

## **PELTON**

Pelton in its original form, no longer exists. Originally it was a community surrounding a tower known as Pelton Junction, a switching tower located at the point of 'junction' where the Michigan Central Railway crosses the Chesapeake and Ohio, then known as the Pere Marquette Railway.

Fred Moore and William Washbrooke were two well-reknown tower men of Pelton Junction, while Fred Gray, who resided in Oldcastle, was Station Foreman in 1925, and Trueman Flexen was one of the Station Agents for a while.

The junction served a dual purpose, for besides serving as a switching yard, it was also a message center. Telegrams were phoned out to the junction from Windsor to people residing in the Pelton vicinity, and the agent of the station would then relay the message by phone to its rightful recipient. Sometimes the agent was known to deliver the messages personally if the lines were ice-covered or downed, which occurred often in the unpredictable climate of our region.

There had also been a post office in this small community called the 'North Pelton', with John W. Austin as Postmaster. But it was closed on August 21, 1914 with the installation of the new 'rural routes'.

The names found prevalent in the area of Pelton Junction attest to a wide mixture of European blood, no one strain coming out as prominent. Cole,

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**Atkinson, Perrin, Battersby, Ferrari, Washbrooke, Austin and Robinson are some of the more familiar names associated with the community surrounding Pelton Junction.**

**Presently located at the site of the old Pelton Tower is a busy intersection through which passes both Highway #98 and Walker Road.**