

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

### 117 High Street : Highway Hotel

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

'Highway Hotel' ('bed and breakfast') and shop.

#### Late 20th century

Hotel owned and operated by the White family, then the Cohens (information from R. Moody).

#### 1954

Lease assigned to E.C. Horner (information from R. Moody).

#### 1950

Lease assigned to Herbert George Cayless (information from R. Moody).

#### 1941

Lease assigned to Walter Beazley (information from R. Moody).

#### 1939

Highway Private Hotel (Miss E.L. Sellers) listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

#### 1935

Lease of property was assigned to Miss Emma Louisa Sellers (information from R. Moody).

#### by 1929

Highway Private Hotel (Miss Sellers) (local information).

**1922**

Miss Annie Louisa Maddox opens the Highway Private Hotel (building held on lease) (information from R. Moody).

**c.1915—20**

Property bought by E.J. Horniman (information from R. Moody).

**1910**

Owned by A.H. Thomas; occupier described as 'void' (DV Survey, ref. no. 217). (Alfred Henry Thomas is listed as 'draper' of High Street in 1911; *Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*)

**1901**

Occupied by Edwin Tayler (tailor), wife, son, father-in-law (retired farmer) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 118).

NOTE: another household lived between this household and No. 121, possibly in Weaver's Cottage: Thomas Blackall (basket maker), wife, 2 daughters (census, 2nd part, entry no. 119).

**1899**

Thomas Bowl listed as 'grocer &c.' (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

**1891**

Occupied by Thomas Bowl (grocer), cousin (assistant), female servant (housekeeper) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 140).

**1881**

Occupied by Thomas Bowl (grocer), cousin (assistant), housekeeper (census, 2nd part, entry no. 140).

**1876**

Thomas Bowl, grocer, listed (*Harrod's Dir. Oxon.*).

**1874**

Bowl and Son, 'grocers &c.', listed (*Mercer & Crocker's Dir. Oxon.*).

**1871**

Occupied by Martha Bowl (grocer, tallow chandler), son (ditto), boarder (assistant) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 119).

**1869**

Bowl and Son, 'grocers', listed (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

**1867**

M. Bowl and Son, 'grocers', listed (*Melville & Co.'s Dir. Oxon.*).

**1863**

Mrs. Martha Bowl and Son, 'grocers and tallow chandlers', listed (*Dutton, Allen & Co.'s Dir. Oxon.*).

**1861**

Occupied by Martha Bowl (grocer), son, sister, nephew (census, 2nd part, entry no. 174).

**1854**

Thomas Bowl listed; described as ‘tallow chandler, grocer, provision factor, and hosier’ (*Billing’s Dir. Oxon.*).

Another directory lists Mrs. Martha Bowl and Son, ‘clothiers, grocers & tallow chandlers’ (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

**1853**

Thomas Bowl listed; described as ‘tallow chandler, grocer, provision factor, and hosier’ (*Lascelle’s Dir. Oxon.*).

**1851**

Occupied by Thomas Bowl (grocer), wife, 5 children (census, 2nd part, entry no. 49).

**1841**

Occupied by Thomas Bowl (grocer), wife, 5 children, female servant (census, entry no. 187).

**1830**

Thomas Bowl listed as grocer (also tallow chandler) (*Pigot’s Dir. Oxon.*).

**1823—4**

Thomas Bowl listed under ‘grocers and linen drapers’ (*Pigot’s Dir. Oxon.*).

**1824**

Last member of Hunt family resident here sold tenement to Thomas Bowl, grocer (R. Moody, *The Inns of Burford*, i. 43).

**1727**

Property included in marriage settlement for Thomas Hunt (ironmonger), son and heir of Thomas Hunt, deceased (plumber) and grandson of William Hunt (ironmonger); TH is to marry Elizabeth James. The property is divided into two and occupied by the said Thomas Hunt and by William Leach (hatter). There are two little messuages at the rear, occupied by George Ward and Daniel South (information from R. Moody).

**1685**

Property owned by William Hunt; occupied by William Hunt, Edward Keble, ‘etc’ (R.H. Gretton, *Buildings of Burford*, p. 458).

**1652**

Property owned by John Hunt; occupied by William Hunt (R.H. Gretton, *Buildings of Burford*, p. 449).

**Late 16th/early 17th c.**

Ralph Wisdom, nephew of Simon Wisdom, lived until at least 1599 (cf. R.H. Gretton, *The Burford Records*, p. 363); the property is presumed to have been acquired by a member of the Hunt family, possibly William Hunt (ironmonger), d. 1613, or John Hunt, d. 1624 (information from R. Moody).

### **1586**

Property belonged to Simon Wisdom of Burford (d. 1586 or 1587), who described it as being on the south side of his mansion or dwelling houses. Wisdom bequeathed it to his nephew Ralph Wisdom and his wife Elizabeth Adams; it had lately been occupied by William Mayo (ORO, MS. Wills Oxon. 61/4/42).

## **PLOT INFORMATION**

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

Frontage width (OBR measurement): 13 m. Length (map measurement): 68 m. (Eastern part of original tenement plot appears to have been added to garden of No. 115.)

### **1999**

Since 1921 the north rear range appears to have been shortened and the south range extended.

### **1921**

The tenement plot extends about two-thirds of the way to Pytts Lane. The building consists of a frontage with two rear ranges. The north end of the front range appears to cut into No. 115.

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