

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 28

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

2004

Commercial premises: (a) Forest's, (b) Terry Cook.

late 20th c.

Premises redeveloped (inf. from R. Moody).

mid 1970s

Premises ceased to be a garage (inf. from R. Moody).

1960s

Shop existed on front of premises (possibly predated garage); used as Kisby's, a newsagent (inf. from R. Moody).

1935

Occupied by John James Holloway, motor car proprietor; used as garage (inf. from R. Moody; listed in Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1910

Owned by executors of James Hill (=Hall?); occupied by Frank Higgins; pencil note says 'now Holloway (DV Survey, ref. no. 379).

1901

Occupied by Elsie Kent (grocer) and brother (grocer's assistant) (census, entry no. 11).

1891

Occupied by Elizabeth Townley (?) (retired laundress), son (agric. labourer), 2 boarders (general labourer, brewer's labourer) (census, entry no. 9).

1881

Occupied by Daniel Willis (road contractor), wife, boarder (stonemason), his wife and son (census, entry no. 8).

1871

Probably occupied by Daniel Mills (butcher and grocer), wife, dau., servant (census, entry no. 13).

1869

Daniel James Mills, 'butcher & shopkeeper', listed (PO Dir. Oxon.).

1861

Probably occupied by Daniel Scarrott (dealer in earthenware), wife, 2 sons (census, entry no. 11).

1851

'Fit' of households to tenement uncertain; 1 house said to be unoccupied; other occupiers are: (a) Job Slatter (labourer), wife, dau. (census, entry no. 5); (b) Thomas Palmer (cordwainer), wife, dau. (census, entries no. 4, 5).

1841

'Fit' of households to tenements uncertain; (a) John Randolph (agric. labourer), wife, 3 children; (b) 1 house unoccupied; (c) William Hemming (smith), wife, 3 children, and probably father (census, entries nos. 118, 119).

PLOT INFORMATION

Frontage width (OBR measurement) of 28-32: 11.9 m. Length (map measurement): 26 m.

The 'property unit' appears to comprise a tenement with three units at the front: (a) a shop/domestic building on the north side; (b) a gateway with building over; (c) Ivy Cottage (occupation inf. listed separately below).

1999

The main units are a front range, including gateway, with an adjoining range at a right angle on the north side. There appear to be two new (since 1921) large buildings at the rear. (Since 1999 the property has undergone some redevelopment.)

1921

The front and north ranges in 1999 were present in 1921. The large buildings at the rear of the plot appear to be different from those in 1999.

Read more in the EPE book *Burford: Buildings and People in a Cotswold Town* by Antonia Catchpole, David Clark and Robert Peberdy (published 2008)