

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 180

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

NOTE: in assigning households to tenements it has been presumed below that the large building on this tenement accommodated two households between the 1850s and 1890s. This may not have been the case, and households were possibly accommodated in adjacent tenements or in other buildings.

2003

Domestic use; called 'The Limes'.

1910

Owned and occupied by Sarah Ann Holland (DV Survey, ref. no. 469).

1901

Probably occupied by William Stayte (retired stableman), wife (seamstress) (2 rooms) (census, entry no. 107). See also No. 178 above.

1891

Possibly occupied by the following two households: (a) Robert Spurrett (painter), wife; (b) Samuel Parker (agric. labourer), wife (census, entries nos. 115, 116).

1881

Possibly occupied by the following two households: (a) William Wickens (journeyman butcher), wife, 5 children, brother-in-law (stone mason); (b) Sarah Jacobs (blind pauper), son (messenger) (census, entries nos. 127--8).

1871

Possibly occupied by the followed two households: (a) Ann Wickens (shopkeeper), 2 daus. (seamstresses), 4 grandchildren; (b) William Jacobs (agric. labourer), wife (census, entries nos. 125—6).

1861

Possibly occupied by the following two households: (a) James Wickens (butcher), wife, 3 children, grandchild (census, entry no. 134); (b) William Jacobs (agric. labourer), wife, son, lodger (census, entries no. 134—5).

1851

Probably occupied by Mary Elbro (widow and grocer), dau., 1 other (census, 3rd part, entry no. 71).

1841

Probably occupied by George Beckley (glover), wife, 5 children (census, entry no. 305).

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 8.3 m.
Length (map measurement): 70 m.

1999

The ground area seems unchanged since 1921.

1921

This was an L-shaped building with a wide front and ‘shallow’ rear range along the north side of the tenement.

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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