

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

### High Street: No. 174 (Glenthorne)

*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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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: this property was apparently unoccupied from the 1830s to 1880s. Is this correct? If so, reason?

#### 2003

Domestic use.

#### 1980s—90s

Occupied by Mr Hicks (RM).

#### 1960s

Occupied by Harry Allsworth (cooper) (RM).

#### 1911

John Wells listed; described as 'plumber & glazier' of 'The Hill' (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

#### 1910

Owned and occupied by John Wells (DV Survey, ref. no. 467).

#### 1901

Occupied by John Wells (plumber, glazier, painter), wife, 3 children (census, entry no. 103).

#### 1891

Occupied by John Wells (painter and glazier, wife, 5 children (inc. son, clerk) (census, entry no. 112).

#### 1887

John Wells listed; described as 'plumber & glazier' of 'The Hill' (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

**1881**

Probably uninhabited (census, comment between entries nos. 122 and 123).

**1871**

Probably uninhabited (census, entry no. 121).

**1861**

Situation unclear; possibly uninhabited (census, comment between entries nos. 131 and 132).

**1851**

Probably uninhabited (census, 3rd part, comment between entries nos. 66 and 67).

**1841**

Probably uninhabited (census, comment between entries nos. 308 and 309).

**1789**

Property still in ownership of Edward Patterson (inf. from R. Moody).

**1768**

Death of Maria Patterson (nee Whitehall); property passed to her husband Edward Patterson (inf. from R. Moody).

**Early 18th c.**

Property belonged to Richard Whitehall (d. 1736), mercer, and is presumed to have ceased to be an inn; it passed at some point to Whitehall's daughter Maria, who married (1761) Revd Edward Patterson of Staffs. (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 72; inf. from R. Moody).

**1715**

Inn called the Star is in the possession of John Taylor (title abstract; inf. from R. Moody).

**1695**

Death of Robert Taylor of the Star (parish reg.; inf. from R. Moody).

**1688**

Death of Robert Taylor, snr, baker, aged over 90 years; bequeaths house called 'the Stair' to son Robert Taylor – is 'new in his possession' (parish reg.; ORO, MS Wills Oxon. 67/2/4; inf. from R. Moody).

**1685**

Tenement called 'the Starr' is owned by Robert Taylor and occupied by Robert Taylor the younger (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 456).

**1652**

Tenement called 'the starre' is owned by Robert Taylor and held by Stephen Yate (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 447).

**1642**

John Taylor, snr, of The Star, victualler, was buried; bequeaths house to his son Robert Taylor (parish reg.; ORO, MS Wills Oxon. 66/2/42; inf. from R. Moody).

## PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 8.4 m.  
Length (map measurement): 68 m.

### 1999

The ground area of the building appears to be largely unchanged but the rearmost section of the rear range appears to have been extended.

### 1921

The front part of the building is a large square in ground area and there is a long, narrower range behind, extending about half the length of the original plot.

**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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