

**NEW *Voices that be gone***

**RESIDENTS OF CASTLETON, DORSET  
1834-1911 & 1939**



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## Introduction

Until the end of the nineteenth century Castleton was a small parish to the east of the market town of Sherborne. The only residential roads were Castleton Road and Castleton Terrace. In 1894 the parish was enlarged to almost surround Sherborne, but the two roads and associated areas became part of Sherborne ('Castleton in Sherborne').

**Please note this study has nothing to do with the modern parish of Castleton.**

	Acreage		Residents	
	1891	1901	1891	1901
Castleton	71	5,601	51	381
Sherborne	6,497	929	5,690	5,760

*'Voices that be gone': Reconstructing the Victorian Parish of Castleton, Dorset 1834-1901*, published in 2010 by the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society, identified 537 residents who appear in the Castleton census, Edward Percy's *Survey of the Manor of Sherborne* prepared for Earl Digby in 1834, or both. They are listed below in the Appendix – Part 1.

Since 2010 a further 270 residents have been studied, including those in the 1911 census and the Register of civilians taken early in World War II. They are recorded in the Appendix – Part 2. This work outlines the lives of all 807 residents.

### House occupancy:

Table 3	shows heads of households 1861-1901.
Table 4	shows selected family members 1837-1899.
Table 8	shows all family members 1851 & 1861.
Appendix - Part 2	shows all family members 1911 & 1939.

Figure 1. Castleton houses 1857-1859  
(simplified layout, not to scale).

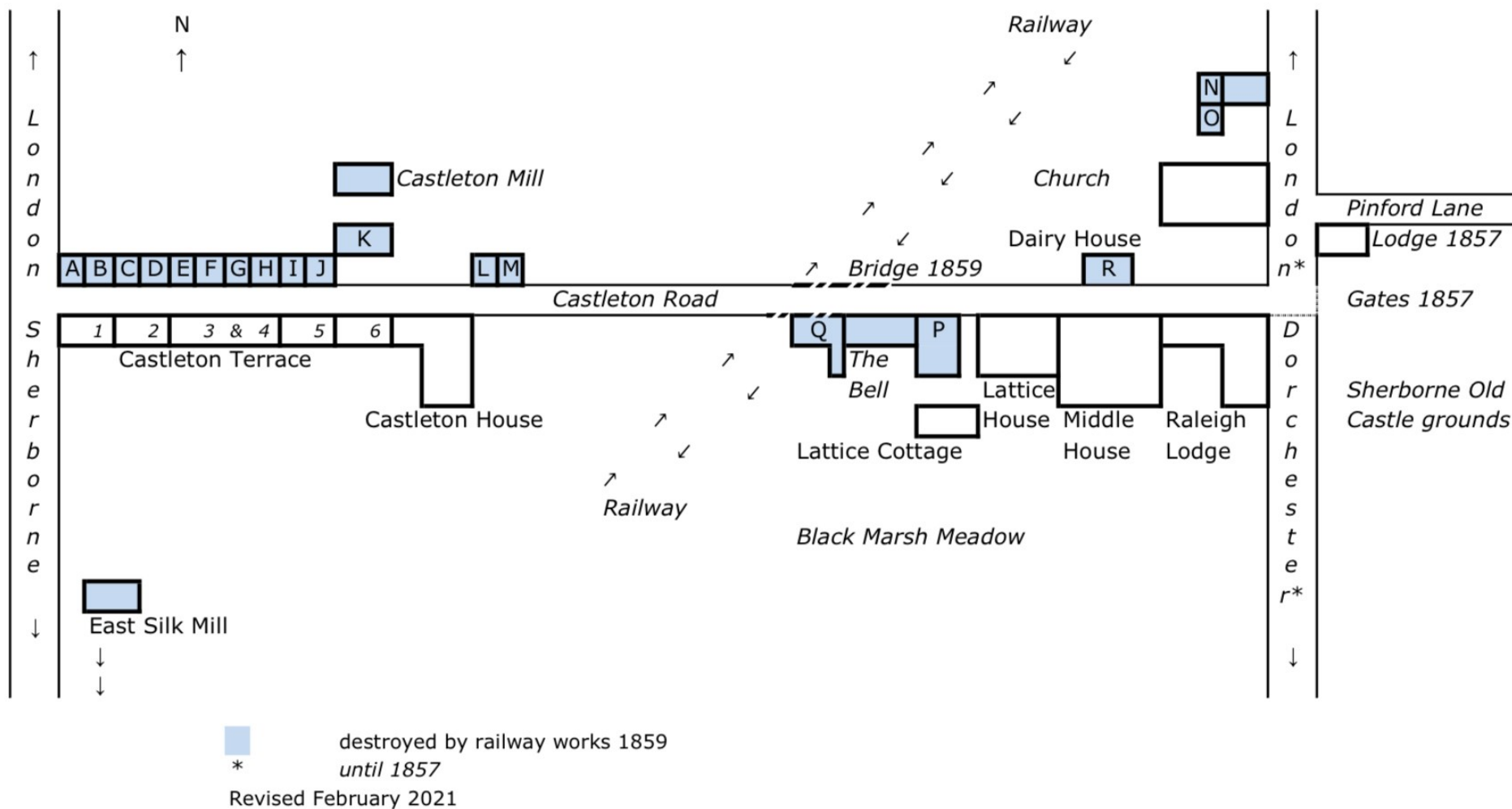


Table 1. Birthplaces of Castleton residents 1834-1911.

Birthplaces	All residents	
	No.	%
Dorset:		
Born &/or baptised Castleton	196	24.3%
Born &/or baptised Sherborne	180	22.3%
Elsewhere in Dorset	128	15.9%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>504</i>	<i>62.5%</i>
Devon/Hampshire/Somerset/Wiltshire	123	15.2%
Untraced 'Not Dorset' (1841 census)	14	1.7%
Other English counties	129	16.0%
Ireland/Scotland/Wales	17	2.1%
Australia/Canada/Chile/India/Malta/ Newfoundland/Prussia/South Africa/USA	12	1.5%
Not known	8	1.0%
Total	807	100.0%
Female	454	56.3%
Male	353	43.7%

Table 2. Family size and servants 1841-1911 & 1939.

