Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

107 High Street

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The Burford Records *(1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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
Burford News (front, ground floor only; Old Bull inn above and rear).

1982
Property badly burnt during fire at the Bull; was reconstructed afterwards (inf. from R. Moody).

1939
George Packer & Son listed; described as 'printers, stationers, booksellers & binders, newsagents & publishers, circulating library & fancy repository' (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1911
George Packer's address listed as 'The Library, High Street' (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1910
Probably owned and occupied by George Packer (DV Survey, ref. no. 226).

1908—9
George Packer described as printer, stationer, newsagent; guide-book and picture postcard publisher; agent for Burford Arms china; athletic and sports outfitter, tobacconist, etc. (*Oxon. and District Trades Dir.*).

1903
George Packer, High Street, listed; described as printer, stationer, bookseller, binder, newsagent, and publisher of 'History of Burford', 'Walks and Drives around Burford', view album, etc. (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1901

Occupied by George Packer (printer, stationer, bookseller), wife, 2 children (son, porter and jobber; daughter, stationer's assistant) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 114).

1899

George Packer, High Street, listed; described as 'printer, stationer, bookseller & binder, newsagent & publisher of "History of Burford," "Walks and Drives around Burford," view album &c.' (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1895

George Packer, printer, stationer and bookseller, listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1891

Occupied by Charles W. Swatman (stationer, printer), wife, 2 children, boarder, apprentice, servant (census, 2nd part, entry no. 136).

1887

Charles William Swatman, printer, stationer and bookseller, listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1881

Occupied by Matthew Innocent (bookseller, postmaster), wife, 4 children (inc. daughter, assistant) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 135).

1876

M.C. Innocent, listed; described as 'bookseller, bookbinder, printer, stationer, postmaster and stamp distributor' (*Harrod's Dir. Oxon.*).

1871

Occupied by Matthew Innocent (bookseller), wife, 4 children, nephew, assistant, 2 servants (census, 2nd part, entry no. 125).

1863

Matthew Catlin Innocent listed; described as 'printer, bookseller, stationer and stamp distributor' (*Dutton, Allen & Co.'s Dir. Oxon.*).

1861

Occupied by William Packer (grocer), housekeeper (census, 2nd part, entry no. 168).

1851

Apparently occupied by John Hallowell (cabinet maker employing 4 men and porter), wife, 3 children, apprentice, servant (census, entry no. 42).

1850

Probably occupied by Dinah Ivens, grocer (*Slater's Dir. Oxon.*).

1847

Probably occupied by Mrs. Dinah Ivens, 'haberdasher' (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

1842

Probably occupied by Dinah Ivens, 'linen draper' (*Pigot's Dir. Oxon.*).

1841

Occupied by Dinah Ivens (grocer), 3 others (inc. Ric. Stephens, clergyman) (census, entry no. 181).

1830
Probably occupied by Joseph Ivans, linen draper (*Pigot's Dir. Oxon.*).

1823--4
Probably occupied by Joseph Ivans, grocer (*Pigot's Dir. Oxon.*).

1801
Property belonged to Richard Swancott, apothecary (inf. from R. Moody).

1703
Tenement belonged to Mr. Richard Jordan (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 435).

1685
Tenement belonged to John Jordan, gent., and was probably occupied by Widow Harding (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 454).

1658
Tenement belonged to John Jordan (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 434).

1652
Was probably a tenement belonging to Mr John Jorden (formerly Edward Serrell); held by Bartholomew Avenell and Samuel Wiatt (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 450).

1630
Tenement apparently belonged to Edmond Serrell (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 433).

1599
Tenement belonged to Edward Reynolds and was occupied by Edmond Serrell (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 429).

1577
Tenement belonged to Robert Silvester (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 428).

1552
Tenement belonged to Robert Browne (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 637).

1539
Tenement belonged to Robert Browne (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 321).

1489
Tenement belonged to John Bishop (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 319).

PLOT INFORMATION

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

Frontage width (OBR measurement): 5.65 m. Length (map measurement): 42 m. (northern boundary), 44 m. (southern boundary).

1999
The rear part of the building appears to have been widened since 1921.

1921
The plot is 'wedge-shaped' with a very narrow frontage and longer rear boundary. The building consists of a single long range which occupies most of the plot's length.

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