

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

### High Street: No. 70 (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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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.

#### 1985

Building reported to be a restaurant (A. Jewel, Burford in Old Photographs, 51); presumably 'Jackie's Tea Rooms' (local inf.).

#### 1939

Purssey Hudson Bowerman, 'antique dir.', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

#### 1920

Gilbert Bowerman, 'antique dealer', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

#### 1915

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#### 1910

Owned by James Potter; occupied by Percy Bowerman (DV Survey, ref. no. 392) M.A. East listed under 'Drapers' (Cope's Oxon. Dir.). (Perhaps Bowerman leased from Potter, and East from Bowerman.)

#### 1903

Mrs Mary Ann East, 'draper', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

#### 1901

Following two households presumed to occupy tenement: (a) Mary East (draper), dau., son-in-law (both drapers), grandson (watchmaker); (b) Louise Edwards (Board School mistress), sister ('assistant'), 2 rooms (census, entries nos. 36-7).

**1899**

Mrs Mary Ann East, 'draper', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

**1895**

Percy Bowerman, 'linen draper', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

**1891**

Occupied by Percy Bowerman (draper), wife, 4 children (draper's assistant, 3 scholars), mother-in-law (retired dressmaker) (census, entry no. 37).

**1881**

Occupied by P. Bowerman (draper and outfitter), wife, 3 sons, servant (census, entry no. 44).

**1876**

John Secker, 'draper', listed (Harrod's Dir. Oxon.).

**1871**

Occupied by John Secker (master draper), wife, 3 children, governess, shopman, servant (census, entry no. 44).

**1861**

Occupied by John Secker (draper), wife, nephew (assistant) (census, entry no. 57).

**1854**

Both James Allen, 'grocer, tea dealer, and tobacconist', and John Secker, 'grocer, draper, and agent for the Oxford Journal newspaper' listed (Billing's Dir. Oxon.); only John Secker, 'linen & woollen draper', listed in PO Dir. Oxon.

**1852**

James Allen listed under 'Grocers' (Gardner's Dir. Oxon.).

**1851**

Occupied by James Allen (grocer; boot and shoe warehouse), 3 children (inc. shop boy), servant (census, 3rd part, entry no. 30).

**1847**

James Allen, 'grocer and boot wareho.', listed (PO Dir. Oxon.).

**1841**

[James Allen (grocer), wife, 5 children, female servant, listed (census, entry no. 344).]

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## PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR) measurement: 7.6 m. Length (map measurement): 64 m. (Width includes 78 cm which should possibly be deducted as it overlaps No. 68. See OBR sketch. Length refers to entire plot length; i.e. including front and rear buildings and rear plot.)

**1999**

The main building has been subdivided, with the rear part now apparently called Bowermans Cottage.

**1921**

Property apparently consists of a single, long range, with narrow frontage and alley entrance abutting the street. There is a long yard behind the building.

**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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