

Transcription of three Petrockstowe Trade Directories for Petrockstowe from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries including Kellys, Whites and Billings directories

Billings Directory ~ 1857

Petrockstow is a village and parish, about 4 miles N.N.W. from Hatherleigh, and about 14 miles W. from the Eggisford Station of the North Devon Railway; the parish contains 4,000 acres of land, including 1360 of open moor, and the deer park of Heanton Sachville, 136 acres, where the ancient mansion was burnt down, as noticed in the parish of Huish; the population in 1851 was 574, being a decrease since the previous census of 42, which decrease is ascribed to emigration, arising from the difficulty in obtaining employment; Hatherleigh is the polling-place, and the number of voters in 1857 was 1

Petrockstow or *Patrickstow*, in short *Padstow*, formerly belonged to the Abbey of Buckfastleigh; the manor is now the property of Lord Clinton, who is also patron of the living.

The church is an ancient fabric, with square tower, containing five bells; it has nave, chancel, north and south aisles; it also has a beautiful stained glass window, and several handsome monuments to the Rolle and other families. The living is a rectory. Rev. Louis Woolcombe, M.A., Rector; Mr. John Luxton, clerk, who has held the office for sixty-five years.

The WESLEYANS and BIBLE CHRISTIANS have chapels here, supplied by Circuit Preachers.

The PARISH SCHOOL was built by lord Clinton in 1842, at a cost of £700. Number of children 20. Ann Bisset, Mistress.

The Poor have £2 per annum , left by various donors

Cann Mr. Stephen, Pose Cottage

Woolcombe Rev. Louis M.A. Rector, Rectory

Adams Richard, tanner

Bird Sammuell, blacksmith

Bond William, farmer, Thorne
Bonifant John, farmer, Little Marland
Brook Arthur, farmer, Westacott
Darke John, farmer, Buttstone
Darke William, farmer, Nethertown and Chilsdon
Daw Samuel, mason
Dicker John, thatcher
Falconer William, farmer, Heale
Freeman William, farmer, Foxhill
Gill James, carpenter
Hooper Thomas, farmer, Heanton Barton
Langdon John Brown, farmer, Hallwood
Luxton Hugh, carpenter
Luxton J., blacksmith and Parish Clerk, North Town
Lane Thomas, shoe maker
Mills George, tailor
Mills John, tailor
Mills Wiliam, farmer, Hall Barton
Palmer Richard, farmer Zeal
Thomas Rockhey, farmer, Ash
Saunders Robert, farmer, South Hill
Seldom William, mason
Selevant Joshua, Wheelwright
Shute William, victualler, *White Hart*
**Small James, farmer, mason, and shopkeeper,
North Town**
Smail Mary, farmer, Rose Cottage
Stapledon Philip, farmer, Denford's
Straton John, farmer, Brightmanshay
Summerhayes Richard, farmer, Town Farm
Tanton William, farmer, Hook

