



Thomas Colborne

Thomas Colborne – Wheelwright, builder and timber merchant who by 1873 was established at the Cross Roads, Stratton St. Margaret.

His son Arthur Joseph, born in Midsomer Norton in 1870.

Between 1876-1940 the Colborne family built a staggering number of properties in Swindon. The father and son firm built houses in a street off County Road close to their business premises which was later named after them, although the spelling has since been changed to Colbourne.

Despite being on the verge of bankruptcy in 1911-13 A.J. Colborne continued in business until the late 1930s.

The business continued and was responsible for a lot of housebuilding in 1950's and 60's. It later became 'The Building & Public Works Company', who had their depot in Headlands Grove.

WANTED WHEELWRIGHTS or CARPENTERS

Apply to Mr. T. Colborne
Stratton Crossroads, Swindon.

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