Servant = butler; chauffeur; cook; gardener; general/house-/kitchen-/lady's/nurse-/parlourmaid; groom/coachman; nurse; valet

<b>Census/register</b>	<b>1841</b>	<b>1851</b>	<b>1861</b>	<b>1871</b>	<b>1881</b>	<b>1891</b>	<b>1901</b>	<b>1911</b>	<b>1939</b>
Residents	113	159	59	69	79	51	45	58	49
Average ages (years)	26.3	24.3	28.5	22.6	23.0	32.6	35.8	28.3	38.6
Families	23	34	13	13	14	14	12	12	13
Average family size	4.9	4.7	4.5	5.3	5.6	3.6	3.8	4.8	3.8
Occupied houses	22	25	13	12	13	12	12	12	12
Number of residents/house	5.1	6.4	4.5	5.8	6.1	4.3	3.8	4.8	4.1
Children born at Castleton since previous census	9+	22	7	9	9	1	0	5	0
Children born at Castleton as proportion of residents	8.0%+	13.8%	11.9%	13.0%	11.4%	2.0%	0%	8.6%	0%
Servants	7	12	3	14	11	6	10	14	12
Families with servants	5	7	3	8	5	3	4	3	4
Servants as proportion of residents	6.2%	7.5%	5.1%	20.3%	13.9%	11.8%	22.2%	24.1%	24.5%
Proportion of families with servants	21.7%	20.6%	23.1%	61.5%	35.7%	21.4%	33.3%	25.0%	30.8%
Average number of servants/family with servants (range)	1.4 (1-2)	1.7 (1-4)	1	1.8 (1-3)	2.2 (1-3)	2 (1-3)	2.5 (1-7)	2.3 (2-3)	2.3 (1-3)

HOUSES DEMOLISHED BY RAILWAY WORKS	Table 3. Houses occupied by residents, 1861-1901.				
	1861 Census	1871 Census	1881 Census	1891 Census	1901 Census
Heads of households	Heads of households	Heads of households	Heads of households	Heads of households	Houses in Figure 1
Pope, Alexander: where?					
Unoccupied	Parsons, James	Parsons, James	Stokes, Francis (1885)	Norman, Louisa	<b>Raleigh Lodge</b>
Lagden, Richard (Revd)	Knatchbull, Wadham	Knatchbull, Wadham	Grantham, Reading (1885)	Grantham, Reading	<b>Middle House</b>
Weston, John	Bowen, Arthur (Revd)	Bennett, Frank (1877)	Baxter, Walter		<b>Lattice House</b>
Quinton, Henry Ironsides, John HOUSES DEMOLISHED BY RAILWAY WORKS	Quinton, Henry; Ironsides, John	Quinton, Henry Ironsides, John	Quinton, Henry Ironsides, John	Quinton, Henry Park, Francis	<b>Lattice Cottage</b> <b>Lattice Cottage</b>
Unoccupied			Payne, Thomas	Moran, James; Harle, Patrick	<b>Castleton House</b> <b>Stables</b>
Davie, Agnes Bicknell, Elizabeth	Allford, Dora (1869) Lyon, Thomas	Goodden, Edward (Revd) (1875) Cooper, James Lidyard, Francis (1874, freepages)	Gwyther, Julian (1886)	Williams, Richard (1897) Bramwell, Henry	<b>Castleton House</b> <b>Castleton House</b>
Old, Richard	Westcott, Abel		Gillard, Thomas; Keniston, Mary	Mason, Alfred	<b>Castleton House</b>
Baveystock, Ann Waller, Adolphus Percy, Elizabeth French, Jane Dinelli, Joseph	Wright, Robert Pragnell, William Bennett, Samuel French, Jane Pragnell, John	Edmunds, John Wakeham, Edward Sisman, William Dowding, George Moody, Thomas	Parsons, Mary Caird, Andrew  Dowding, George Moody, Thomas	Unoccupied Caird, Andrew Stiling, John Cooper, Henry Moody, Thomas	<b>Castleton Terrace</b> <b>Castleton Terrace</b> <b>Castleton Terrace</b> <b>Castleton Terrace</b> <b>Castleton Terrace</b>
13 +2 unoccupied	12	13	12	12 + 1 unoccupied	

Table 4. Houses occupied by additional residents 1837-1899.		
For houses of 1911 residents see Appendix - Part 2, penultimate column.		
Houses	Whole/part years of known residence	Residents
<b>CASTLETON ROAD (NORTH): west to east</b>		
A, B	1852-58	Bown, Rhoda Down
	c.1854-58	Bown, James Benjamin
	1858	Bown, Charles
C	1851	Baker, Julia Ann
G	1842-43	Ironside, Jane
	1856-58	Ironside, Emma
H	1852-58	Evans, Mary Ann
J	c.1854-57	Burrows, George
	1856-58	Burrows, Mary Ann
L	1841	Miller, Thomas
N	1845	Sugg, James
O	1841	Hull, John
	1852	Mason, Bessie Ella
Church		
<b>CASTLETON ROAD (SOUTH): east to west</b>		
Raleigh Lodge	1841-50	Brittan, Louisa
	1841-50	Brittan, Dr William Guise
	1842-50	Brittan, Emily Sophia
	1844-50	Brittan, William Guise
	1846-50	Brittan, Harriet Louisa
	1848-50	Brittan, Frederick George
	1851-53	Jelfs, Henry Hartley
	1853	Jelfs, George Frederick
	1898-99	Norman, Edwin
Middle House	1874-?; Marston Road, Sh (1881 census); 1882-?1885	Langley, Revd Edward
Lattice House	1841-49	Brittan, Elizabeth Mary
	1849	Brittan, Mary
	1871-73	Bowen, Arthur Leigh
	1874-?76	Stone, Emily Araminta Frances
	1874-?76	Stone, Emily Elizabeth
	1874-?76	Stone, Revd John
	1892	Baxter, Donald
	1892	Baxter, Dulcie

