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Source		Postlethwaite, John, <i>Mines and mining in the (English) lake district</i> , Third edition, Whitehaven, 1913				
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1901 Parish	VCH cat (1-7)	Date range	Page(s)	Content	Notes	
DEA	3	1913	196	Dean Moor Colliery Co. employed 41 people, produced household and steam coal from local seams.		
LOW	3	1833-1913	106	<p>'The shaft of the Loweswater Mine [lead-dd], on the western side of the river Cocker, opposite Scale Hill, [Nether Close – dd] was sunk about 75 or 80 years ago, to a depth of 17 or 18 fathoms, and a considerable extent of ground was excavated and a good deal of ore obtained from it. The timbers of the old workings are now decaying ... There was a good deal of water in the mine and a powerful water-wheel was erected to pump the water from it, also to haul the ore to the surface and propel the dressing machinery.</p> <p>There is another parallel vein to the south of the Loweswater Valley, between Whiteoak and Highnook Becks, from which some ore was obtained at about the same time that Loweswater Mine was worked; and another vein still further south, on the West side of Mosedale Beck, beneath Hencombe, also yielded some ore.'</p>		
BUT	3	1735-1913	133-135	<p>'Slate quarries in the volcanic series ... The beds at the base have been and are now being worked in Borrodale and near Buttermere; ... All these quarries are in the sea-green slate metal of the volcanic series. ... The beds of Slate Metal may be traced along the outcrop ... by Rigg head, and Honister to Scarf Gap, but Honister, Yew Cragg and Rigg Head are all that have proved to be really successful. ...</p> <p>It has not been ascertained when the Honister Quarries were first worked, but an old document was found some time ago in Cocker mouth Castle, which contains the information that in 1735 Charles Norman became tenant or lessee, as successor to Thomas Grindall, proving that they were in full operation 160 years ago. ... the quarries were successively leased ...[list] ... and Anthony Coward. The last named lessee ceased working about 1870, and there was an interval of about eight years before the present proprietors [un-named] commenced operations.'</p> <p>There follows a discussion on the development of transportation.</p>	Warning, a lease does not prove 'full operation' - dd	