

## Pillaton in the 1900's

The following transcription from Kelly's Post Office Directory of Cornwall (Published London, 1906) gives an idea of the social structure of the time and lists many of the inhabitants of the parish during the early 1900'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 North Eastern Division of the county, middle division of the hundred of East, petty sessional division of East Middle, St. Germans union, Stonehouse county court district, 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 3 bells, of which the first two were cast in 1809; the tenor is undated: 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 ambry 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 195 sittings. The register dates from the year 1557. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £147, including 33 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Digby Collins, esq. of Newton Ferrers, and held since 1894 by the Rev. Richard Hocking. There is a Wesleyan chapel, with about 100 sittings. A fair for pleasure and cattle is held on Whitsun Tuesday. Pentillie castle, the seat of William Coryton esq. D.L., J.P. and master of the Dartmoor Fox Hounds, 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. Digby Collins, esq. of Newton Ferrers, who is lord of the manor, William Coryton esq. 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 tida; water and 6 of foreshore; rateable value, £2,597; the population in 1901 was 388 in the civil and 353 in the ecclesiastical parish.

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

Letters through St. Mellion S.O. arrive at 7.45 a.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is St. Mellion, about 2 miles distant

Wall Letter Box cleared at 8.55 a.m. & 5.55 p.m. week days only

Public Elementary School (mixed), for 75 children; average attendance, 43; Miss Mary Lucas, mistress

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

- o Coryton Wm. D.L., J.P. Pentillie castle
- o Hawk William J.P. Kernock
- o Herring John, sen
- o Hocking Rev. Rich'd. (vicar), Rectory
- o COMMERCIAL.
- o Ball Samuel, farmer, Bush farm
- o Beddall Herbert Bowman, agent to W. Coryton esq
- o Crago Thomas, farmer, Newhouse
- o Daw Henry Walter, farmer
- o Deacon Wm. smith, Painters Cross
- o Drown John S., agricultural implement maker, machine agent & general smith (turn-wrest ploughs), folding horse rakes & lever cultivators & chisellers &c.; established about 100 years
- o Dunstan Edmund, farmer
- o Elliott James, farmer, Smeaton
- o Fowell Daniel, farmer, Moditon
- o Hawk William J.P. farmer, Kernock
- o Herring John, jun. farmer
- o Lucas George, farmer, Leigh
- o Lucas James, farmer, Brixton [Briston?]
- o Lucas William C. farmer, Ford
- o Netting Isaac Henry, smith
- o Paynter John, farmer
- o Pearce Charles, farmer, Rouse farm
- o Pearce John Thos. carpenter, builder & general contractor
- o Pearce William, Royal Oak P.H. & grcr
- o Prideaux Thomas, farmer, Howton

- Stevens Harold, miller (water), Pillaton Mill
- Stevens William, farmer & butcher
- Tamblyn William, farmer
- Tucker James, farmer, Pillaton farm
- Vosper Thomas Dyer, shoe maker

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