

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 128/132

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

2003

Rose Dodd Fine Shoes.

c. 1960

Sandford Shone, antique dealer (inf. from R. Moody).

1930s—50s

George Gale, draper (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.; inf. from R. Moody).

1920

Newman & Co., linen drapers, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1911

Newman & Co., linen drapers, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1910

Owned and occupied by Ann Newman (DV Survey, ref. no. 449).

1908--9

Newman & Co. listed under drapers and described also as 'tailors and general outfitters, etc.' (Oxon. and District Trades Dir.).

1901

Occupied by Jane Newman (draper), 6 children, son-in-law (farmer); named as Grafton House (census, entry no. 80).

1891

Occupied by John Newman (draper), wife, 7 children (inc. son, draper), servant (census, entry no. 87).

1881

Occupied by John Newman (draper), wife, 10 children, sister (stonemason's widow – deleted), servant; head of household employs 5 male and 2 female assistants (census, entry no. 98).

1876

Newman & Co. listed; described as 'linen and woollen drapers, hosiers, hatters, gloves, ladies' and gentlemen's clothing manufacturers, and general outfitters' (Harrod's Dir. Oxon.).

1874

John Newman, draper, listed (Mercer and Crocker's Dir. Oxon.).

1871

Occupied by John Newman (draper), wife, 5 children, niece (draper), nephew (draper), apprentice, server; head of household employs 6 assistants and 1 boy (census, entry no. 95).

1868

Newman and Cook, linen drapers, listed (Cassey & Co., Dir. Oxon.).

1861

Probably occupied by: (a) Anthony Wells (surgeon and apothecary), wife, mother-in-law, servant; (b) John Newman (draper), wife, assistant, apprentice, servant (census, entries nos. 106, 107).

1854

Charles John Tanner listed; described as 'linen and woollen draper, and silk mercer' (Billings' Dir. Oxon.).

1852

John Tanner listed as draper (Gardner's Dir. Oxon.). [Prob. = Charles John Tanner.]

1851

Probably occupied by: (a) John Walters (silversmith), wife; (b) Charles Tanner (draper), wife, niece, servant (draper's assistant), 2 sons, 2 servants (house servant, errand boy) (census, 3rd part, entries nos. 46, 47).

1850

Thomas Edward Tanner listed as linen and woollen draper (Slater's Dir.).

1847

Charles J. Tanner listed as 'draper & mercer' (PO Dir. Oxon.).

1842

Thomas Ed. Tanner listed as linen and woollen draper (Pigot's Dir.).

1841

Probably occupied by: (a) Joseph Tanner (independent), probably 3 adult children; (b) Thomas Tanner (draper), wife, child, apprentice, female servant (census, entries nos. 329, 330).

1830

Joseph Tanner listed as linen and woollen draper (Pigot's Dir.).

1823--4

Joseph Tanner listed as grocer and linen draper (Pigot's Dir.).

Early 19th c.

Thomas Cheatle, a medical practitioner who arrived in Burford c. 1819, is reputed to have lived here before acquiring Riverside House (by 1841) (inf. from R. Moody).

1753

Property occupied by Robert Castle (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 673).

1671

Tenement in possession of John Hughes and wife (private deed, inf. from R. Moody). (Hughes is taxed on 6 hearths in 1662 and 1665; TNA, E179/255/4, pt iii, f.239; Hearth Tax Returns, Oxfordshire 1665, ed. M.M.B. Weinstock (ORS 21, 1940), p. 215.)

1581

Tenement belongs to John Floyde the elder, clothier, who bequeaths annuity of 6s. 8d. from it (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 368).

1429

Tenement belongs to William Cutler ('Coteler') (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 670).

1367

Tenement belongs to Robert Cutler ('le Cotiler') (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 669).

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 16.37 m. Length (map measurement): original depth appears to have been 60 m. Present depth about 32 m.

1999

The front range is shown as two units, and the side range appears to have been shortened.

1921

Building is one L-shaped unit, with the front range (adjacent to High Street) wider than the side 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)

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