

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 158

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

This building appears to have been occupied in two separate parts for some of the 19th century, here called Part A and Part B

PART A

OCCUPATION and USE

2003

Richard Pardon (shop selling antique carpets and textiles).

1961

Closure of Wiggins the butcher; succeeded by Baxter's grocery business. Later uses include a sheepskin shop and Mary Phillips' antique jewellery business (inf. from R. Moody).

Mid 20th c.

Occupied by Wiggins the butcher (inf. from R. Moody).

1910

[No separate inf. in DV Survey.]

1901

Probably occupied by George Smith (stonemason), wife, boarder (4 rooms) (census, entry no. 93).

1891

Probably occupied by Mark Forest (jobbing gardener), wife, 5 children (inc. 2 agric. labourers, courier's labourer, female general servant) (census, entry no. 99).

1881

Probably occupied by Mark Forest (journeyman baker), wife, 6 children (inc. 2 agric. labourers, journeyman baker) (census, entry no. 112).

1871

Probably occupied by George Pratley (carpenter) (census, entry no. 109).

1861

Probably occupied by William Green (carpenter), wife (census, entry no. 120).

1854

Paul Ludlow described as 'beer retailer & saddler' (PO Dir. Oxon.); also as 'saddler and harness maker, and Parish Constable' (Billings' Dir. Oxon.).

1853

Paul Ludlow described as 'saddler and harness maker, and Parish Constable' (Lascelles' Dir. Oxon.).

1851

Probably occupied by Paul Ludlow (saddler), wife, 4 children, apprentice, servant (census, 3rd part, entry no. 57).

1842

Paul Ludlow, High St, listed under 'Saddlers and Harness Makers' (Pigot's Dir.).

1841

Probably occupied by Elizabeth Gardiner (independent), dau. (census, entry no. 318).

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 6.4 m. Length (map measurement): 28 m. (Width covers Parts A and B.) (Measured width appears to include the doorway.)

1999

This building apparently combines two separate earlier units.

1921

Building was narrow and short, apparently with rear court protruding into 'Godfrey's Yard'.

PART B

OCCUPATION and USE

2003

See above, No. 158 [Part A].

1910

[No separate inf. in DV Survey.]

1901

Probably site of 'Foreign meat shop' (no resident) (census, remark between entries nos. 93 and 94).

1899

George Marriott, tailor, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1891

Probably occupied by George Marriott (tailor), wife (tailoress) (census, entry no. 100).

1887

George Marriott, tailor, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1881

Probably occupied by Giles Shepherd (shoemaker), wife (census, entry no. 113).

1876

Robert Durham, land surveyor, listed (Harrod's Dir. Oxon.).

1871

Probably occupied by Robert Durham (land surveyor), wife, son (gardener), stepson (pensioner, former soldier), granddau. (census, entry no. 110).

1861

Probably occupied by Richard Wirdnam (saddler and grocer), wife, 3 children, father (former saddler and grocer), mother, apprentice (census, entry no. 121).

1851

[Either unoccupied or was not a separate tenement.]

1841

[Either unoccupied or was not a separate tenement.]

PLOT INFORMATION

See above (Part A) for dimensions.

1999

This building apparently combines two separate earlier units.

1921

The southern part of the 1999 shop was apparently a narrow, short range with a short rear range protruding from the north-west.

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