Lattice Cottage	1837-38	Mildwater, Eliza
	1837-38	Mildwater, Georgiana Kellaway
	1838	Mildwater, George Kellaway
	1844-49	Hare, George John Mildwater
	c.1847-49	Hare, Joseph James
	1849	Hare, Mary Jane
	1852	Ladson, Mary
	c.1874-76	Quinton, John
	c.1876	Quinton, Rosa
Bell beerhouse	1852	Dyke, Henry
Q	1850	Brett, Edward
Castleton House	1841	Isaac, Thomas
	1872	Westcott, Harriett Spencer
	1874-75	Westcott, Sarah Spencer
	1884-85	Barrows, Adelaide Antonia
	1884-85	Barrows, Harry Hansen
	1884-85	Barrows, Helena Amalia Wilhelmina
	1884-85	Barrows, William
	1884-	Irwin, Arthur Patrick
	1884-	Irwin, Constance Hall
	1886-	Irwin, Constance Annie Dalwood
	1880s	Mr Birch
	1880s	Mr Miles
Castleton Terrace	1841	Vicary, Alfred Bishop
(ignoring house	1841	Vicary, Anna Maria
numbers)	1841	Vicary, John
	1841	Vicary, Maria
	c.1846	Green, James Thomas
	1871	Pragnell, Rose Amelia
	1872-75	Wright, Robert
	1872-77	Bennett, Frances Jane
	c.1873-79	Pragnell, Rose Amelia Martin
	1875-79	Pragnell, Albert John Martin
	1875	Wright, Florence Lucy
	1877	Bennett, William
	1877-79	Pragnell, Lucy Kate Martin
	1879	Pragnell, Edith Ann Martin
	1882	Sisman, Thomas
	1896	Cooper, Mildred Annie

Table 5. Residents' occupations 1834-1911 &amp; 1939.

Covers residents 1-537, 1911 census and 1939 register residents only. Occupations at residents' first records in Castleton.

Occupational class (a)	Weight	Survey/census/register									
		1834	1841	1851	1861	1871	1881	1891	1901	1911	1939
<b>Class 1: professions or private means</b> (e.g. annuitant, army/naval officer, clergyman, physician & surgeon)	1	5	5	4	4	3	2	4	5	0	3
<b>Class 2: intermediate, including employers of at least one</b> (e.g. blacksmith, farmer, headmaster, wine merchant)	2	3	3	4	0	0	4	2	1	2	3
<b>Class 3: skilled occupations, not employers</b> (e.g. carpenter, cooper, groom, printer)	3	10	16	29	8	10	11	10	9	7	10
<b>Class 4: partly skilled occupations</b> (e.g. agricultural labourer, apprentice, gardener, house-/parlourmaid)	4	8	10	25	8	14	12	9	11	16	10
<b>Class 5: unskilled occupations</b> (e.g. errand/office/post boy, labourer, washerwoman)	5	3	4	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Total		29	38	66	20	27	31	27	26	25	26
Total weighted score		88	119	219	60	88	101	81	78	89	79
Average weighted score		3.03	3.13	3.32	3.00	3.26	3.26	3.00	3.00	3.56	3.04

(a) Socio-economic classes of occupations in the 1851 York census: W. A. Armstrong (1972), in E. A. Wrigley (ed.), *Nineteenth-century Society: Essays on the Use of Quantitative Methods for the Study of Social Data*, 191-310.



Table 6. Distances residents moved to Castleton 1841-1911.

Census	Residents								
	1851	1861	1871	1881	1891	1901	1911		
Zones: miles from Sherborne									
Born at Castleton	11	3	5	6	0	0	5	30	7.6%
From Sherborne	44	7	27	34	19	11	17	159	40.4%
From elsewhere within 0-5 miles	23	3	3	2	1	1	0	33	8.4%
Subtotal within 0-5 miles	78	13	35	42	20	12	22	222	56.2%
	70.3%	33.3%	59.3%	64.6%	52.6%	36.4%	44.9%		
5-20	9	11	12	8	1	2	3	46	11.7%
20-50	4	1	2	2	6	0	12	27	6.9%
50-100	1	0	7	3	0	7	1	19	4.8%
100-150	11	14	1	4	10	8	8	56	14.2%
150+	4	0	0	2	0	1	2	9	2.3%
Abroad	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0.5%
Not known	4	0	2	3	1	3	0	13	3.3%
Total residents	111	39	59	65	38	33	49	394	100.0%
Period of movement	1841-51	1851-61	1861-71	1871-81	1881-91	1891-1901	1901-11	1841-1911	

Table 7. Distances residents moved from Castleton 1834-1921.

			Residents								
Period of movement	1834-41	1841-51	1851-61	1861-71	1871-81	1881-91	1891-1901	1901-11	1911-21	1834-1921	
Zones: miles from Sherborne										Total	%
To Sherborne	57	33	86	16	38	14	19	10	6	279	43.1%
To elsewhere within 5 miles	6	9	3	0	4	9	4	0	1	36	5.6%
Subtotal	63	42	89	16	42	23	23	10	7	315	48.6%
5-20	1	16	10	6	13	5	0	0	2	53	8.2%
20-50	7	11	7	5	0	1	6	2	0	39	6.0%
50-100	0	1	4	1	4	8	0	6	0	24	3.7%
100-150 (including London)	0	11	15	22	8	24	10	6	0	96	14.8%
150+	0	3	7	1	3	3	2	3	0	22	3.4%
Abroad or at sea	3	11	13	2	0	0	0	2	8	39	6.0%
Not known	0	13	2	2	2	7	0	2	32	60 (a)	9.3%
Total	74	108	147	55	72	71	41	31	49	648	100.0%
Deaths	14	22	28	11	10	6	5	5	6	107	

