

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 134

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

Ian Wright Interiors (shop/business).

post-WWII

Continued to be ironmonger's shop, under A.J. Taylor and then Ron Taylor (inf. from R. Moody).

1939

Charles Alexander Evans, ironmonger, listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

1911

Charles Alexander Evans, ironmonger, listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

1910

Owned by Brasenose College, Oxford; occupied by Charles Evans (DV Survey, ref. no. 450).

1908--9

C.A. Evans listed under ironmongers ([Oxon. and District Trades Dir.](#)).

1901

Occupied by Sarah Holland (ironmonger), visitor, servant (census, ref. no. 81).

1899

Thomas Holland, ironmonger, listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

1898

Plan shows that the front, wider part of the property contains a shop, sitting room, and kitchen, with various outbuildings in the narrow range behind (drawing on p. 87 of A. Everitt, ed., Perspectives in English Urban History (1973)).

1891

Occupied by Thomas Holland (ironmonger), wife, apprentice, servant (census, ref. no. 88).

1887

Thomas Holland, ironmonger, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1881

Occupied by Thomas Holland (gunmaker), wife, nephew (census, ref. no. 101).

1876

Thomas Holland listed; described as 'general ironmonger, lamp and oil warehouse, Agent for the Silber Light Company (Limited), and for Strange's A 1 crystal oil (Harrod's Dir. Oxon.) .

1876

Henry Holland (gunsmith) listed (Harrod's Dir. Oxon.).

1871

Occupied by Henry Holland (gunsmith), wife, son (gunsmith) (census, ref. no. 99).

1868

Henry Holland jnr, 'gun maker', listed (Cassey & Co.'s Dir. Oxon.).

1861

Henry Holland (gunsmith), wife, 3 children (census, ref. no. 108).

1854

Henry Holland, jnr, 'gun maker, and Parish Constable', listed (Billing's Dir. Oxon.).

1853

Henry Holland, jnr, 'gun maker and Parish Constable', listed (Lascelles Dir. Oxon.).

1851

Occupied by Henry Holland (gunmaker), wife (milliner), 2 children, apprentice (milliner) (census, 3rd part, entry no. 48).

1850

Henry Holland, 'gun maker', listed (Slater's Dir.).

1847

Henry Holland, jnr, 'gun maker', listed (PO Dir. Oxon.).

1842

Henry Holland, jnr, 'gun maker', listed (Pigot's Dir.).

1841

Occupied by John Stafford (cordwainer), and probably wife, 8 children, apprentice, another person (independent) (census, ref. no. 328). [Stafford and household appear to have moved further up the hill soon after the 1841 census was taken.]

1823--4

John Strafford listed under boot and shoemakers (Pigot's Dir.).

1768

Brasenose College leases house to John Kempster, perriwig maker (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 673).

1753

Brasenose College leases house to William Jordan of Burford, schoolmaster (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 673).

1743

Brasenose College leases house to Elizabeth Beesley of Burford, widow (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 673).

1732

Brasenose College leases half burgage to John Jordan of Burford, gent., 30 years at 6s. a year (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 673).

1685

Tenement held from Brasenose College by William Hill (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 458).

1652

Tenement held from Brasenose College by Miles Denton (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 449).

1600

Brasenose College leases half burgage to John Templer, clothier, for 30 years at 6s. a year (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 673).

1567

Brasenose College leases half burgage house and garden to William Wisdom of Burford, clothier, for 30 years at 6s. a year, after expiry of lease to Simon Wisdom (or confiscation) (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 673).

1552

Brasenose College leases half burgage house and garden to Simon Wisdom of Burford, yeoman; for 30 years at 6s. a year (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 673).

1429

Prior of Cold Norton leases half burgage to William Cutler ('Coteler') of Burford, burgess (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., pp. 669—70).

1367

Prior and convent of Cold Norton lease half burgage to Robert Cutler ('le Cotelir'), burgess of Burford; for 60 years at 4s. a year (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 669).

1264

Prior and canons of Cold Norton grant half burgage to Walter Adgar of Burford for life, for rent of 6s. (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 669).

Mid 13th c.

Seyld, once wife of Richard Beaufront of Burford, releases right in tenement to prior and canons of Cold Norton, from whom her husband once held the tenement (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 668).

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 6.14 m (including passage on north side). Length (map measurement): 60 m.

1999

The front part retains the width seen in 1921 but the rear buildings have either been widened or rebuilt.

1921

Building appears to have consisted of a narrow but longish front range, with a row of narrower buildings behind.

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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