

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 26

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

2005

Domestic property.

late 20th c.

Property owned by Mrs Merton, later by Michael and Pat Theodorou.

1960

Property put up for sale by Mrs. Burke, who had reportedly 'done up' the property in vernacular style (inf. from R. Moody).

early 20th c.

Property was cyclists' cafe (inf. from occupier, 2002).

1910

Ownership and occupation unknown.

1901

Fred Francis (postman), wife, 3 children; 4 rooms (census, entry no. 10).

1891

Frederick J. Francis (occ. not given), wife, child (census, entry no. 8).

1881

Henry Ball (gardener), wife (census, entry no. 7).

1871

Richard Bennett (gardener), wife, dau. (domestic servant) (census, entry no. 11).

1861

Probably Mic. Millers (agric. labourer), wife, dau., visitor (census, entry no. 10).

1851

Probably Joseph Newman (labourer), wife (census, entry no. 6).

1841

Probably Martha Wyatt (widow), dau. (census, entry no. 120).

PLOT INFORMATION

Frontage width (OBR measurement): 8.53 m. Length (map measurement): 22 m.

1999

Comprises front range and adjoining range at right angle along the southern side of the plot, plus projection at the right angle. Two main ranges appear to survive without change of area from 1921.

1921

Two ranges, as in 1999.

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