William Trace, shoe maker and Sub-Postmaster

Tucker Philip, wheelwright

Visset George, shoe maker, North Town

Vivian James, farmer, Berry

Wadland Henry, farmer, Hasland

Williams Richard, farmer, Martin's Tenement

**POST OFFICE.--William Trace, Sub-Master. Arrival, 11 a.m.; despatch, 3 p.m.
Nearest Money Order Office, Hatherleigh.**

Whites Directory ~ 1878-9

PETROCK STOW, or *Stow St. Petrock*, a parish and pleasant vilage, 4 miles N.N.W. of Hatherleigh, is in Torrington union and county court district, Great Torrington petty sessional division, Northern division of the county, Shebbear hundred, Barnstaple archdeaconry, and Torrington rural deanery. It had 570 inhabitants (201 males, 279 females) in 1871, living in 136 houses on 4000 acres of land. This parish includes 210 acres of woodland, 1360 acres of open moor and the deer park of Heanton Satchville (136 acres) where the ancient mansion was burnt down many years ago, as noticed at page 488. The present handsome mansion, called HEANTON HOUSE stands in the adjoining parish of Huish and is the seat of Lord Clinton, the lord of the manors, and owner of most of the soil of both parishes. The old house was some time a seat of the Rolles and afterwards of the Earls of Orford. Merland belongs to Mr James Bonifant, and formerly belonged to the Zouch and Fitzwarren families; and Mr Henry Bonifant has an estate here. The CHURCH (St Petrock) is ancient, and consists of nave, chancel, porch, and tower containing five bells. it contains a much admired norman font. The church is being rebuilt, the foundation stone of the new church being laid on June 18 1878, by Lord Clinton. Mr. J.F. Gould of Barnstaple is the architect and Messrs. Medland and Grant of Torrington, the builders. The living, a rectory, valued in K.B. at £17 0s. 2½d, and in 1831 at £285, is in the patronage of Lord Clinton, and incumbency of the Rev. Louis Woolcombe, M.A. who has a good residence and 43 acres of glebe. The tithes have been commuted for £277 per annum. The PARISH SCHOOL, was built by Lord Clinton, in 1842, at the cost of about £700. The WESLEYANS and BIBLE CHRISTIANS, have chapels here, and the poor have £2 a year, left by several donors.

POST OFFICE at Mr Williams Trace's. Letters from Beaford, by foot post, are received at 9 a.m. and are despatched at 4.30 p.m. Delivery on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only. Hatherleigh is the nearest Money Order Office.

Adams Richard, tanner and carrier Quarry Hills,Great Torrington
Ashdown William tailor
Blackmore Jno frmr Brightman's Hay
Bond Wm farmer Thornes Allisland
Bonifant Henry Perkin Farmer and landowner, Little Marland
Woodhse
Daw Samuel Shopkeeper
Edwards William shopkeeper
Edwards Wm. Britton, Natl schlmstr
Folland Frederick, farmer Zeal
Hooper Thos. farmer, Heanton Barton
Hooper Thos. jun. farmer Nethertown
Langdon John, farmer Rose Cottage
Luxton Joseph parish clerk
Lyne Thomas boot and shoe maker
Manning Charles Timewell, farmer Town Farm
Mills John farmer Foxhill
Mills William, farmer, Densford hall
Moalle John, famer, Aish
Moore Francis farmer Hook
Mortimore John farmer Denfords
Sincocks
Northcott James farmer,Westacott
Pickard Robt. Farmer, Hangers Allisland
Pike William, farmer Northtown
Pile Robert, farmer, Hele Barton
Quance Thomas farmer, Southill
Seldon William wheelwright
Sillifant John, draper,grocer & Mason
Steer Thomas farmer, Butstone
Stoneman Thomas, farmer, Chilsdon
Trace William,boot and shoemaker and Postmaster
Tucker Philip, carpntr. & wheelwright
Tucker Wm. farmer Little Marland

Ward John, farmer, Hall wood
Ward William, famer and victualler White Hart
Woollcombe Rev Louis, Rectory

