

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 104: George Yard

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

[Note that there is access from both High Street and Sheep Street.]

1910

In the DV Survey there are 3 sections for George Yard (12 cottages and barn):

- (a) refs. nos. 238-41, 4 cottages owned by William C. Wiggins. Occupiers are: (i) Walter Sheeler; (ii) William Cook; (iii) G. Longe; (iv) Thurza (?) Cottrell.
- (b) refs. nos. 316-23, 8 cottages owned by Valentine Wiggins. Occupiers are: (i) Henry White; (ii) George Bishop; (iii) William Rowland; (iv) Thos Blackwell; (v) Jos. Hitchcox; (vi) William Saunders; Elizabeth Pratley; Thos Blackwell (sic).
- (c) ref. 403, barn; owned by William Smith, occupied by Edwin Smith.

1901

George Yard includes the following (census, entries nos. 47—53, etc.):

- (a) house to let.
- (b) John Smith (labourer), wife (charwoman), 5 children (4 rooms).
- (c) Frank Hooper (fellmonger's labourer), sister (occasional cook) (4 rooms).
- (d) house to let.
- (e) Henry White (labourer), wife, 4 children (inc. coal merchant's carter, labourer, under carter) (4 rooms).
- (f) Susannah Rowels (needlewoman), tenant (absent) (3 rooms).
- (g) Henry Bedford (hawker), wife, 4 children (3 rooms).
- (h) house to let.
- (i) Albt Hitchcock (labourer), wife, 4 children (inc. farmer's boy).
- (j) house to let.
- (k) Emma Davis (gloveress) (3 rooms).
- (l) house to let.

1891

George Yard includes the following (census, entries nos. 46—59):

- (a) Richard Griffin (watchmaker)

(b) Mary Ann Hopper (inn waitress), dau. (gloveress), son (fellmonger's labourer), granddau.

(c) George Bond (groom), wife, 6 children (inc. labourer, plough boy).

(d) Thos Wyatt (stonemason), wife (laundress), 3 children (inc. 2 agric. labourers).

(e) Sarah Hart (retired gaiter maker), niece (domestic servant).

(f) Henry White (labourer), wife, 4 children (inc. 2 agric. labourers).

(g) Alfred Stanmore (brewer's labourer), wife, child.

(h) Frederick Haggitt (quarry man), wife, 3 children.

(i) Mary Anne Cook (retired agric. labourer)

(j) James Batts (agric. labourer), wife, dau. (domestic servant).

(k) Mary Brunsdon (gaiter maker), sister.

(l) George Smith, wife.

(m) Mariah Avery, 2 sons (jobbing printer, grocer's assistant).

(n) Harriet Charlottes (labourer), 2 children.

1881

George Yard contains the following (census, entries nos. 57—69):

(a) James Mills (mason), wife, boarder (retired tollgate keeper).

(b) Phil. Evans (tailor), lodger (groom).

(c) William Charlotte (farm labourer).

(d) Ann Brunsdon (widow of brewery labourer).

(e) Thos Winfield (agric. labourer), wife.

(f) Maria Avery (charwoman), 2 sons (printer's assistant, grocer's assistant).

(g) Charles Clark (postman), 3 children (unemployed baker, dressmaker's assistant, ploughboy).

(h) Philis Loveridge (crossed out, wife of coalminer), 4 children.

(i) George Hooper (carpenter/joiner), wife, son (brewery labourer).

(j) George Smith (stonemason), wife, 2 children (inc. errand boy).

(k) Charles Monk (road contractor), wife, dau. (assistant mistress).

(l) Henry White (agric. labourer), wife, 4 children.

1871

George Yard contains the following (census, entries nos. 56—67):

(a) No. 1 GY, James Mills (stonemason), wife, 2 children (inc. stonemason).

(b) No. 2, uninhabited house.

(c) No. 3, Mic. Millin,

(d) No. 4, William Brunsdon (slatter and plasterer), wife, 3 children.

(e) No. 5, Charles Bye (agric. labourer), wife (washer woman), 6 children (inc. plough boy, agric. labourer).

(f) No. 6, Maria Avery, 2 sons (labourers).

(g) No. 7, Charles Clark (letter carrier), 4 children.

(h) No. 8, Ann Brunsdon (seamstress), dau. (general servant).

(i) No. 9, George Hooper (carpenter, joiner), wife, 2 children.

(j) No. 10, Elizabeth Smith (washer woman), dau.

(k) No. 11, George Smith (stonemason), wife, 2 children.

(l) No. 12, Charles Monk (agric. labourer), wife, 2 children (son, sch. monitor).

(m) No. 13, William Charlotte (agric. labourer), (?) sister (laundrymaid).

1861

George Yard contains the following (census, entries nos. 69—79):

(a) Thos. Roney (labourer), wife.

(b) William Faulkner (labourer), wife, son.

(c) Thos Luckett (labourer), wife, 3 children, mother-in-law.

- (d) George Miller (agric. labourer), wife.
- (e) George Hooper (carpenter), wife, 3 step-children (inc. 2 servants).
- (f) James Smith (stonemason), wife, 6 children (inc. stonemason, agric. labourer).
- (g) William Forest (gardner), wife.
- (h) Charles Maule (labourer), wife, 2 children; Eliz Ilet (lodger, servant), 2 children.
- (i) James Mills (stonemason), wife, 5 children.

1851

George Yard contains the following (census, 3rd part, entries nos. 84—93):

- (a) James East (master mason), wife (sch. mistress), 4 children (inc. joiner).
- (b) William Wheeler (sadler and harness maker), brother-in-law (sadler and harness maker), mother-in-law
- (c) Mary Sessions (former servant, pauper), lodger (tailor).
- (d) Henry Ball (no occ. stated), wife (gardener), 4 children.
- (e) Elizabeth Bunting (servant), 3 children, lodger (mason).
- (f) Mary Ann Smith, 3 children, visitor.
- (g) James Smith (mason), wife, 5 children.
- (h) Sarah Iles (laundress), 5 children (inc. roper).
- (i) Job Bye (day labourer), wife, 6 children.
- (j) James Mills (mason), wife, 3 sons.

1841

George Yard contains the following (census, entries nos. 261—9):

- (a) William Harris (butcher), wife, 6 children.
- (b) William Blunsdon (plasterer), wife, 4 children.
- (c) Richard Forest (tailor), wife, 3 children.
- (d) John East (mason), wife (sch. mistress), 4 children.
- (e) John Blunsdon (plasterer), wife, 4 children.
- (f) William Holland (independent), wife.
- (g) Thos Forest (tailor), wife, 2 children.
- (h) Thos Osman (tailor), wife, child, (?) mother, (?) sister.
- (i) John Hyde (agric. labourer), wife, child, (?) lodger (tailor).

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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