

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 144

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

Burford Woodcraft (shop).

1960s

Occupied by Mr and Mrs Wise (inf. from R. Moody).

1917

Death of owner, George Giles; property passes to his dau., who is executrix and married to Harry Edgar Waine (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

1913

John Jacobs sells property to George Giles, Northleach; no occupant (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

1910

Owned by John Jacobs; occupied by Henry Wain (DV Survey, ref. no. 457).

1902

Charles F.C. Cowley, baker, of Osney, heir to Thomas Cowley, sells interest in premises to John Jacobs, corn merchant, of Burford (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

1901

Probably occupied by Ann Timms (indep.), son (journeyman harness maker) (census, entry no. 83).

1891

Occupied by Henry Whitlock (baker), wife, dau. (census, entry no. 91).

1887

Mrs. Jane Cowley, shopkeeper and baker, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1884

Death of Thomas Cowley (inf. from R. Moody).

1881

Occupied by Thomas Cowley (baker, employing man and boy), wife, son, servant (assistant baker) (census, entry no. 105).

1877

Thomas Wiggins, boot and shoe manufacturer of New South Wales, conveys premises to Thomas Cowley, baker, of Burford (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

1874

Thomas Cowley, baker and mealman, listed (Mercer & Crocker's Dir. Oxon.)

1871

Probably occupied by Thomas Cowley (master baker employing 1 man), wife, son, servant (census, entry no. 104).

1870

Jabez Wall sells premises to Thomas Wiggins, boot and shoe manufacturer; Wiggins receives mortgage from Wall (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

1869

Jabez Wall buys the property; is said to be unoccupied (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

1868

Charles Shayler, boot and shoemaker, listed (Cassey & Co. Dir. Oxon.).

1861

Probably occupied by Charles Shayler (boot and shoe maker), wife, 4 children (census, entry no. 114).

1854

Joseph Collis [sic], High St, described as baker and miller (Billings' Dir. Oxon.).

1851

Probably occupied by Joseph Collier (baker, miller and corn dealer), wife, dau., 2 servants (inc. journeyman baker) (census, 3rd part, entry no. 52).

1850

Joseph Collis [sic.], High St, listed as miller (Slater's Dir.).

1845

Mortgage arrangement mentions that William Cox, upholsterer, of Burford, has recently rebuilt and enlarged the premises (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

1841

Probably occupied by John Harriton (barker), wife, son (census, entry no. 325).

1831

Ownership of property passes to William Cox, carpenter, of Burford; is unoccupied (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

1801

Property still occupied by Solomon Jeffs (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

1767

Property still occupied by Solomon Jeffs; owner is William Fry of London (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

1743

Property is occupied by Solomon Jeffs, saddler. It is included in a settlement for the marriage of Susannah Castell, dau. of William Castell (or Castle) of Burford, to Stephen Fry of London (private deed; inf. from R. Moody).

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 7 m. (including adjacent carriageway). Length (map measurement): 60 m. (Note: the shop front is 4.4 m. wide, the carriageway 2.6 m.)

1999

The 1921 building appears to have been retained with alterations to building at the rear.

1921

Narrow front facing street with long range extending half the plot's length and building adjoining that.

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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