STENG CROSS NORTHUMBERLAND





Winter’s Gibbet, Elsdon, Northumberland.


WINTERS GIBBET & STENG CROSS
IN 1791, THE BODY OF WILLIAM WINTER WAS HUNG HERE IN CHAINS, IN SIGHT OF THE PLACE WHERE HE HAD MURDERED OLD MARGARET CROZIER OF THE RAW, ELSDON.
THE PRESENT GIBBET WAS ERECTED ON THE EXACT SITE OF THE ORIGINAL. THE LARGE BLOCK OF STONE AT THE FOOT OF THE GIBBET IS THE BASE OF THE SAXON CROSS WHICH MARKED THE HIGHEST POINT OF THIS ANCIENT DROVE ROAD, DOWN WHICH CATTLE WERE DRIVEN FROM SCOTLAND TO THE ENGLISH MARKETS.
A MILE FURTHER EAST, A GROUP OF FOUR TREES MARKS THE SMITHY WHERE THE CATTLE WERE SHOD BEFORE REACHING THE METALLED ROADS. CATTLE SHOES HAVE BEEN FOUND ON THE SITE.