Table 8. Families displaced by railway works

ASSUMPTION: Residents affected by extension of the railway to Sherborne vacated their homes by 31 December 1858.							
1851 census (Castleton)				1861 census			
Houses	Surname (married name)	Forenames	Occupations	Houses	Age		Notes
					M	F	
				GROUP 1.1. REHOUSED IN CASTLETON			
G	Ironside	Emma		Lattice Cottage A	bur. 18 Jan 1859		
G	Ironside	Jane		Lattice Cottage A		15	Scholar
G	Ironside	Jane		Lattice Cottage A		50	
G	Ironside	John	Land drainer (Ag. labourer)	Lattice Cottage A	51		Land drainer's labourer
G	Ironside	John		Lattice Cottage A	8		Scholar
G	Ironside	Louisa		Lattice Cottage A		12	Scholar
G	Ironside	Martha	Scholar	Lattice Cottage A		18	
G	Ironside	Martha	Widow	Lattice Cottage A		82	
G	Ironside (Quinton)	Mary Ann	Scholar	Lattice Cottage B		21	m. 1858
G	Quinton	Thomas		Lattice Cottage B	1		
M	Pope	Alexander	Stone mason (journeyman)	Raleigh Lodge	55		Stone mason
M	Pope	Harriet		Raleigh Lodge		57	
M	Pope	James	Carpenter's apprentice	Raleigh Lodge	bur. 7 Dec 1859		
Total	13 people						

				<b>GROUP 1.2. MOVED TO WATERLOO TERRACE, OBERNE ROAD, SHERBORNE</b>			
J	Burrows	John	Ag. labourer	Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace (Doghouse Road, Doghouse Cottages in 1861)	69		Agricultural labourer
J	Burrows	Maria		Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace		67	
J	Burrows	Maria		Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace		36	Census age of 27 incorrect
P	Dyke	Mary	Washerwoman	Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace		47	Laundress
P	Dyke	Mary Ann	Scholar	Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace		15	Laundress
P	Dyke	Susan	Washerwoman	Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace		50	Laundress
L	Fox	(Charles) Job		Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace			bur. 31 May 1859, 'of Castleton'
L	Fox	Job	Woodman	Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace	60		Woodman
L	Fox	Mary	Scholar	Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace		22	Milliner & dressmaker
L	Fox	Ruth		Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace		59	
E	Sherring	Charles	Locksmith	Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace	66		Locksmith employing 1 man & 1 boy
E	Sherring	Louisa Ann	Scholar	Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace		20	Married 1860 and moved to Hastings, Sx
E	Sherring	Mary Young		Oborne Road, Waterloo Terrace		56	
Total	13 people						

				<b>GROUP 1.3. MOVED TO ELSEWHERE IN SHERBORNE</b>		
E	Sherring	Edwin James	Scholar	Cheap Street, perhaps from Waterloo Terrace	23	Cabinet maker. m. 1861
L	Caddy	David	Ag. labourer	Horsecastles	75	Carpenter, as Cady
A	Bown	Charles		Long Street	2	
A	Bown	James	Tailor	Long Street	68	Tailor & grocer
A	Bown	James Benjamin		Long Street	bur. 4 Jan 1859	
A	Down (Bown)	Rhoda	Shopkeeper	Long Street	39	
A	Bown	Rhoda Down		Long Street	9	Scholar
E	Sherring	Charles Taylor	Locksmith	Long Street, perhaps from Waterloo Terrace	28	m. 1860. Whitesmith journeyman 1862
M	Sugg (Noake)	Emily	Scholar	Long Street, probably from Newland	23	m. 6 Nov 1859, c. 10 months after eviction
J	Burrows	Eliza		Newland	34	
J	Burrows	Elizabeth		Newland	14	Silk throwster
J	Burrows	Emily		Newland	12	Silk throwster
J	Burrows	James	Ag. labourer	Newland	35	Groom
J	Burrows	Mary Ann		Newland	4	Scholar
J	Burrows	Robert		Newland	10	Sawyer's boy
L	Caddy	Elizabeth Ellis	Scholar at home	Newland	16	Servant to the Jelfs
G	Ironside	Robert	Scholar	Newland, perhaps from Lattice Cottage	23	Ag. labourer, lodger, as Ironsides. m. 1860
M	Sugg	Ann	Scholar	Newland	14	Silk throwster
M	Sugg	Frederick	Scholar	Newland	16	Mason's labourer
M	Sugg	Harriet Ann		Newland	12	Silk throwster
M	Sugg	Henry	Scholar	Newland	18	Mason's labourer
M	Sugg	James	Sawyer	Newland	52	Sawyer
M	Sugg	John	Errand boy	Newland	26	Servant
K	Caines	George Gristock	Scholar	Union Street (now Horsecastles)	24	Butcher
K	Caines	John Gristock	Commissioned agent	Union Street	61	Commission agent
K	Caines	Maria		Union Street	66	
K	Caines	Marv Light		Union Street	26	Milliner
B	Burnett	Mary Ann	Pauper (bird stuffer's widow)	Westbury	48	Dressmaker
Total	28 people					



## The impact of railway works on Castleton residents

Sources:

*'Voices that be gone': Reconstructing the Victorian Parish of Castleton, Dorset 1834-1901* (SDFHS, 2010).

The present document.

Information from Dorothy Bowers, Barry Brock, Barbara Elsmore and George Tatham.

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*Voices* identified 92 residents from the 1851 Castleton census who lived in houses which would be demolished in 1859 to bring the railway from Milborne Port to Sherborne. Total evictees numbered about 60, of whom 19-21 were named.

For want of a precise date, it is assumed that residents were told to leave their homes by 31 December 1858, leaving 1859 for building embankments, laying the trackbed and rails; station and goods shed works; diversion of the River Yeo; demolition of houses and other buildings; demolition of Castleton Mill and the East Silk Mill; erection of bridges at Castleton and Westbury; and realignment of Castleton Road.

The Digby Estate built Waterloo Terrace on the Osborne Road (called Doghouse Cottages, Doghouse Road in the 1861 census) to house some of its displaced tenants. I follow Barry Brock's suggestion that the ten cottages had been constructed by the end of 1858.