Kellys Directory ~ 1899

Petrockstow (or Stow St. petrock) is a Parish and village, on the road from Hatherleigh to Torrington, with a station on the North Devon and Cornwall light railway (worked by the Southern Railway), 7 1/4 miles south-by-east from Torrington station on a branch of the Southern Railway and 4 3/4 north-north-west from Hatherleigh , in the South Molton division of the county, hundred of Shebbear, petty sessional division, rural district, county court district and rural deanery of Torrington, archdeaconry of Barnstaple and diocese of Exeter. Electricity is available. The church of St. Petrock is a building of stone in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave of three bays, aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower with pinnacles containing 6 bells; the bells were rehung and the sixth added in 1913; there are several monuments to the Rolle and other families, including a brass to Henry, 4th son of George Rolle esq. of Stevenstone and his wife Margaret (Yeo), ob. 1591, with kneeling effigies of both and their ten sons and nine daughters, shields of arms and inscriptions; the carved oak reredos, erected in 1886, is a memorial; 1888 a window was placed to Mr. Moase, formerly of Petrockstow, who died in America; there is another erected in 1891 to Louis Woolacombe M.A. rector 1845-83. d. 1889 and to his widow and daughter, 1895; the font is Norman, but has a cover of Perpendicular date; in 1933 a new altar rail and in 1936 a stained window were given by Mr. S Bonifant; the church was entirely rebuilt, with the exception of the tower, in 1879-1880, and in 1887 the tower was re-roofed and repaired throughout; the church seats 250; the churchyard was laid out in 1887, in 1933 Lord Clinton gave a further 3/4 acre. The register dates from from 1597. The living is a rectory, with the vicarage of Peters Marland annexed in 1931, joint net yearly income value £650, including 6 acres glebe, with residence, in a gift of Lord Clinton P.C., G.C.V.O. and the representatives of Col. R.A. Moore-Stevens D.L., J.P. and held since since 1929 by the Rev. William Henry Smale. A granite cross was erected in 1921 in memory of the eight men who of the parish who fell during the greta war, 1914-18. There is a methidist chapel erected in 1933. The ancient manor house was burnt down many yaers ago, and the present mansion, Heanton Satchville, which stands in the adjoining parish of Huish, is the seat of Lord Clinton P.C., G.C.V.O.; the old house was for some time the seat of the Rolles and the Walpoles, Earl of Oxford. Lord Clinton P.C., G.C.V.O is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is dun land; the subsoil is clay. The chief crops are wheat, barley oats and roots. The acreage is 4.288, including 210 acres of woodland and 7 of water; the population in 1931 was

381.

Post & T. Office. Letters through Okehampton. Merton nearest M O. office

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Heal William Henry, Hillside

Smale Rev. William Henry (rector), Rectory

COMMERCIAL.

Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over

Andrews Jsph. farmer, Hallwood

Bisset Geo. Alfd. shopkpr. & post office. T N 1

Bridgeman Jn. farmer, North town

Bridgeman Wm. Thos. Farmer, Stockeys

Brook Wm. T. farmer, Foxhill

Ching Jas. farmer, Hall pk

Coad Stanley, farmer, Thorns

°Cook Fredk. Jas. farmer, Netherton (Letters through Sheepwash, Beaworthy). Shebbear 241

Cottle Wm. Hy. farmer, Henton Barton

°Dunn Stanley Edwd. farmer, Berry

Easterbrook Leonard, smallholder, Larkworthy

°Fishleigh Henry, farmer; petrol & oil supplied, Denfords. Hatherleigh 64

°Gilbert Rd. Wm. farmer, Littleland

Hatherley James Vanstone, carriage builder & wheelwright, Aish

Heale Chas. farmer, Allisland

°Heggadon J N. farmer, Aish Barton

Hockin Fras. farmer, Zeal

Hunkin Albt. farmer & landowner Woodhouse

Langdon Alfd. Victor rate collector

Langdon Jn. Brown, smallholder, Rose cott

Leonard Samuel, farmer, Brightmanshayes

Luxton Hy. smallholder, Hall court
Marshall Frank, farmer, Berrymoor
Mogridge Wltr. shopkpr.
°Moore Bertha (Miss), farmer, Hook (letters through Sheepwash Beaworthy)
°Mucksworthy Wm. farmer, Town frm
Nethercotte Jn. farmer, Chelsdon
Reading Room (Arth. Ebsary sec)
Slade Geo. Hy. farmer, Westacott
Steer Hy. farmer, Butstone
Stevens Thos. G. farmer, South hill
Taverner Merlin, farmer, Syncocks
°Tidball Thos. Hy. farmer, Hele Barton
West Devon & North Cornwall Farmers Ltd. (depot)corn mers. Beaford 219
Whitford Jn. smallholder, Aish lodge
Whitlock Alfd. smallholder, Quarry hill
Yoe Wm. Geo. balcksmith