

Pillaton in the 1850's

The following transcription from Kelly's Post Office Directory of Cornwall (Published London, 1856) gives an idea of the social structure of the time and identifies many inhabitants of the parish stating where they lived in the mid 1850's.

Note that some of the spellings vary from current practice. For instance, it is likely that Mushum is Mushton, and Polborder is here spelt Pelborder. These could reflect the spelling of the time but could equally be misprints or mis-hearings of names when pronounced with a good Cornish accent!

PILLATON is a parish and village, 5 miles north-west from St. German's, 5 south-east from Callington, in the south division of the Hundred of East, St. German's union, East Cornwall. The church is a modern structure with high square tower castellated, and turrets surmounted by a cross; it has 3 bells. The living is a rectory, in the gift of Edward Collins, Esq., worth about £200 per annum, with residence and a few acres of glebe; the Rev. Henry Woolcombe, M.A., rector; Rev. Francis E. B. Cole, D.A., curate. There are a Wesleyan chapel; a National school for boys and girls, and a Sunday school belonging to the church. A fair for pleasure and cattle is held on Whitsun Tuesday. The population in 1851, was 393.

SILLATON, Briston, Smeaton, Saunton, Bearah, Rill, Mushum, Leigh, Rouse, Penter's Cross, Newhouse, Tremoane, Trewashford, and Pelborder, are places here.

- o GENTRY.
- o Cole Rev. Francis E. B. B.A. Parsonage
- o Coryton Augustus, esq. Pentilly castle
- o Herring Edmund, esq. Sillaton
- o TRADERS.
- o Ball Richard, farmer
- o Breen Elizabeth (Mrs.), farmer
- o Breen Richard, farmer, Rouse
- o Budd John, miller, Leigh
- o Collins James, mason, Penter's cross
- o Collins John, farmer, Briston
- o Drown Richard, smith
- o Elliott Eustace, farmer, Smeaton
- o Gregory James, farmer, Saunton
- o Hawke Thomas, famer
- o Herring John, farmer, Tremoane
- o Herring Nicholas, farmer, Sillaton
- o Herring Richard, grocer, Penter's cross
- o Lucas George, farmer, Leigh
- o Lucas Mary (Mrs.), farmer
- o Lucas William, farmer, New house
- o Martin Richard, carpenter
- o Mason Peter, farmer, Bearah
- o Netting John, smith, Penter's cross
- o Parkin John, farmer, Rill
- o Paynter John, farmer, Trewashford
- o Pearce Boisey, farmer
- o Pearce Edward, miller
- o Perkin Richard, farmer, Bristow
- o Perkins Wm. & John, smiths, Trehill
- o Petherick William, master of National school
- o Smale June (Mrs.), mistress of National school
- o Smale John, '*Royal Oak*'
- o Tamblyn Jeremiah, farmer, Pelborder
- o Vosper John, shoemaker
- o Worth William, farmer, Musham

Letters through Landrake from St. Germans. The nearest money order office is at Callington