Reassessment of Castleton residents in 1851-1858 produces revised figures:

### Residents affected by railway works (Table 8):

Group 1.1 Rehoused in Castleton	13
Group 1.2 Moved to Waterloo Terrace, Sherborne	13
Group 1.3 Moved to elsewhere in Sherborne	28
Group 1.4 Probably moved away	0-4
Total	54-58

## Families not affected by railway works:

Group 2.1 Died 1851-1858	14
Group 2.2 Married and moved away 1851-1858	9
Group 2.3 Definitely moved away 1851-1858	23
Total	46

Only three families are recorded at Waterloo Terrace in the 1861 census. Many more would have been housed there initially.

For six people in groups 1.3 and 2.3 intermediate moves are inferred. For example, Charles and Maria Greenstock Brett were only 13 and 14 respectively in 1856 when their mother became headmistress of the Blue Coat School for girls in Westbury, Sherborne. They probably accompanied her there before dispersing.

Given that rent books have not survived, the quality of the evidence for individual moves varies. It is compelling for groups 1.1 (Rehoused in Castleton) and 1.2 (Moved to Waterloo Terrace), and probably correct for group 1.3 (Moved to elsewhere in Sherborne). But it is possible that Mary Ann Burnett, for example, moved to Westbury when her daughter and two sons left the area, rather than later.

The four residents in Group 1.4 probably moved away but the evidence is more speculative.

Of 104 residents of Castleton houses scheduled to be demolished in 1859 at least 54-58 individuals were evicted, all of whom can be named.

'At least' because five of the doomed properties were unoccupied at the 1851 census. Further, houses vacated in the years 1851-1858 may have been taken by incomers who were also evicted in due course, but whose number and names are unknown.

Thirteen houses and several other buildings, including The Bell beerhouse, Castleton Mill and the East Silk Mill, were destroyed.

Thirteen is the upper number of houses stated in *Voices* (admittedly including The Bell), and equates to the number of occupied houses in 1851 due for demolition, i.e. houses A-C, E, G, H, J-M and O-Q.

'several other buildings' includes five houses unoccupied in 1851 (but which may subsequently have been used), The Bell, the Dairy House (house R), and the structure adjoining house N.

Seven of the demolished houses were newly built as recently as 1841 by John Green (1805-72; sales advertisement). He was declared insolvent in 1843 (DHC, D-FFO/17/108).

...  
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,  
By Messrs. PERCY,  
AT THE ANGEL INN, IN SHERBORNE,  
On MONDAY, the 21st day of JUNE, 1841,  
At Four o'Clock in the Afternoon precisely,  
ALL THOSE SEVEN SUBSTANTIAL, NEW-  
BUILT, COMFORTABLE  
FREEHOLD  
AND  
LONG LEASEHOLD

### **Dwelling Houses**

SITUATE IN CASTLETON, SHERBORNE

The Property of Mr. JOHN GREEN, which will be sold in seven, or such other lots as might be agreed on at the date of sale, commencing with the eastern house.

These Houses are just completed, are arranged on a most convenient plan, and fitted up with neatness, suitable for the occupation of persons of moderate incomes who desire comfort.

Each House contains a front parlour, 12 by 13, well fitted up, having chiffoneer side boards on either side of the fire place, and are neatly papered; a kitchen, 12 by 13, with closet and cupboards; two excellent bed-chambers, nicely fitted and papered, with closets in the same; and a large attic over the whole.

A wash-house, out-offices, and a small garden well fenced, are attached to each house, with a pump accessible to all.

The fourth lot has, in addition, Two excellent under-ground Cellars.

The Premises may be viewed ...

JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1841.

*Sherborne Mercury*, 7 June 1841.

[The '7 uninhabited houses' of the 1841 Castleton census.]

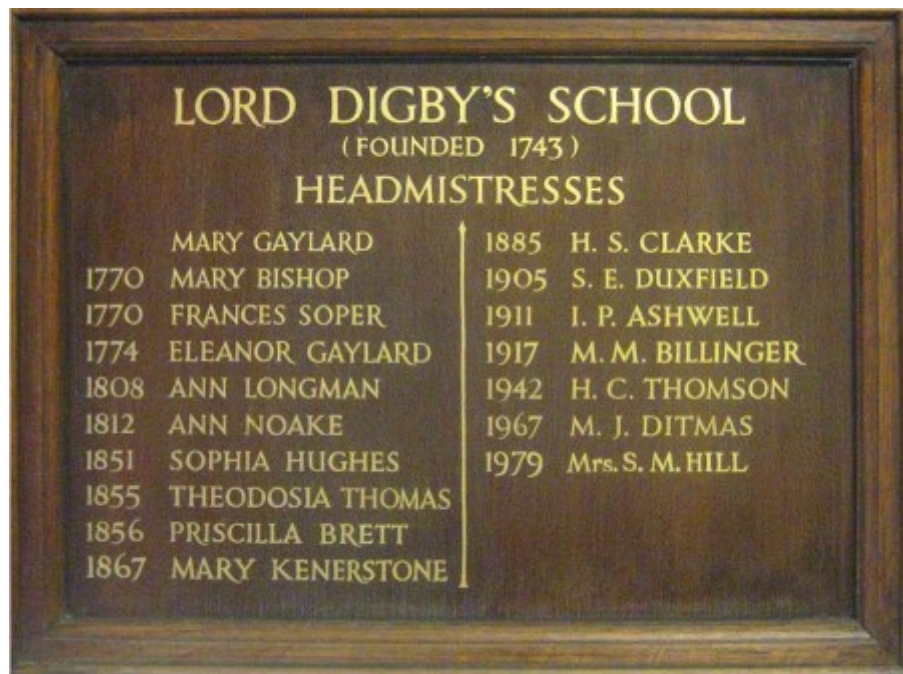


**Sherborne.**—LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE RAILWAY STATION.—The works of the important Central Railway in and near this town are rapidly progressing. To the west a couple of miles of rails can be seen in one unbroken line. On the east, the **Oborne** embankment is approaching the homestead of Castle farm. The bridges at Castleton and Westbury are all but complete, and the traffic will be soon turned over that on the new road. The river is being diverted, the goods sheds are marked out, and the foundation stone of the Sherborne station was laid on Friday, the 19th instant, by Mrs. Harrison, the lady of the chief of the staff.

