

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

### High Street: No. 104 (Antiques @ The George; former George 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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

#### 2003

Antiques @ The George (shop, inc. cellar).

#### 1910

[Possibly owned by William C Wiggins, occupied by William Fox (DV Survey, ref. no. 242). Fox listed as hairdresser in Kelly's Dir. Oxon., 1911 edn.]

#### 1901

Occupied by Richard Tuckwell (fellmonger), wife, 4 children (census, entry no. 46).

#### 1891

Situation unclear. No household apparently recorded for this building.

#### 1881

Occupied by Richard Griffin (clockmaker) (census, entry no. 56). [N.b., Griffin continues to appear in directories until 1911, but his place of abode is uncertain, though listed as High St.]

#### 1871

Occupied by Richard Griffin (clockmaker) (census, entry no. 55).

#### 1861

Occupied by R. Griffin (watchmaker) (census, entry no. 68).

#### 1851

Probably occupied by following two households: (a) Elizabeth Churchill (retired innkeeper); (b) Elizabeth Pratley (milliner, dressmaker) (census, 3rd part, entries nos. 41—

2). (NB Griffin appears to be living next door in 1851; see No. 112 below. No George Yard listed.)

**1841**

[Tenement unlocated in census.]

**1800**

Sarah and Winifred Clare give up the George; they appear to have been 'bought out' by Mr. Stevens of the Bull; for a few months the George is run as an annexe to the Bull and then closed as an inn (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 19).

**1779**

Death of Thomas Clare, junior, holder (also owner?) of the George; succeeded by daughters Sarah and Winifred Clare (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 18).

**1772**

Death of Thomas Clare, senior, holder (also owner?) of the George; succeeded by son Thomas (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 18).

**By 1737**

Thomas Clare was holder (also owner?) of the George (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, pp. 17-18).

**1697**

Robert Aston ceases to be keeper of the George (and moves to the Bull) (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 17).

**1685**

The George belongs to Richard Jordan, Gent, of Witney; Robert Aston is the innkeeper (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 455; R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 17).

**1674**

Robert Aston becomes keeper of the George (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 17).

**1667**

Death of Richard Veysey, keeper of the George; a detailed inventory is made after his death. Succeeded by his widow (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, pp. 16—17).

**1652**

The George belongs to Thomas Jordan, and is held from him by Richard Veysey (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 446).

**1635**

Death of Robert Veysey the Elder of Taynton and Chimney; he and/or his nephew and successor, Robert Veysey the Younger (d. 1666) held the George at some time before 1652 (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 446).

**1634**

Death of John Collier, keeper of the George; a detailed inventory is made after his death (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, pp. 13—15).

**1608**

Property to the south of the George is occupied by John Collier and has lately been rebuilt by him; this possibly indicates that Collier also holds the George (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 343).

#### 1572

Death of Agnes Charleye, widow of Richard Charleye (and sister of Simon Wisdom), owner and/or keeper of the George (ORO, Ms. Wills Oxon. 185.155).

#### 1568

Death of Richard Charleye, Gent., owner and/or keeper of the George (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 13; ORO, Ms. Wills Oxon. 184.326).

#### 1552

The George is held freely by Richard Hodges; property described as one and a half burgages (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 630).

#### 1510

Following the death of John Basket without heir, Henry VIII grants the George to William Gower, a royal servant, during pleasure (Letters and Papers of Hen. VIII, i (pt 1), grant 519 (27)).

#### 1485

The George Inn is confiscated from William Brampton of Burford, as a consequence of being attainted, and is granted to John Basket, a royal servant. (Members of the Brampton family had been prominent in Burford since the late 14th century, and possibly held the George, though there is no firm evidence.) (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 12.)

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### PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 5.35 m. Length (map measurement): 10 m. (Length refers to shop unit to north side of gateway. The adjacent gateway is 3.9 m. wide. The other former part of the George, now Jackson-Stops and Staff, is 6.95 m. wide.)

#### 1999

Since 1921 the area of the front building appears to have remained unchanged.

#### 1921

The building unit north of the gateway is slightly deeper than wide. It is slightly shorter in depth than the adjacent gateway.

**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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