

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 164 (Old Court House)

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

Domestic use.

1970s

Police Station and court closed and sold (R and R. Moody, The Book of Burford, p. 110).

1960s

Police sergeant and constable stationed here; known locally as 'Ploddy and Noddy' (inf. from R. Moody).

1920

Charles Josey, sergeant, and one constable, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1915

Albt Herbert Gooding, inspector, and one constable, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1911

Edward Timms, inspector, and one constable, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1903

Walter Ayres, inspector, and one constable, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1901

Police Station: (a) William Porter (police inspector), wife, 3 daus., mother-in-law (retired innkeeper); (b) William Lay (police constable), wife (4 rooms) (census, entries nos. 97, 98).

1899

William Porter, inspector, and one constable, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1895

Job Cooke, inspector, and one constable, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1891

Police Station: (a) Job Cooke (police inspector), wife, 2 children; (b) John Bryan, wife (census, entries nos. 105, 106).

1887

William Morgan, inspector, and one constable, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1881

Police Station: (a) William Burton (police inspector), wife, 2 sons (inc. solicitor's clerk), dau. (draper's assistant); (b) Charles Day (police constable), wife (census, entries nos. 116, 117).

1874

William Burton listed as sergeant of police (Mercer and Crocker's Dir. Oxon.).

1871

Police Station: (a) Richard Jones (police inspector), wife, 4 children; (b) Job Sherwood (police constable) (census, entries nos. 114, 115).

1868

County Police Station (west division) listed; Richard Jones, inspector (Cassey & Co. Dir. Oxon.).

1869

Completion year of new court house and police station; architect, William Wilkinson (inf. from DoE list).

1868

Sold by Thomas Streat to Davenport, clerk of peace for Oxfordshire (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

1861

Probably occupied by George Pratley (baker), wife, dau., servant (census, entry no. 125).

1854

William Sheppard listed as baker (Billing's Dir. Oxon.).

1851

Probably occupied by William Sheppard (baker), servant (census, 3rd part, entry no. 62).

1841

Probably occupied by William Shepperd (baker) wife, another person (census, entry no. 313).

1834

Occupied by William Sheppard (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

1830

William Shepherd listed under bakers (Pigot's Dir.).

18th and early 19th cs.

Occupants included: John Rhodes, Edward Daniel (baker, fl. 1770s), Richard Grainger (private deeds; inf. from R. Moody).

1685

Tenement belonged to Richard Jordan, gent. (formerly to Robert Veysey); held from him by Thomas Randolph (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 455).

1667

Occupied by William Rhodes (private deed; inf. from R. Moody). Rhodes was taxed on 4 hearths in 1662 and 1665 (TNA, E179/255/4, pt iii, f.239; Hearth Tax Returns, Oxfordshire 1665, ed. M.M.B. Weinstock (ORS 21, 1940), p. 216).

1652

Tenement belonged to Thomas Jordan (formerly to Robert Veysey); held from him by William Rodes. Was late land of Edmund Silvester (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 446).

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 10.2 m.
Length (map measurement): 60 m.
(Check width: alternative note gives 9.8 m.)

1999

Area of building recorded in 1921 appears to have been retained.

1921

L-shaped building with long range adjoining N side of tenement.

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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