*Sherborne Mercury*, 30 August 1859, p. 5.

**Sherborne.**—THE RAILWAY.—The making of the line is being proceeded with in this neighbourhood with great vigour and speed. Right and left of the town the rails are laid down, and from Castleton bridge to Buckhorn tunnel, the permanent way is completed. There is a small embankment running through Purlien and the adjacent meadows down to West Bridge. This is being made at a rate which promises to allow of the passage of an engine entirely through the parish in the course of a week or ten days. The line will then be traversable from Bradford to Temple Combe. The Station at Sherborne is also being vigorously proceeded with. It will be “a first-class” station, and of handsome design. It is being built from the ordinary stone found in the quarries to the north of the town, underneath which lies a whitish stone that has been usually left as “not paying for quarrying.”

*Sherborne Mercury*, 18 October 1859, p. 5.



**Priscilla BRET**T, née **GREENSTOCK**, headmistress of the Blue Coat School for girls, Sherborne, 1856-1867, shown on the board listing Lord Digby's School headmistresses, held by Sherborne Museum. (Resident 58). At Castleton 1851-1856. *Sherborne Museum*.



**Maria Greenstock HARRIS**, née **BRETT**, Manston schoolmistress and Marnhull farmer, Dorset. (56). At Castleton c.1841-1856. *Courtesy of Jacqui Wragg*.

## Photographs and caricatures of Castleton residents



**Sophia BRITTAN**, née **CHANDLER**, New Zealand settler. (105). At Castleton 1851. *canterburypilgrims.nz/the-colonists/a-d/sophia-brittan/*, accessed 22 May 2021.



**Elizabeth Mary ('Mary') BRITTAN**, New Zealand settler; married Hon. William Rolleston, Superintendent and colonial statesman; political hostess and community leader. 1900. (61). At Castleton 1845-1851. *geni.com*, accessed 22 July 2021.



**Revd Frederick George BRITTAN**, New Zealand settler, schoolmaster. 1900. (574). At Castleton 1848-1850. *firstfourships.co.nz*, accessed 10 June 2021.

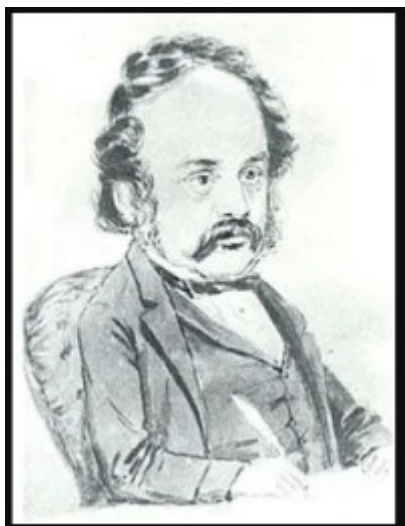




**Dr Joseph BRITTAN**, surgeon, New Zealand settler, provincial politician and journalist. (63). At Castleton 1845-1851. *Wikipedia*, accessed 21 May 2021.



Caricature of **Dr Joseph Brittan**. 'Joseph Brittan', *Wikipedia*, accessed 18 June 2021.

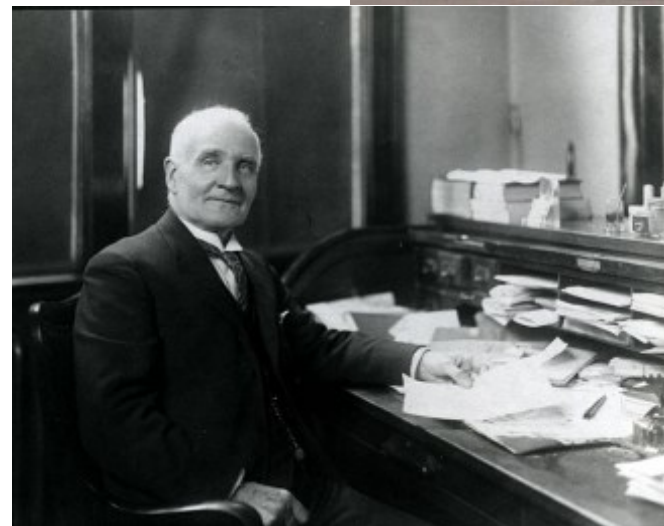
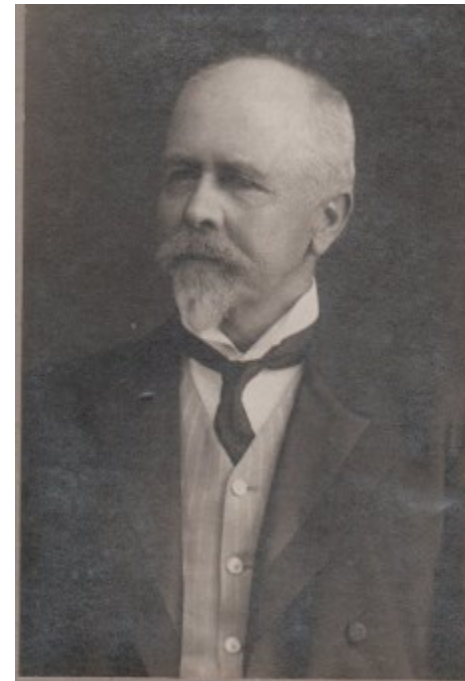


Caricature of **Dr William Guise BRITTAN**, surgeon, a founder of the Canterbury settlement, New Zealand, and 1st Commissioner of Crown Lands. (578). At Castleton 1841-1850. 'Guise Brittan', *Wikipedia*, accessed 19 May 2021.



