

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

### High Street: No. 156 (Walrus House)

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

#### 1960s—80s

Bookshop run by Miss Katherine Watson (inf. from R. Moody).

#### 1910

[No separate inf. in DV Survey.]

#### 1903

Thomas Ilott, wheelwright and carpenter, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

#### 1901

Probably occupied by Emily Wiggins and fam. (inc. father, retired baker; son, rope maker's labourer; brother, builder's labourer; boarder, brewer's drayman) (census, entry no. 91).

#### 1891

Probably occupied by Thomas Ilott (carpenter and wheelwright), son, dau.-in-law (census, entry no. 98).

#### 1887

Thomas Ilott, wheelwright and carpenter, listed (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

#### 1881

Probably occupied by Thomas Ilott (carpenter and wheelwright), wife, 2 sons (wheelwrights), dau. (dressmaker) (census, entry no. 110).

#### 1876

H.J. Townley, coal dealer, listed (Harrod's Dir. Oxon.).

**1871**

Probably occupied by Henry Townley (coal merchant), wife (dressmaker), 2 children (census, entry no. 107).

**1863**

William Bunting, 'engrosser', listed (Dutton, Allen & Co.'s Dir. Oxon.).

**1861**

Probably occupied by William Bunting (attorney's clerk), wife, 2 daus., father-in-law (plumber) (census, entry no. 119).

**1851**

Probably occupied by John Brown (Inland Revenue supervisor), wife, 4 children, servant (census, 3rd part, entry no. 56).

**1841**

Probably occupied by Henry Ball (agric. labourer), wife, child (census, entry no. 319).

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**PLOT INFORMATION**

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 7.7 m.  
Length (map measurement): 28 m.

**1999**

Most of the building's area appears to have survived from 1921, with widening of the rear range to the full width of the plot.

**1921**

The building consists of a narrow, shallow front range with a wide, rear range projecting from the south-west. A public route passed through this tenement (inf. from R. Moody)

**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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