

1699 map of Pillaton and surrounding area

This image is taken from *A Map of the County of Cornwall Newly Surveyed* published by Joel Gascoyne in 1699.

Cornwall was the first county to be mapped at a scale of (roughly) one inch to the mile. Joel Gascoyne was apprenticed to a map-maker and engraver ('platt-maker') in London in 1668. He went on to do survey work for landowners in Hertfordshire and Greenwich. In 1693 he moved to Cornwall and spent the next six years working for the Grenville family to produce the Lanhydrock and Stowe Atlases.

Having obtained the support of nearly a hundred subscribers, in March 1699 he announced the publication of his map of Cornwall. It was more than a hundred years later, in 1801, that Ordnance Survey published its first one inch to the mile map, of Kent.

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