 1947. It appears that a formal arrangement with the county was made at that time.

¶ A 2oz brass weight stamped with the verification mark of the Borough of Kendal before c1890.



C: The trade in Westmorland

In 1826 it was ordered [WQ/O/14] that the standard weights, then lodged in Appleby, should be deposited with Stephen Bell, brazier of Kendal, for the use of the public in Kendal and Lonsdale Wards.

No records of specialist scale makers in Westmorland have been found.

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