

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 66 (part of Oxford Shirt Co.)

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

Part of Oxford Shirt Co. clothing shop.

1940

J.R. Foster is postmaster (inf. from R. Moody).

1920

Robert Goy Foster, 'drug stores & postmaster & stamp distributor', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1911

Robert Goy Foster, 'drug stores & postmaster & stamp distributor', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1910

Nos. 66 and 68, and outbuildings behind No. 66, owned and occupied by Robert G. Foster (DV Survey, ref. no. 313).

1901

Following household presumed to occupy Nos. 66 and 68: Robert Foster (postmaster and druggist), wife, 5 children, boarder (telegraphist and P.O. clerk). Described as Post Office. (census, entry no. 35).

1899

Robert Goy Foster, 'drug stores & postmaster', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1895

Robert Dannatt Foster, 'chemist & postmaster', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1891

Following household presumed to occupy Nos. 66 and 68: Robert Foster (postmaster), son (post office staff), dau.-in-law (music teacher), 2 grandsons (census, entry no. 36).

1887

Robert Dannatt Foster, 'chemist & postmaster', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1881

Following household presumed to occupy Nos. 66 and 68: Robert Foster (chemist), 2 children (son is cabinet maker's apprentice), 1 grandchild, servant (census, entry no. 43).

1871

Following household presumed to occupy Nos. 66 and 68: Robert Foster (chemist), wife, 5 children (inc. son, grocer's assistant) (census, entry no. 43).

1863

Robert Dannatt Foster, 'chemist and druggist', listed (Dutton, Allen & Co.'s Dir. Oxon.).

1861

Following household presumed to occupy Nos. 66 and 68: Robert Foster (chemist), wife, 8 children, boarder (schoolmistress) (census, entry no. 55).

1854

Robert (sic) Yerbury, 'chemist, druggist, and patent medicine vendor', listed (Billing's Dir. Oxon.).

1853

Richard Yerbury, 'chemist, druggist, and patent medicine vendor', listed (Lascelles' Dir. Oxon.).

1852

Richard Yerbury, 'druggist', listed (Gardiner's Dir. Oxon.).

1851

Following household presumed to occupy Nos. 66 and 68: Richard Yerbury (chemist), wife, dau., 2 servants (census, 3rd part, entry no. 29).

1841

[Situation uncertain.]

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR) measurement: 5.18 m. Length (map measurement): 20 m. (Length is length of main building in 1921.)

1999

Since 1921 the range has been extended to the rear (westwards).

1921

Property consists of single, longish range, with a narrow frontage to the street. No yard is apparent.

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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