

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

105 High Street : The Bull Inn

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

Old Bull Inn.

1982

Major fire causes considerable damage (R. Moody, *Inns of Burford*, I, 30).

1939

Bull Hotel, proprietor Cecil Molyneux Quilter (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1920

'Bull' listed under Albert A. Preece (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1915

'Bull' listed under George Frederick Norburn; mentions that cars are for hire (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1911

Bull listed as headquarters of M.U., A.A., and C.T.C. (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1910

Owned by Clinch & Co., occupied by Charles Bishop (DV Survey, ref. no. 227).

1908-9

Frank Arthurs listed as proprietor of Bull (*Oxon. & District Trades Dir.*).

1903

Bull hotel listed under Frank Arthurs; information mentions that hotel is headquarters of Cyclists' Touring Club (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1901

Occupied by Frank Arthurs (licensed victualler), wife, 8 children, visitor, 3 servants (inc. groom) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 113).

1899

'Bull Hotel and posting house' listed under Frank Arthurs; is headquarters of Cyclists' Touring Club (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1895

'Bull Hotel' listed under Charles William Bennett (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1891

Occupied by Charles J. Wyatt (publican), wife, child, nurse (census, 2nd part, entry no. 135).

1887

'Bull Hotel' listed under Orlando W. Woodward (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1881

Occupied by Mary Porter (proprietor), 4 children, visitor, 3 boarders, servant (census, 2nd part, entry no. 134).

1876

Described as 'Bull Family and Commercial Hotel', listed under Mrs. Porter (*Harrod's Dir. Oxon.*).

1871

Occupied by Mary Porter (hotel keeper), 6 children, niece, border, 4 servants (inc. under ostler) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 126).

1868

Listed under Humphrey Robert Porter, described as 'Bull family and commercial hotel & posting house' (*Cassey's Dir. Oxon.*).

1861

Occupied by Humphrey Porter (innkeeper), wife, 4 children, 2 nieces, brother, 2 servants, traveller (census, 2nd part, entry no. 167).

1859

Survey of charity properties reports that parts of the Bull are out of repair and the roof is bad; sale is recommended. The coach house and stable at the bottom of Bull Yard are said to be in middling repair (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 517).

1854

'Bull Commercial Hotel and Posting House, Excise Office' listed under Jabez Apletree (*Billing's Dir. Oxon.*).

Also listed under Robert Woods (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

1851

Occupied by Job A— [Appletree??] (innkeeper), wife, 2 daughters, visitor, servant (census, 2nd part, entry no. 41).

1847

‘Bull commercial inn, family hotel & posting house’ listed under Jabez Apletree (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

1841

Occupied by Job Dunphey (publican), wife, 2 daughters, son, 6 others (census, entry no. 180).

1830

‘Bull’ inn and posting house listed under James Stevens (*Pigot’s Dir. Oxon.*).

1823--4

‘Bull Inn’ listed under Mrs. Stevens (*Pigot’s Dir. Oxon.*).

1820

Death of John Stevens; business continued by his widow (R. Moody, *Inns of Burford*, I, 19).

1797

Stables at Bull destroyed by fire (R. Moody, *Inns of Burford*, I, 25).

1790

Mr Stevens (formerly butler at Cliveden) is reported to have taken on the Bull (R. Moody, *Inns of Burford*, I, 19).

1768

Edward Chavasse succeeded by Edmund Fellowes; Fellowes replaced by John Baldwin 1774 (R. Moody, *Inns of Burford*, I, 19).

mid 18th century

Tash family left Bull; succeeded by Edward Chavasse (R. Moody, *Inns of Burford*, I, 19).

1735

Trustees re-lease the Bull to Henry Tash (innholder); lease for 21 years at £14 per year (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, pp. 372—3).

1719

Trustees lease the Bull to Henry Tash (innholder) of Burford; lease for 21 years at £14 per year (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 436).

1718

Trustees re-lease Talbot to Henry Tash of the Bull; lease for 21 years at £5 per year (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 359).

1707

Trustees lease the Talbot to William Tash; lease for 21 years at £5 per year. Tash has already occupied garden, backside, and a stable for the Bull (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 358).

