

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

2006

Ground floor (front), David Pickup (antiques); remainder, private house and studio.

Later 20th century

Roger Warner sold the property to a Swedish person. It was later owned and occupied by John and Julia Melvin; a shop at the front was occupied by David Pickup. The Melvins left in early 2006 (information from R. Moody).

1986

Roger Warner closed his antiques business (information from R. Moody).

1950

Property conveyed to Roger Warner (information from R. Moody).

1935

Property bought by Marjorie Warner; her son Roger subsequently ran an antiques business from the premises (information from R. Moody).

1920

Probably Sharp and Son, china dealers 44 m. (Length measurement excludes garages at rear.).

1911

Probably Sharp and Son, china dealers (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1910

Owned and occupied by Elizabeth Sharpe (DV Survey, ref. no. 220).

1908—9

Sharp and Son, 'depot for Burford view china', listed (*Oxon. and District Trades Dir.*).

1903

John Sharp and Son, furniture and china dealers and boot manufacturers, listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1901

Occupied by Elizabeth Sharpe (boot, shoe, china dealer), 4 children (inc. son, furniture dealer, 2 daus., assistants to mother) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 117).

1895

John Sharp & Son, furniture and china dealers and boot manufacturers, listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1891

Occupied by John Sharp, wife, 4 children, servant (census, 2nd part, entry no. 139).

1887

Property was bought by John Sharp (information from R. Moody); listed as 'furniture and china dealer' (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1881

Occupied by John Hollowell (upholsterer, cabinet maker), wife, 3 daughters, servant (census, 2nd part, entry no. 139).

Possibly also occupied by Phil. Hollowell (cabinet maker, joiner), wife, 4 children (census, 2nd part, entry no. 138).

1876

John Hollowell, cabinetmaker and builder, listed (*Harrod's Dir. Oxon.*).

1871

Occupied by John Hollowell (upholsterer, cabinet maker), wife, 4 children (inc. son, cabinet maker, upholsterer) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 120).

1863

John Hollowell, 'cabinetmaker, upholsterer, and glass and china dealer', listed (*Dutton, Allen & Co.'s Dir. Oxon.*).

1861

Occupied by David Falkner (proprietor of hospital) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 173). Later in the year the property was bought at auction by John Hollowell (cabinet maker) who opened a furniture business (information from R. Moody).

1854

David Faulkner listed; described as 'grocer and provision factor; agent for the Mitre Fire and Life Office, and the *Banbury Guardian* and *Cheltenham Journal* newspapers (*Billing's Dir. Oxon.*).

1851

Occupied by David Faulkner (grocer), mother, aunt, visitor (grocer), servant (census, 2nd part, entry no. 48).

1847

David Faulkner, 'wholesale & retail grocer', listed (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

1841

Occupied by David Faulkner (grocer), journeyman, apprentice, 2 independents, female servant (census, entry no. 186).

1838

The property was bought by Jane Faulkner, widow (information from R. Moody).

1805

Charles Street and Mary (nee Patten) ran a mercer's business from the property (information from R. Moody).

1788

The ownership, divided into moieties, was reunited under the ownership of a member of the Patten family (information from R. Moody).

1778

John Patten remained the occupier of the property; died by 1787 (information from R. Moody).

1761

Property was included in a settlement for the marriage of Edward Patteson and Maria Whitehall; at some point the ownership became divided (information from R. Moody).

By 1750

Property had passed to John Parker (apothecary), who married the second widow of Richard Whitehall; occupied under a 14-year lease by John Patten (information from R. Moody).

1720

Robert Bartholomew inherited the property from his father, John Bartholomew (mercier), and sold it to Richard Whitehall (mercier) (information from R. Moody).

1685

Tenement belonged to John Bartholomew; occupied by Francis Keble (mercier) (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Recs.*, pp. 454, 463).

1652

Tenement belonged to John Bartholomew; occupied by John Hughes (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 445).

1607

Tenement belonged to William Bartholomew (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 402).

late 16th century

Property probably acquired by Hugh May, gent. (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 445; cf. 402).

mid 16th century

Property owned (and extended/remodelled) by Simon Wisdom (d. 1586 or 1587) (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 445).

PLOT INFORMATION

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

Frontage width (OBR measurement): 12.6 m. Length (map measurement): 104 m.

1999

Since 1921 one of the outbuildings has been removed. Otherwise the property appears to be largely unchanged.

1921

Tenement plot extends from High Street to Pytts Lane and the eastern third is wider than the rest. The building at the front of the plot is arranged round a small, narrow courtyard.

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