

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

121 High Street : The Copper Kettle

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

2006

Teashop, 'The Copper Kettle'.

1970s

Handicrafts shop operated under name 'Gamaliel' (information from R. Moody).

1939

Handicrafts shop, 'The Gay Adventure', listed; proprietress Miss A.M. Hewer (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

c.1931—c.1934

Butcher, Mr. Stanmore (local information).

1920

Charles E. Preston, 'tailor' listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1911

Charles E. Preston, 'tailor', listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1910

Owned and occupied by Charles Ireston [presumably = Preston] (DV Survey, ref. no. 216).

1901

Occupied by Charles Preston (tailor), wife, 2 sons (census, 2nd part, entry no. 120).

1891

Occupied by Charles Burton [pres. = Preston] (tailor), wife, mother, child, 2 apprentices (census, 2nd part, entry no. 141).

1887

Charles E. Preston, 'tailor', listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1881

Occupied by Charles Preston (master tailor), mother (census, 2nd part, entry no. 142).

1876

William H. Davis, 'grocer', listed (*Harrod's Dir. Oxon.*).

1871

Occupied by William Davis (grocer, general shopkeeper), wife, son (apprentice to cabinet maker), niece (assistant) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 118).

1861

Occupied by William H. Davis (grocer), wife, son (census, 2nd part, entry no. 175).

1854

William Davis listed; described as 'grocer and baker, and agent for the *Oxford Chronicle* newspaper (*Billing's Dir. Oxon.*).

1851

Occupied by William H. Davis, dau., grandchild, apprentice (grocer) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 50).

1850

William Henry Davis listed as 'baker' (*Slater's Dir. Oxon.*).

1847

William Henry Davis, 'grocer and baker' (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

1842

William Henry Davis, 'baker', listed (*Pigot's Dir. Oxon.*).

1841

Occupied by Eliza Davis (aged 20), probably 2 siblings (aged 15), another child (aged 7) (census, entry no. 189).

1830

William Henry Davis listed, as baker and grocer (*Pigot's Dir. Oxon.*).

1823—4

W.H. Davis listed as baker; William Davis listed as grocer (*Pigot's Dir. Oxon.*).

PLOT INFORMATION

Frontage measurements by Oxfordshire Buildings Record; plot information compiled for EPE.

Frontage width (OBR measurement): 6.4 m. Length (map measurement): 44 m.

1999

Since 1921 the tenement plot has been shortened. The building appears to have been altered (shortened?) towards the rear.

1921

The tenement plot extends about two-thirds of the way to Pytts Lane. The building is a single, narrow range extending about half the plot's length.

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