

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: Wells' Yard (near No. 174)

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

This seems to have been somewhere behind No. 174 (Glenthorne).

1901

The following household is listed under the name 'Well's Yard': Henry Townley (retired road contractor), 2 daus. (inc. seamstress) (census, entry no. 105).

1891

The following household is listed in this position: Henry Townley (road contractor), 6 children (inc. 2 general labourers) (census, entry no. 113).

1881

The following household is listed in this position: John Townley (road contractor), wife, son (roadman), lodger (retired domestic servant) (census, entry no. 123).

1876

John Townley, poulterer, listed (Harrod's Dir. Oxon.).

1871

The following household is listed in this position: John Townley (poulterer), wife, son, sister (census, entry no. 123).

1867

Henry Herbert, coal dealer, listed (Melville & Co.'s Dir. Oxon.).

1861

The following household appears to occupy this position: Henry Herbert ('hailer'), wife (staymaker), grandson (census, entry no. 132).

1854

Henry Herbert listed as coal dealer (PO Dir. Oxon.).

1851

The following household appears to occupy this position: Henry Herbert (hailer), wife, 3 children (inc. letter boy, agric. labourer), grandson (census, 3rd part, entry no. 69).

1841

The following household appears to occupy this position: Henry Herbert (agric. labourer), wife, 7 children (census, entry no. 307).

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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