

## Pillaton in the 1920's

The following transcription from Kelly's Post Office Directory of Cornwall (Published London, 1923) gives an idea of the social structure of the time and lists many of the inhabitants of the parish during the 1920's.

PILLATON is a parish and village on the river Lynher, 7 miles north from St. Germans station, and 6 north-west from Saltash on the Great Western railway, in the Bodmin Division of the county, middle division of the hundred of East, petty sessional division of East Middle, union of St. Germans, county court district of Plymouth, rural deanery of East, archdeaconry of Bodmin and diocese of Truro. The church of St. Odulph is an edifice of stone in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave of six bays, north aisle, south transept, south porch and a lofty embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing 6 bells, of which the first two were cast in 1809; the tenor is undated: the fourth bell was presented in 1909 by William Hawk esq. of Kernock, in memory of his wife and her parents. The fifth and sixth were added in the same year when the three old bells were rehung at a cost of £410: in the chancel is a memorial window to the Rev. Henry Woolcombe M.A. nearly 40 years rector, d. 1861, and another to Rev. John E. White, erected by his widow in 1878: there is an aumbry in the transept, and a curious stone recess in the north aisle: the monuments are of modern date: the church was restored in 1878 at a cost of £800, and the tower in 1900 at a cost of £250: there are 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1557. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £244, including 33 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Thurstan Collins, esq. J.P. and held since 1894 by the Rev. Richard Hocking. There is a Wesleyan chapel in the village, with about 100 sittings, and a United Methodist chapel at Polborder, erected in 1861. A fair for pleasure and cattle is held on Whitsun Tuesday. Pentillie castle, the seat of Capt. John Tillie Coryton J.P. is 2½ miles east of Pillaton, on the west bank of the Tamar. The mansion is of stone with an embattled parapet and a square embattled tower, from which a commanding view of the river Tamar and surrounding country is obtained; it was erected from designs by W. Wilkins esq. architect; the entrance hall has a fine stained window; north of the castle is a wooded hill called "Mount Ararat" on which Sir James Tillie kt. the original builder of Pentillie Castle, erected in 1712 a small tower, within which, by his own desire, he was buried, his effigy in marble being placed in the upper room. Thurstan Collins, esq. J.P. who is lord of the manor, Capt. John Tillie Coryton J.P. and the Duchy of Cornwall are the principal landowners. The soil is clay and slate; subsoil, slate and freestone. The chief crops are cereals, roots and potatoes. The area is 2,898 acres of land, 4 of water, 8 of tidal water and 6 of foreshore; rateable value, £2,867; the population in 1911 was 405 in the civil and 368 in the ecclesiastical parish.

By Local Government Board Order, No. 31,778, part of St. Stephen was, in 1894, annexed to Pillaton.

Post Office. --- Nun Barrett, sub-postmaster. Letters through St. Mellion, about 2 miles distant, which is the nearest money order & telegraph office.

Public Elementary School (mixed), for 60 children.

This school is under the control of the Saltash & Callington District Education Committee; Alfred Burden, Education office, Saltash, clerk.

- o PRIVATE RESIDENTS.
- o Coryton Capt. John Tillie J.P. Pentillie castle
- o Hawk William C.B.E, J.P. Kernock
- o Hocking Rev. Richd. (rector), Rectory
- o COMMERCIAL.
- o Crago Jeremiah, agricultural implement maker
- o Crago William, farmer, Newhouse
- o Dawe Henry Walter, farmer, Mushton
- o Deacon Bros. smiths, Paynters Cross
- o Dolley Saml. jun. farmer, Moditon
- o Dolley Samuel, fruit grower, Glebe
- o Fursman John A. Kedson [= Keason?]
- o Gregory George, farmer, Saunton
- o Hawk William, farmer, Kernock
- o Hawk William, jun. farmer, Howton
- o Herring Christopher, fruit grower, Woodland
- o Herring John Frederick Andrew, farmer & assist. overseer, Tremoan
- o Hicks John, farmer, Bush farm
- o \*Hobbs Gilbert, miller (water)
- o Loftus Richard, estate agent to Capt. J.T. Coryton J.P. Panters Cross. T A "Loftus, St. Mellion"
- o Lucas George, farmer, Leigh
- o Pearce Voysey & John, farmers, Rowse farm
- o Pearce Frank Bartlett, Royal Oak P.H.
- o Pearce John Thomas, carpenter
- o Pearce William, grocer
- o Pendray Sidney, farmer, Berid [= Beria?]

- Proctor Ernest Albert, farmer, Pillaton Barton
- Stephens Albert William, farmer
- Tamblyn Jeremiah & Martin Harold, farmers, Polborder
- Tamblyn Ewart Gladstone, farmer, Briston
- Tamblyn Morley, farmer, North & South Sillaton
- Tamblyn Thomas Cobden, farmer, Smeaton
- Tucker William, farmer, Trewashford

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