

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

### High Street: The College (rear of Nos. 56 and 64)

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

### OWNERSHIP and OCCUPATION

#### 1970s

The 'College' was 'gentrified', involving blockage of the path through the property to Priory Lane (inf. from R. Moody).

#### 1910

In the DV Survey there are three entries for property in 'College Yard':

- (a) ref. no. 313, shed and yard; owned and occupied by Robert G. Foster.
- (b) ref. no. 314, cottage; occupation described as void, owned by Robert G. Foster.
- (c) ref. no. 315, house; owned and occupied by Robert Hitchcox.

#### 1901

The area is called 'The College'; includes following (census, entries nos. 32—3):

- (a) James Collins (general labourer), wife, 2 children (charwoman, farm boy).
- (b) cottage to let.
- (c) cottage to let.
- (d) Common Lodging House. Gideon Davis (roadman and lodging house keeper), wife, her son (general labourer. Associated with following lodging households: (i) male lodger (shoemaker); (ii) male lodger (general labourer); (iii) male lodger (umbrella maker), wife; (iv) male lodger (stonemason), wife (laundress); (v) male lodger (whistle player); (vi) male lodger (plumber); (vii) male lodger (whistle player).

#### 1891

The following entries are listed (census, entries nos. 33—4):

- (a) James Collins (general labourer), wife, 2 children.
- (b) Gideon Davis (lodging house keeper), wife, servant (road labourer), boarder (hay trusser). They are associated with the following lodging households: (i) male lodger (drover); (ii) male lodger ('conductor'); (iii) male lodger ('conductor'); (iv) male lodger

(hawker); (v) male lodger (general labourer); (vi) male lodger (railroad ??), wife; (vii) male lodger (blksmith); (viii) male lodger (hawker); (ix) male lodger (hawker).

(c) unoccupied house.

### 1881

The area is called 'College Yard'; includes lodging house; (census, entries nos. 40—41):

(a) Gideon Davis (lodging house keeper), wife, son. They have the following lodging households: (i) male lodger, wife, 2 daus.; (ii) male lodger, wife; (iii) male lodger, wife, son; (iv) male lodger, wife; (v) male lodger; (vi) male lodger; (vii) male lodger; (viii) male lodger. 4 of lodgers are agric. labourers, others are vagrants.

(b) Emanuel Harris (agric. labourer), wife, 3 children.

### 1871

The area is called 'The College'; a licensed boarding house appears; the following households are listed (census, entries nos. 38—41 plus uninhabited houses):

(a) No.1, uninhabited house.

(b) No. 2, Elizabeth Falkner (gloveress), 3 children (inc. agric. labourer).

(c) No. 3, uninhabited.

(d) Nos. 4, 5, 6: LICENSED BOARDING HOUSE. 23 occupants listed, inc. joiner, blksmith (unemployed), 2 licensed pedlars, cutler (unemployed), comedian.

(e) No. 7, Gideon Davis (grinder and tinplate worker), wife, 4 children (2 agric. labourers, 2 gloveresses), grandchild.

(f) No. 8, Edward Pittaway (agric. labourer), wife, 2 children, sister-in-law (seamstress), niece, nephew.

(g) Nos. 9, 10, 2 uninhabited 'houses'.

### 1861

The area is called 'College Yard' and contains the following 10 households (census, entries nos. 44--53):

(a) Thomas Waine (tanner), wife, 4 children.

(b) David Cook (agric. labourer), wife.

(c) Eliza Collins, son (agric. labourer).

(d) Henry Wright (labourer), wife, 3 children.

(e) [??] Wells (lath-cutter).

(f) John Ilks, wife, 3 children.

(g) George Harris, wife, 2 children.

(h) Simeon Goth (stableman), wife, 4 children.

(i) Richard Bennett (gardener), wife, 3 children (inc. labourer).

(j) Jane Large (washerwoman), 3 children.

### 1851

The area is called 'College Yard' and contains the following 11 households (census, 3rd part, entries nos. 10-20):

(a) Richard Bennett (agric. labourer), wife, 5 children.

(b) Thomas. Noney (agric. labourer), wife, 3 daus.

(c) Henry Boller (agric. labourer), wife, 3 children.

(d) Edmund Dossett (agric. labourer), wife.

(e) James. Smith and illeg. child (hatmaker).

(f) Ann Sharman (cordwainer's wife), son, dau., lodger (chimney sweep).

(g) June Taylor (pauper), 3 children (inc. 2 agric. labourers).

(h) John Wiggins (agric. labourer), wife.

(i) Elizabeth Harwood (tinman's wife), 4 children.

(j) Henry Cook, wife, 2 sons (agric. labourers), granddau.

(k) Richard Harden, 2 brothers (inc. blksmith, hostler).

**1793**

Release describes property as four messuages lying together called a college; three are held by tenants, the other is out of repair and untenanted (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

**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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