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<p>4 Houses on the site of Mount Pleasant next to Fp72, a 'hollow way' near the end of the 'salt trail' to Frodsham Port.</p>	<p>5 Frodsham Bridge-this 4th bridge was built in 1850.</p>	<p>6 Was this wilding land the cabbage field on the walkers 'short cut'. It's next to Fp75?</p>
		
<p>7 Fp71 on the 'short cut' to Fp73, Townfield Lane & Overton. An oilseed rape crop has been harvested.</p>	<p>8 FD00989 - Pump Cottage & Flower Cottage c.1900. There were several thatched cottages & 3 pubs in Overton (the original site of Frodsham) in Victorian times.</p>	<p>9 'Passing along the hillside' following Middle Walk & Ladies Walk. The walkers disturbed a cattle minder beneath a 'raven tree' (ravens associated with ill-omen).</p>
		
<p>10 'Passing beneath overhanging precipices'. Only stunted trees hereabouts in 1867.</p>	<p>11 Height of sandstone precipice c.23 ft or 7m. The walkers could see 'woods in the distance' in the area of Foxhill.</p>	<p>12 'Top of the tableland & passing Mickledale on the left'. The roofs of Mickledale & its barn conversion can be seen through the tree trunks.</p>
		
<p>13 Woodhouse Hill 483.4ft behind the group of trees but no sign of Fp88 to Mickledale farm. Sue & I abandoned this section of the route.</p>	<p>14 Sue & I began again from Mickledale farm to the kissing gate & viewed the impenetrable Fp88 through a wetland area before it crossed the golf course in image 13.</p>	<p>15 The route of Fp88 can be detected on this 1960s air photograph (highlighted). Kissing gate midway at angle in path.</p>

		
<p>16 The route of Fp88 (highlighted) across the golf course is no longer apparent on this Google satellite image.</p>	<p>17 Mickledale farm, listed as Lower Rileybank Farmhouse. The early 17C cross-wing was formerly a chapel & now the farm kitchen!</p>	<p>18 Leaving Mickledale farm 'we ascended towards the top of the hill' & the site of the expected Roman camp.</p>
		
<p>19 First sight of hilltop (Harrol Edge) now with a covered reservoir on top. In 1867 it was covered in dense gorse with a 'witches tree' (blackthorn/sloe) at its centre.</p>	<p>20 View towards Harrol Edge 520.9ft – the highest point in Frodsham Parish, formerly with a trig point, 'ancient British cairn'? on its summit.</p>	<p>21 View from Harrol Edge 'in sight of the broad Mersey'. Note gorse growing in the foreground & tree-covered Woodhouse Hill 483.4ft on the sky-line.</p>
		
<p>22 'Descending to the lower valley' on Fp21A from Shepherd's Houses..</p>	<p>23 Fp21A continues to descend towards engorged Fp90, part of the Sandstone Trail, with Snidley Moor on the left.</p>	<p>24 Which route did the walkers follow? Sue & I took Fp 21 which skirts the S side of Woodhouse Hill & joins Fp43.</p>
		
<p>25 View N along Fp43 close to where Fp44 descends to lower ground.</p>	<p>26 View from Fp43 over Frodsham Marshes & the Mersey Estuary. Could this be where the walkers 'enjoyed the scenery'?</p>	<p>27 Fp44 descends the steep scarp face diagonally towards the foot of the escarpment.</p>
		
<p>28 View towards the River Mersey from where Fp44 joins Fp37 at the foot of the scarp face.</p>	<p>29 Looking back to Helsby Hill & the oil refinery from Fp37. The walkers were 'passing along the footway homewards by the edge of the wood'.</p>	<p>30 The walkers crossed the lower end of Dunsdale Hollow which is an area of acidic lowland birch and sessile oak woodland (an SSSI) before taking tea at 'the cottage' as night fell before setting 'off to the train'.</p>