

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 122 (former Red Lion)

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

Red Lion Bookshop.

1970s

Property ceased to be occupied by Barclays Bank (inf. from R. Moody).

1939

Probably occupied by Barclays Bank (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.; inf. from R. Moody).

1920

Frederick Drinkwater & Son listed as butchers (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1915

Frederick Drinkwater & Son listed as butchers (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.). (N.b., Lionel John Drinkwater, Signet, listed as farmer.)

1911

Frederick Drinkwater & Son, butchers and farmers, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1910

Probably owned and occupied by Elizabeth Drinkwater (DV Survey, ref. no. 416).

1901

Occupied by Fred. Drinkwater (farmer and butcher), wife, 2 children (inc. butcher's boy), servant (census, entry no. 55).

1891

Occupied by Frederick Drinkwater (butcher), wife, 5 children (inc. dau., stationer's assistant), servant (domestic) (census, entry no. 61).

1887

Frederick Drinkwater, 'butcher & farmer', listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1881

Occupied by Fred Drinkwater (master butcher employing 1 boy), wife, 4 children, servant (census, entry no. 71).

1871

Uninhabited house; named as The Red Lion (census, after entry no. 68).

1867

Jesse Simpson, Red Lion, listed (Melville & Co., Dir. Oxon.).

1864

Edward Cattell, Red Lion, listed (PO Dir. Oxon.).

1863

Jesse Simpson 'Red Lion commercial inn', listed (Dutton, Allen & Co., Dir. Oxon.).

1861

Occupied by Thos Grimes (innkeeper), wife, 2 children, 2 servants (census, entry no. 81).

1854

John Grimes listed; described as 'victualler, and common brewer; Assessed and Property Tax Collector, Red Lion Inn' (Billing's Dir. Oxon.).

1851

Occupied by John Grimes (innkeeper), wife, sister, sister-in-law (milliner), 2 servants (census, 3rd part, entry no. 44).

1847

John Grimes listed; Red Lion described as 'commercial inn' (PO Dir.).

1842

John Grimes, Red Lion, listed (Pigot's Dir.).

1841

Probably occupied by John Grimes (publican), wife, son, 4 servants (3 female, 1 male) (census, entry no. 332).

1830

Thos Purnell, Red Lion, listed under Inns (Pigot's Dir.).

1823-4

John Parnell, Red Lion, listed under Taverns and Public Houses (Pigot's Dir.).

1770

Red Lion Inn first mentioned (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 63).

1660

Property belongs to Margaret Watkins, widow, and John Collier (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 353).

1628

Property occupied by George Watkins and Thomas Tonks (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 345).

1598, 1599, 1601, 1608

Property belongs to heirs of Agnes Brewton (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., pp. 340, 341, 343).

1580

Property belongs to Robert Brewton, chandler (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 338).

1495

Property still said to belong to John Pinnock (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 335).

1464

Property belongs to John Pinnock, Junior (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 425).

1423

Property still said to belong to Henry Cutler ('Cotelere') (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 421).

1418

Property belongs to Henry Cutler ('Cotiler') (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 333).

1404

Property belongs to Henry Cutler ('Cotiler') (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 333).

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 8.5 m. Length (map measurement): 68 m. (Length refers to both 1921 and 1999.)

1999

Since 1921 the front building has been extended backwards, and most of the rear buildings have been removed.

1921

The front building occupies most of the tenement's width and is about twice as long as wide. There is a long row of buildings behind the front building, occupying most of the plot's length.

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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