

NAME OF MILL **TOLLER MILL..**
TOWN **TOLPUDDLE**
SOURCE of POWER **RIVER PIDDLE**
MAP REFERENCE **194-SY-793 943**
MILL REF **DOR.WT.360.**
 Listed Grade.II.

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1f SE of the Church -- standing derelict. Mill is on the left of the lane which goes from church to Southover House. No mill shown here in 1956 OS. (*Simmons*)

Tolpuddle, undoubtedly well known for its martyrs of 1834, but interesting for its thatched roofs and its mill with tiled mansard roof. (*"Watermills of Britain" Leslie Syson. 1980*)

from 'Pidela' an account of Tolpuddle from early times. by Audrey Wirdman.

The mill was mentioned in Domesday records as being a watermill worth yearly 20/-. It was used by a succession of millers through the centuries to grind the village corn.

The miller in 1650 was ROGER DREW who was apparently elderly at that time but his wife ANN was said to be "an active woman". She arranged for her daughters marriage without consulting her husband and promised a dowry of £200, ten good sheep, and various household goods, bedding, brass, pewter, linen goods to the value of £40 and one years 'dyett'. On the wedding day ROGER DREW unexpectedly came home to find that the marriage had taken place and minstrels playing in the house. He turned the wedding party out of the house and they later sued him !.

In 1716 the miller was WILLIAM BALL and his son SANUEL succeeded him.

In 1799 the mill was leased to GEORGE RIGGS and in 1817 to JOSEPH PHILLIPS.

The mill, with the farm, was leased to THOMAS A HOMER in 1855 and working for the owners during those times were several millers or grinders -- WILLIAM NORTHOVER, GEORGE RIGGS, EDWARD WILDERN, WILLIAM SPICER who in the census of 1871 is shown as employing two men and a boy -- he appears to have been a baker as well.

GEORGE and SAMUEL SPICER were also millers and in 1881 RICHARD SPICER was a miller and carter, ROBERT and GEORGE RUSSELL were millers and SIDNEY CHILD was a miller and baker.

The mill was described in 1817 as being new built. It seems to have been in use up until the turn of the century, around 1900. It has now been converted to a dwelling house in private ownership -- the characteristics of the mill remain and it is a listed building Grade.II.

1650 ROGER DREW, miller, Tolpuddle.

1716 the miller was WILLIAM BALL, miller. His son SANUEL succeeded him.

1817 Mill newly built.

1851 JAMES LANE, miller, Tolpuddle. (*Kdir.*)

1855 GEORGE SPICER, miller, Tolpuddle Mill (*Kdir.*)

1859 GEORGE SPICER, miller, Tolpuddle Mill (*Kdir.*)

1867 GEORGE SPICER, miller, Tolpuddle Mill (*Kdir.*)

1875 ROBERT RUSSELL, miller and baker, Tolpuddle. (*Kdir.*)

1889 HENRY FOOKES ROPER, miller and baker, Tolpuddle. (*Kdir.*)

c1900 Mill stopped working.

1952 Mill recorded by CPO 1952

1961 Mill gutted.. Wheel. (*Rex Wailes.Oct.1961.*)