1702

Bull among charity properties conveyed to new trustees (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 357).

Report of Royal Commission mentions that the Bull is 'in possession of' Henry Tash (ibid., p. 497). Tash was married to youngest dau. of late Robert Aston (information from R. Moody).

1698

Death of Robert Aston of the Bull (parish register).

1697

Trustees lease the Bull to Robert Aston (innholder) of Burford; lease for 21 years at £14 per year (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 435).

1678

Trustees lease the Bull to Elinor Heming, widow, of Burford; lease for 21 years at £14 per year (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 435).

1676

Death of Thomas Hemming of the Bull (parish register).

1675

Death of Edmund Hemming of the Bull (parish register).

1658

Trustees lease property to Edmund Heminge the younger ('chirurgien') of Burford (already in his tenure); lease for 21 years at £14 per year (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 434).

1640

Bull still in the tenure of John Cooke (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 388).

1630

Ten. among Church lands transferred to new trustees (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 433).

Trustees lease the ten. to John Silvester (yeoman) of Burford; ten. is held by John Cooke; lease for 31 years at £6 per year. The lease was made in consideration of Silvester's surrender of his interest in the lease previously made to John Silvester (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, pp. 433—4).

1628

Ten. listed among properties transferred to new trustees; had been occupied by Andrew Ward, then by John Silvester; now occupied by John Cooke (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 345).

In same year the ten. was listed among 'Church Lands' by the Royal Commission; called the Bull (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 347).

c.1620

Bull Inn rebuilt by John Silvester the younger (R. Moody, *Inns of Burford*, I, 19).

1618

Death of John Silvester of the Bull inn (par. reg.).

1610

Bull Inn re-established on present site by John Silvester (Bull Inn was previously Nos. 111—113) (R. Moody, *Inns of Burford*, I, 19). Silvester appears to have acquired Andrew Ward's interest (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 434).

1608

Ten. listed among properties transferred to new trustees; occupied by Andrew Ward (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 343).

1599

Trustees lease property to Andrew Ward, yeoman, of Burford; lease for 80 years at 41s. per year. Lease was granted in consideration of surrender of 20 years of an existing lease and payment of fine of £20. Ward had acquired the property through marriage to Margaret, late wife of Richard Dalby, deceased. Information about sale to Crown, etc., included (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, pp. 429—30).

1598

Ten. included in list of charity properties; occupied by Andrew Ward (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 340).

1595—6

Messrs. Merywether and Dallam bought property from Messrs. Typper and Dawe (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 430).

1589—90

Messrs. Typper and Daw bought property from the Crown (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, 430).

1577

Trustees lease property to Richard Dalby the younger (butcher) of Burford; lease for 41 years at 40s. per year (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 428).

1539

Trustees lease tenement to Richard Dawby (butcher) of Burford; lease for 41 years at 30s. per year; lessee to undertake repairs (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 321).

1538

Property transferred to new trustees (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 321).

1508

Property transferred to new trustees (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 320).

1502

Vicar and trustees (presumably churchwardens) convey tenement to new trustees; latter to keep provide dirge on 12th March annually, and mass on following day, for souls of John Pinnock the Elder and wife Ely; residue of income to be used at discretion of the parish church (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 319).

1489

John Petur of Minster Lovell and wife Margery (granddau. of John Pinnock the Elder) convey ten. to vicar and trustees (presumably churchwardens) (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 319).

1473

John Pinnock the Elder left property to son John; then to grand-daughter Margery; then to vicar and proctors of parish church (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 366).

PLOT INFORMATION

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

Frontage width (OBR measurement): 9.7 m. Length (map measurement): 58 m. (from frontage to farthest eastern end).

1999

The area occupied by the buildings is little changed from 1921, but the hotel was substantially rebuilt after the fire of 1982.

1921

Plot extends from High Street round Nos. 101-103 to Witney Street, and also behind No. 107. The Hotel consists of a main, near-rectangular building with a narrower building behind.

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| <p>Read more in the EPE book <i>Burford: Buildings and People in a Cotswold Town</i> by Antonia Catchpole, David Clark and Robert Peberdy (published 2008)</p> |
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