

The MILDON family of Bradley House, Ash Thomas (1843 to circa 1965)

Robert and Elizabeth Mildon, farmers from Cheriton Fitzpaine, took up residence in their newly built house, Bradley Farm (now Bradley House) in 1843.

The Mildon family were great supporters of the local community of Ash Thomas. Robert Mildon lent a cottage for use as a Sunday school and for holding Sunday services. He was instrumental in the building of a village church and Sunday school for Ash Thomas.

Robert died at the end of 1878 and the village water pump was presented to Ash Thomas that same year (this may have been Robert or his son, it is not clear). The pump, which was in frequent use up until the 1970's for washing cars and garden watering, can still be seen outside the former church of St Thomas.

The family farmed at Bradley House until the late 1960's.

Further reading

[St Thomas Church, Ash Thomas](#)

[Former school, Ash Thomas](#)

[Water pump in Ash Thomas](#)