

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 142 (right)

Work on the owners and occupiers of Burford's buildings was undertaken during 2003-6 as part of the Oxfordshire EPE project. The research accompanied the architectural investigations summarised on this website.

Standard sources included: census enumerators' books 1841-1901 in The National Archives; District Valuation assessments in Oxfordshire Record Office; printed trades directories including Kelly's Directory of Oxfordshire (1883-1939); RH Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession. In some cases lack of documentation prevents the building's history being taken back earlier than the 19th century. The research was carried out by RB Peberdy of VCH Oxfordshire.

OCCUPATION and USE

2003

'Cotswold Art Group' section of art gallery.

c. 2000

Closure of the Co-Operative store; replaced by an art gallery (inf. from R. Moody).

Post-WWII

End of rope-making business (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 70). The rope work was used by Watchdials Ltd, a specialist printing works; the shop was used by the Oxford and Swindon Co-Operative Society as a store, combined with the adjacent property to the south (inf. from R. Moody).

1939

Jabez Wall & Son listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1920

Jabez J. Wall listed; described as 'rope, twine, sack, rick cloth, tent, tarpaulin, scaffold cord, net & flag manufacturer, brushes, mops &c. & cycle maker & builders' merchant' (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1910

Owned and occupied by J.J. Wall (DV Survey, ref. no. 451).

1908--9

J. Wall & Son listed under heading 'Tent and Waterproof Sheet Manufacturers'; described as 'manufacturers of black, yellow, white, and green waterproof waggon covers, rick cloths,

tents, ropes, twine, sacks, nets, brushes, mops, housemaids' gloves, chamois leather; oils and colours.' (Oxon. and District Trades Dir.).

1903

New rope-making works erected behind property (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 70).

1901

Occupied by Jabez Wall (rope and tarpaulin maker), mother (indep.), mother's companion (census, entry no. 82).

1899

Jabez Wall & Son listed; described as 'twine, sack, rick cloth, tarpaulin, scaffold cord & net manufactrs. brushes, housemaids' gloves, chamois leathers &c. (established 1755) (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1895

Jabez Wall & Son listed; described as 'twine & tarpaulin manufacturers, brush, sponge & general factrs.' (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1891

Occupied by Jabez Wall (rope, twine manufacturer), wife, son (census, entry no. 89).

1887

Wall & Son listed; described as 'rope & twine, web head halters, sacks, bed sacking, waggon & rick cloths, tarpaulin & door-mat manufacturers & general dealers' (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1881

Occupied by Jabez Wall (rope, twine and sack manufacturer), wife (draper's assistant), son (census, entry no. 102).

1876

J. Wall & Son listed; described as 'wholesale and retail manufacturers of twine, rope, head halters, sacks, bed sackings, waggon and rick cloths, door mats, curled hair, &c.' (Harrod's Dir. Oxon.).

1874

Jabez Wall, 'ropemaker', listed (Mercer & Crocker's Dir. Oxon.).

1871

Occupied by James Wall (rope maker and landowner), son (rope maker and landowner), dau. (hosier and haberdasher), dau. (former housekeeper, now lunatic), dau.-in-law (draper), grandson (census, entry no. 100).

1864

J. Wall & Son listed; described as 'rope, sack, twine, waggon & rick cloth & bed sacking manufacturers' (PO Dir. Oxon.).

1861

Occupied by James Wall (retired rope and twine man), 2 sons (rope manufacturers, employing 2 men and 1 boy), 2 daus. (draper and tea dealer; housekeeper) (census, entry no. 112).

1854

James Wall & Son, 'rope & rick cloth manufacturers', listed (PO Dir. Oxon.).

1853

James Wall, snr, 'rope maker, twine and sack manufacturer' listed (Lascelles' Dir. Oxon.).

1852

J. Wall, 'rope maker & shopkeeper', listed (Gardner's Dir. Oxon.).

1851

Occupied by James Wall (twine maker), 4 children (census, 3rd part, entry no. 49).

1841

Occupied by James Wall (twine maker), wife, 4 children (census, entry no. 327).

1823--4

James Wall, rope maker, listed (Pigot's Dir.).

Late 18th c.

Three Goats' Heads inn was kept by members of the Daniel family. John Daniel was also involved in hemp dressing and sack weaving. Succeeded by son, and then by granddau. Abiah, who married (1811) James Wall of Eynsham (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 70; R. and J. Moody, The Book of Burford, p. 103).

1743, 1753

Three Goats Inn or Three Goats' Heads mentioned (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 673).

1686

Burial of Thomas Williams 'of the Goatsheads' (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 70).

1685

Possibly the tenement owned by Richard Jordan, gent., and occupied by Thomas Williams (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 455).

1429

Tenement held by William Cutler ('Coteler') (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., pp. 669—70).

1367

Tenement held by Robert Cutler ('le Cotiler') (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 669).

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 7.39 m. (including integrated side entrance to rear). Length (map measurement): 60 m.

1999

Since 1921 the section of the rear range towards the western end appears to have been altered.

1921

The northern section of No. 142 (the Cotswold Art Group gallery in 2004) apparently occupied the remainder of the plot. Presumably part of this was used for rope-making and related activities.

Read more in the EPE book *Burford: Buildings and People in a Cotswold Town* by Antonia Catchpole, David Clark and Robert Peberdy (published 2008)

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