

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

### High Street: No. 178 (The Little 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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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 OWNERSHIP

#### 1999

The ground area appears unchanged since 1921 though buildings have been erected on land behind the tenement.

#### 1921

This was an L-shaped cottage with a narrow front and rear range running along the south side of its small plot. It looks as though it was intruded into the gap south of Glenthorne.

### OCCUPATION and USE

#### 2003

Domestic use. (Owned by Jack Rose.)

#### 1910

Owned by Sarah Ann Holland; occupied by Fred Faulkner (DV Survey, ref. no. 470).

#### 1901

Occupied by Fred Faulkner (mason's labourer), wife, 4 children (3 rooms) (census, entry no. 105). The following household was also accommodated in this tenement or in the following one (No. 180): Fanny Simms, son (shoemaker) (census, entry no. 106).

#### 1891

Probably occupied by John Simms (shoemaker), wife, son (shoemaker), another (census, entry no. 114).

#### 1881

Probably occupied by John Smith (agric. labourer), wife, 3 children (census, entry no. 125).

**1871**

Probably occupied by Ann Smith (gloveress), 6 children (inc. chimney sweep, nursemaid) (census, entry no. 124).

**1861**

Probably occupied by George Hicks (agric. labourer), wife, 3 children (census, entry no. 133).

**1851**

Probably occupied by Charles Moulder (agric. labourer), 3 children (census, 3rd part, entry no. 70).

**1841**

Probably occupied by Elizabeth Harris (baker), 2 children (census, entry no. 306).

**1684**

This house is presumed to be the 'Little new built house' mentioned in the will of Robert Taylor the Elder (ORO, MS Wills Oxon. 67/2/4; inf. from R. Moody).

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## **PLOT INFORMATION**

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 5.1 m. Length (map measurement): 15 m. [NB the length measurement refers to the building's length (excluding buildings apparently behind the main building). This building did not apparently stand on a separate long tenement.]

The GAP between 'Glenthorne' and 'The Little House' is 9.4 m.

**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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