

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 182 (Donnington House)

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

Domestic use.

1921 x 1950

One property created out of former separate dwellings. After conversion the property is said to have been a lodging house for female trainees working at the Baytree Hotel in Sheep Street (inf. from R. Moody).

1910

Owned by Hannah Packer; occupied by Thomas Smith (DV Survey, ref. no. 272).

1901

Part probably unoccupied, remainder probably occupied by Samuel Parker (general labourer), wife (2 rooms) (census, entries nos. 108, 109).

1891

Probably occupied by the following three households: (a) Elias Smith (agric. labourer), wife, 3 daus. (inc. domestic servant); (b) John Cook (general labourer), wife (laundress), 6 children (inc. 2 plough boys); (c) Hannah Wingfield (laundress) (census, entries nos. 117--119).

1881

Probably occupied by the following three households: (a) Hannah Winfield (laundress), lodger (annuitant); (b) John Cook (agric. labourer), wife, 3 children (census, entry no. 131); (c) Thomas Hill (agric. labourer), wife, dau. (census, entries nos. 129—32).

1871

Probably occupied by the following three households: (a) Fred Ribble (baker), wife, 2 children; (b) Thomas Day (slater, plasterer); (c) Isaac Winfield (agric. labourer), wife (census, entries nos. 126--8).

1861

Probably occupied by the following three households: (a) Thomas Day (slater); (b) George Granger (agric. labourer) (census, entries nos. 136—7); (c) Isaac Winfield (agric. labourer), wife (census, entries nos. 136--8).

1851

Probably occupied by the following three households: (a) Thomas Leay, brother (both slaters); (b) Isaac Winsfield (agric. labourer), wife; (c) Abel Smith (agric. labourer), wife (census, entries nos. 72--4).

1841

Probably occupied by Hannah Wingfield (independent), probably dau. in law, 2 children (inc. agric. labourer), 3 grandchildren (census, entry no. 304). Following household possibly also lived here: George Day (plasterer), wife, son (census, entry no. 303).
[Day possibly lived at No. 184. See note below.]

1830

George Day, High Street, listed under 'Slaters and Plasterers' (Pigot's Dir. Oxon.).

1731

Tenement belonged to Martin Turner (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 332).

1699, 1714

Tenement belonged to Thomas Newbury (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., pp. 330—1).

1685

Tenement probably belonged to Robert Taylor and was 'in the severall tenures of Thomas Overbury [pres. = Newbury] John Wicks etc. (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 456).

1684

This was probably the messuage called 'Potters' which was bequeathed by Robert Taylor the Elder of Burford, baker, to his son Robert; in possession of Thomas Newberry and others (ORO, MS Wills Oxon. 67/2/4; inf. from R. Moody).

1652

Tenement probably belonged to Robert Taylor and was held from him by Richard Winfeild (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 447).

1628

Property belonged to Richard Osbaston [prob. = Osbaldeston]; described as 'lands' (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 346).

1609

Tenement belonged to William Potter (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 563).

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 8.25 m.
Length (map measurement): 70 m. (WIDTH poss. slightly shorter.)

NOTE: in the 19th and early 20th century (and possibly earlier) this property contained three small dwellings, one to the right of the door passage and two to the left.

1999

Since 1921 the property has been converted into a single building.

1921

Property appears to have been two or three small, narrow cottages.

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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