

PILGRIMS POST, Southwater Street

In his memoirs (published in 1907), Henry Smith speaks of the people of Southwater having very little education in the late 1830s and recalls his own experiences as a child. *"More than 70 years ago, when a little boy, I attended a school at a cottage kept by Miss Mary Henton of Marlpost Farm. On her leaving, the next school was in a cottage just beyond Southwater Street kept by Mrs Bates, who gave up from age."* This would connect well with the Bates family who lived at Pilgrims Post, recorded in the 1844 Tithe Map documents and 1841 and 1851 censuses.



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In 1930 the property was offered for sale when the Denne Estate was broken up. It was listed as New Lane Cottage, with George Matthews as tenant paying 2s 6d a week.