

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 94 (Christmas Court)

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

Tenement plot contains several premises, including two shops and a covered passageway at the front and flat above.

1980s

Premises redeveloped by Aubrey Newman (inf. from R. Moody).

1950s—60s

Store and retail shop for Charles Pether Ltd (inf. from R. Moody).

1920

Charles Howse, blacksmith, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1911

Following listed: Charles John Aldridge, hair dresser; Charles Howse, blacksmith (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1901

Occupied by Charles Aldridge (hairdresser), wife, 6 children (inc. apprentice, blindmaker (?), charwoman, baker's boy) (census, entry no. 42). Following household probably on this tenement: Alex Howse (blacksmith), wife (census, entry no. 43).

1899

Following listed: Charles John Aldridge, 'hair dresser & china riveter'; Alexander Howse & Son, blacksmiths (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1891

Occupied by Charles Aldridge (hairdresser), wife, 8 children (inc. agric. labourer) (census, entry no. 41). Following households appear to be on same tenement: (a) Alexander Howse (blacksmith), wife, woman (draper's assistant), apprentice (blacksmith); (b) William G. Howse (blacksmith), wife (census, entries nos. 42—3).

1887

Following listed: Charles John Aldridge, 'hair dresser & perfumer & china riveter'; Alexander Howse, blacksmith (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1881

Occupied by Edward Whitford (hairdresser), dau. (census, entry no. 51). Following households appear to be on same tenement: (a) William Howse (retired blacksmith), wife, visitor; (b) Alexander Howse (blacksmith), wife, 3 children (inc. dau., dressmaker), boarder (census, entries nos. 52—3).

1876

William Howse, blacksmith, listed (Harrod's Dir. Oxon.).

1874

Following listed: William Howse, blacksmith; Edward Whitford, hairdresser (Mercer & Crocker's Dir. Oxon.).

1871

Occupied by Alexander Howse (blacksmith), wife, 4 children; probably also William Howse (blacksmith), wife, 2 children (census, entries nos. 49—50).

1869

William Howse, 'blacksmith & ironmonger', listed (PO Dir. Oxon.).

1867

Following listed: James Harrison, hairdresser; W. Howse, ironmonger (Melville & Co., Dir. Oxon.).

1861

Occupied by James Harrison (hairdresser) (census, entry no. 63). Following household probably also here: William Howse (blacksmith), wife, 5 children (inc. 2 blacksmiths, cabinet maker) (census, entry no. 64).

1852

Following listed: James Harrison, hairdresser; William Howse, 'smith & ironmonger' (Gardner's Dir. Oxon.).

1851

Occupied by William W. Phelps (curate of Burford and Fulbrook) (census, 3rd part, entry no. 36). Following households probably also here: (a) Marah Harrison (housekeeper, hairdresser), son; (b) William Howse (blacksmith), wife, 5 children (inc. blacksmith's apprentice), servant (blacksmith) (census, 3rd part, entries nos. 36—7).

1847

Following listed: James Harrison, hairdresser; William Howse, blacksmith (PO Dir.).

1841

[Situation uncertain.]

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 9.9 m. Length (map measurement): 54 m. (Length is of tenement plot in 1921, presuming length to be same as No. 82.)

1999

The rear range appears to have been lengthened. Comparison of the premises in 2003 with the 1999 map implies that the front passageway has been moved (from the south to the centre of the front range).

1921

The building comprises a main section and passageway at the front of the plot and a rear range abutting the north edge of the plot. The plot appears to extend behind the plot on which No. 92 stands.

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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