**Harriet Louisa COATES**, née **BRITTAN**, New Zealand settler. 1900. (575). At Castleton 1846-1850. *geni.com*, accessed 22 May 2021.

**William Guise BRITTAN**, New Zealand settler, bursar of Christ's College, Canterbury 1875-1916. (579). At Castleton 1844-1850. *earlycanterbury.blogspot.com/christs-college*, accessed 19 May 2021.



**George Frederick JELFS**, barrister, police magistrate 1893-1929 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. (283). At Castleton 1853-c.1870. *Local History & Archives, Hamilton Public Library*.



**Eliza MILDWATER (S)**, née **YEARBURY**, pioneer in South Australia. 1872-1881. (805). At Castleton 1837-1838. *State Library of South Australia*, B19985/14D.

*The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA), Wed. 4 September 1907.*

**The death of Mrs. Mildwaters** occurred at her residence, Cherry Gardens, on Saturday. The deceased, who was 87 years of age, came to South Australia with her late husband, Mr. George Mildwaters, in the ship Asia in March, 1839. Mr. and Mrs. Mildwaters settled first on the Murray, afterwards living at the junction of Scott's Creek and the Onkaparinga River. They were among the first selectors at Scott's Creek, where they engaged first in wheat growing and mixed farming, then in potato growing and woodcutting, and finally in mining. On retiring from active life Mr. and Mrs. Mildwaters went to reside at Cherry Gardens, where Mr. Mildwaters died about seven years ago. There are six surviving children (Messrs. James and Robert Mildwaters, of Scott's Creek; Messrs. John and Edward Mildwaters, of Western Australia; Mrs. W. Jacobs, of Franklin Harbor; and Mrs. John Light, of Coromandel Valley, 51 grandchildren, and 60 great-grandchildren.

*Observer (Adelaide, SA) Sat. 7 September 1907, p. 29.*

Mrs. Eliza Mildwaters.

Another of the band of noble women pioneers, Mrs. Eliza Mildwaters, died at Cherry Gardens at the age of 87 years on Saturday morning. She came to South Australia with her late husband, Mr. George Mildwaters in the ship Asia, in March, 1839. A short period on the Murrumbidgee was followed by squatting at Scott's Bottom, which signifies the bottom of Scott's Creek, being situated at the confluence of that stream with the Onkaparinga. As soon as the land could be surveyed they became among the original selectors of Scott's Creek, Wheat growing and mixed farming were engaged in until the broader acres of the north requiring the aid of the stripper were brought under cultivation, then hand reaping with the sickle had to be abandoned. Potato culture formed the next industry, then sawing blue and red gum timber was engaged in, after which mining operations occupied the attention of the male members of the family. Retiring from active life, Mrs. Mildwaters with her husband went to reside at Cherry Gardens, where he predeceased her by seven years. Of issue there survive Messrs. John and Edward Mildwaters, of Western Australia; Messrs. James and Hubert, of Scott's Creek; Mrs. W. Jacobs, of Franklin Harbour; and Mrs. John Light, of Coromandel Valley ... [The portrait was published in conjunction with this obituary.]

#### *Obituary in The Advertiser, Wed. 25 April*

THE LATE MR. G. K. MILDWATER. Another old colonist, Mr. G. K. Mildwater, of Cherry Gardens, passed away on Sunday, April 22. The deceased gentleman arrived in the colony by the ship Asia in the year 1839, and being unable to follow his trade—that of a cabinetmaker, obtained employment in the building of several Government works around Adelaide, and was also employed at the Murray erecting a building for the Police Department, after which he settled at Scott's Creek, and followed farming and fruit growing. The garden at the present time contains a splendid apple tree in full bearing, which was planted by Mrs. Mildwater nearly 50 years ago. Deceased had reached the age of 85 years, and almost up to the last his memory of events of early colonial life was wonderfully good. He leaves a widow and seven children, Mrs Jacobs, of Franklin Harbor, and Mrs Light, of Coromandel Valley, being the only surviving daughters. There are also 45 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.



**George Kellaway MILDWATER(S)**, cabinet maker and farmer, pioneer in South Australia. (675). At Castleton 1837-1838. *Cherry Tree Chatter*, July 2020, p.8, accessed 21 May





**Elizabeth Sabina MITCHELL**, née **RUEGG**. (712).

At Castleton 1849-? *Ancestry*.



**Arthur Patrick IRWIN**, headmaster of Foster's School, Sherborne 1884-1898. (648). Photograph taken 1898. *Sherborne Museum*.



**Hon. Maurice Berkeley PORTMAN**, member of the Legislative Assembly, Canada 1861-63. (696). At Castleton 1869. Photograph of a full-length portrait acquired by Queen Victoria, RCIN 2911451. *albert.r[oyal]c[ollection]t[rust].uk*, accessed 21 July 2021.



**Reverend Robert SHORT**, newspaper editor, emigrated to British Guiana and Australia. (722). At Castleton 1849-?. *Shortfamilytree.com*, accessed 3 June 2021.



**Captain Harold Talbot VIZARD**, 15<sup>th</sup> Division (Scottish) Royal Field Artillery. (770). At Castleton 1911-1914. *Sherborne School Archives*, accessed 27 Oct 2021.



**Brigadier-General Richard Lancelot ('Dick') WALLER**, bursar of Sherborne School 1931-45. (777). At Castleton 1930s-1950. *Bessano Ltd*, 9 July 1918. *National Portrait Gallery*, NPGx158008, accessed 9 December 2021.



