

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 154

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

1939

'Hillsleigh' occupied by C.G. Pether ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

1910

Owned by John Godfrey; occupied by Emily Wiggins; described as cottage (DV Survey, ref. no. 475).

1901

Probably occupied by Frank Eley (tailor), wife (dressmaker) (census, entry no. 90). [This assumes that Emily Wiggins moved from 156 to 154 between 1901 and 1910.]

1891

Probably occupied by Richard H. Tuck (tanner), wife, son (census, entry no. 97).

1887

John Wells, plumber and glazier, listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

1881

Probably occupied by John Wells (plumber and glazier), wife, 2 sons, visitor, apprentice (census, entry no. 109).

1876

Mrs Titcomb, 'dealer in seeds, &c.', listed ([Harrod's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

1874

Mrs Mary Titcomb, 'dealer in seeds', listed (Mercer and Crocker's Dir. Oxon.).

1871

Probably occupied by Mary Titcomb (seed dealer, confectioner), 2 children, mother (annuitant), boarder (schoolmistress) (census, entry no. 106).

1861

Probably uninhabited (census, remark between entries nos. 118, 119).

1851

Probably occupied by Thomas Hopkins (fund holder), wife (milliner), visitor, servant (census, 3rd part, entry no. 55).

1841

Probably occupied by William Smith (agric. labourer), wife, 5 children, 1 other (census, entry no. 320).

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 4.5 m.
Length (map measurement): 32 m.

1999

The building appears to have survived largely unchanged in area since 1921.

1921

The building consists of a narrow, shallow front range with a narrow range extending along the northern tenement boundary.

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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