

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 24

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

2004

Secondhand bookshop: Quill Books.

late 20th c.

Premises briefly used, at different times, for a delicatessen and a cafe (inf. from R. Moody).

1960s—70s

Occupied by 'Billy' Hall, former blacksmith (inf. from R. Moody).

1939

W. Hall & Sons, 'blacksmiths', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1920

William Hall, 'Bear P.H. & blacksmith', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.). [See No. 34 below.]

1915

William Hall, 'Bear P.H. & blacksmith', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.). [See No. 34 below.]

1910

Owned and occupied by William Hall (DV Survey, ref. no. 378). [See No. 34 below.]

1901

Occupied by William Hall (blacksmith), wife, 2 children (census, entry no. 9). According to occupier in 2002, 'Billie' Hall was the last blacksmith to use the premises.

1899

William Hall, 'blacksmith', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1895

George Frederick Hall, 'blacksmith', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1891

Occupied by George Hall (blacksmith), and probably son (blacksmith) (census, entry no. 7).

1881

Occupied by George Hall (blacksmith), 2 children (census, entry no. 6).

1871

Occupied by George Hall (blacksmith), wife, 6 children (census, entry no. 10).

1869

George Frederick Hall, 'Plough' and blacksmith, listed (PO Dir. Oxon.).

1864

George Hall, 'blacksmith', listed (PO Dir. Oxon.).

1861

Apparently no. inf. included in census.

1854

Mrs. Letitia Hall, 'blacksmith', listed – John Hall's widow? (PO Dir.).

1851

Occupied by '---' Hall (blacksmith), 3 children (inc. glazier, smith) (census, entry no. 7).

1850

Letitia Hall listed under 'blacksmiths' – John Hall's widow? (Slater's Dir.).

1847

John Hall, 'blacksmith', listed (PO Dir.).

1841

Occupied by John Hall (blacksmith), wife, 7 children (inc. 2 blacksmith, straw bonnet maker) (census, entry no. 121).

1830

John Hall, listed under 'blacksmiths' (Pigot's Dir.).

PLOT INFORMATION

Frontage width (OBR measurement): 6.08 m. Depth (map measurement): 30 m.

1999

Building comprises front range and protruding range on the north side of the plot; both appear unchanged in area from 1921. A rear range has disappeared.

1921

Building appears to comprise the two ranges extant in 1999 plus a range at the rear of the plot, adjoining the north range and parallel to the front range.

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