The **WINGFIELD DIGBY** family outside Raleigh Lodge during World War II. Standing from left to right: **George, Freddie** (796) & **Simon**. Sitting from left to right: **Lydia, Nelly** (wife of George), **Gwendolen** (797) & **Joanna**. Parents at Raleigh Lodge from 1939. *Reproduced by kind permission of Maria Wingfield Digby.*



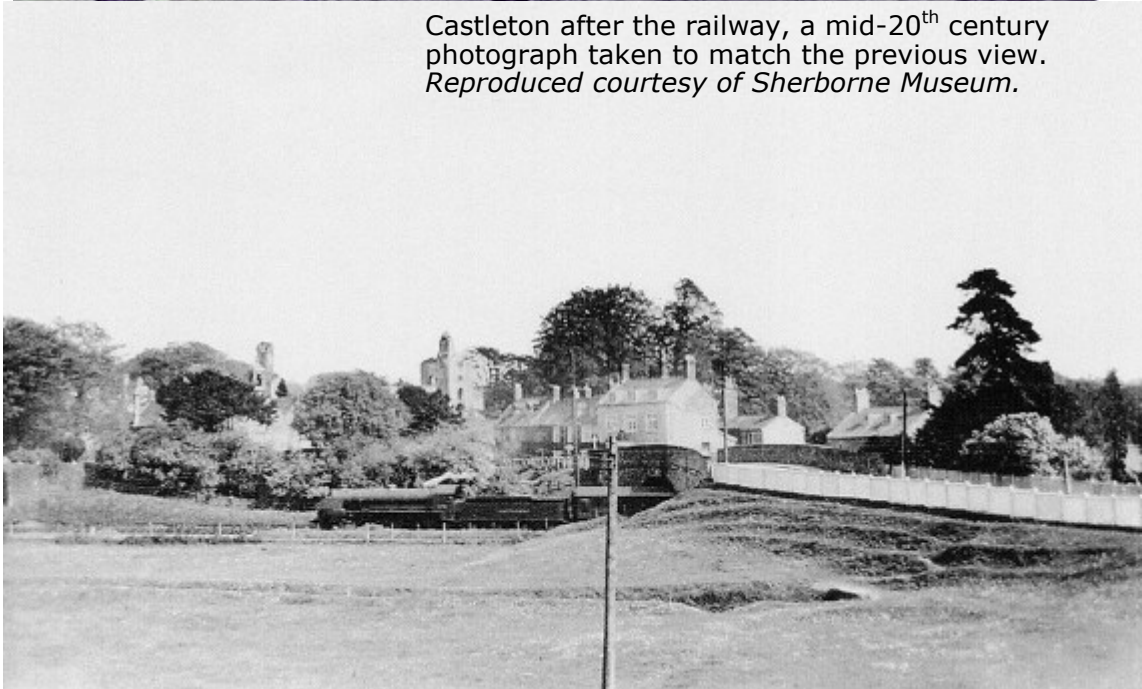
Castleton before the railway, a photograph probably taken in winter 1858. The Bell beerhouse stands at the far right. *Reproduced courtesy of Sherborne Museum.*



Castleton from Doghouse (Oborne) Road, 1900. The railway severed this part of the main road between Salisbury and Exeter. *Reproduced courtesy of Sherborne Museum.*



Castleton after the railway, a mid-20<sup>th</sup> century photograph taken to match the previous view. *Reproduced courtesy of Sherborne Museum.*



Castleton Road looking west towards Sherborne, 1891. *Copyright The Francis Frith Collection.*



Castleton below the ruins of Sherborne Old Castle with the Church on the left, 1891. *Reproduced courtesy of Sherborne Museum.*



Top right: Raleigh Lodge, once the Princess Arms Inn. Gates block off the former highway and the entrance to Sherborne Old Castle.

Below right: Middle House opposite the Church, successively Victorian home of curates, John Wingfield Digby's secretary and agent, and a wine merchant.

Left: The early 19<sup>th</sup> century garden front of Castleton House.  
*Ann Hanson*







Digby estate cottages in Castleton Terrace: front (above) and back (top right).  
*Ann Hanson*

Right: Lattice House dates from about 1650, the front to the road is 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century. *Ann Hanson*



Far right: Lattice Cottage, enlarged from pre-railway times.  
*Ann Hanson*

**Scope of the Appendix—Please view on SDFHS website under Projects—The Castleton Project—as too large to be included here.**

**Appendix - Part 1:** Residents 1834-1901

This records residents in:

1. the 1841-1891 Castleton censuses;
2. the equivalent part of the 1901 Sherborne census;
3. a survey, restricted to heads of households, of the Manor of Sherborne prepared by E. T. Percy in 1834 for Earl Digby; and
4. other 1834 residents.

The fourth group comprises wives and their children, born in or after 1824, who lived in the parish, information usually drawn from parish records or the census. The cut-off date allows for the fact that a few servants and apprentices in Sherborne as young as ten or eleven years old were living away from their parents in 1841.

The list excludes visitors on census night and a number of unnamed, absent residents, though five parents then elsewhere are included.

Appendix - Part 2: Additional residents 1834-1911 & 1939

This records residents in:

1. the 1849 Castleton Tithe Apportionment;
2. the equivalent part of the 1911 Sherborne census;
3. the 1939 register of civilians; and
4. other residents, mainly from the census generally and the Dorset History Centre catalogue.

Notes

Against each resident are shown the census(es)/survey in which he or she is recorded, with birth, baptismal, occupational, marriage, death and burial information as far as this has been established. Birthplaces show pre-1974 counties. Note the tentative nature of some entries.

Ages at death are taken from death registration indexes from June 1866 onwards. Ages from other sources may be given in the previous column.

The occupations section gathers together data primarily from the census and reference works. A designation after an occupation such as 71 means it is taken from the Castleton census, whilst 71E means it is from the census elsewhere.

There are no cross-references to women's maiden names (shown in brackets), so readers are asked to scan all the names in brackets if they do not find a maiden name of interest.

**Appendix—Part 2** contains the same types of information as Part 1, with minor differences in format.

Whilst great care has been taken in compiling this information no responsibility is taken for its completeness or accuracy.

Abbreviations

1841C/41C, etc. 1841 census, etc.

b. birth/born

bp. baptism/christening

bur. burial/buried

Cn Castleton

d. death/died

DHC Dorset History Centre, Dorchester

fa. father

m. marriage/married

mo. mother

reg. registration/registered

Union Chapel the Congregational Church, Long Street, Sherborne

unm. unmarried

[ ] General Register Office district