

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

### High Street: No. 170 (Long Wivets)

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

#### Mid 1960s—1990s

Occupied by David Ayerst, author (d. 1992) (inf. from R. Moody).

#### Prob. mid 1950s—mid 1960s

Owned by Revd Dudley G. Buston, vicar of Enfield (inf. from R. Moody).

#### Mid 20th c.

Owned by Mrs. Pether, occupied by Tom Pether; then passed briefly to Olaf Buxton.

#### 1910

Owned and occupied by Charles Pether (DV Survey, ref. no. 461).

#### 1901

Occupied by Charles Pether (house builder), wife, 8 children (inc. son, carpenter) (census, entry no. 100).

#### 1891

Occupied by Charles Pether (builder), wife, 6 children (census, entry no. 109).

#### 1887

Charles Pether, builder, listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

#### 1881

Occupied by Thomas Smith (agric. labourer), wife, 6 children (census, entry no. 120).

**1876**

T. Smith, chimney sweeper, listed (Harrod's Dir. Oxon.).

**1871**

Occupied by Thomas Smith, 2 grandsons (all chimney sweeps) (census, entry no. 118).

**1863**

Thomas Smith, chimney sweep, listed (Dutton, Allen & Co.'s Dir. Oxon.).

**1861**

Following two households probably occupy this building: (a) Thomas Smith (servant) and servant; (b) Thomas Smith (chimney sweep, wife, 4 children (census, entries nos. 127--8).

**1854**

William Mastin [sic], butcher, listed (PO Dir. Oxon.).

**1851**

Occupied by William Martin (butcher), child (butcher's assistant), servant (census, 3rd part, entry no. 65).

**1847**

William Mastin [sic], butcher, listed (PO Dir. Oxon.).

**1841**

Occupied by Daniel Wrighton (joiner journeyman), wife, 3 children (census, entry no. 310).

**1819**

Occupied by Mr Simpson, a grocer (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, p. 71).

**1793**

Freehold of the Sun Inn was sold; described as 'Inn and Malt House'; let on annual tenancy (Jackson's Oxford Journal).

**By 1787—1807**

Sun Inn kept by Martin Brown (ORO, QSD/V3—4).

**1775**

Property is now owned by Martin Turner (d. 1775); following his death the property is vested in trustees for the use of his cousin Samuel Heath (title abstract; inf. from R. Moody).

**By 1758—82**

Sun Inn kept by John Brown (ORO, QSD/V1—2).

**1689, 1715**

Occupied by Stephen Smith (title abstract; inf. from R. Moody).

**1685**

Owned by Henry Godfrey, in tenure of John King; called the Sun (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 461).

**1652**

Property appears to have two owners and occupiers: Godfrey (presumably Henry Godfrey, gent.) and Mr Masklin; tenants are John King and Simon Legg (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 453).

#### 1642

Tenement possibly occupied by William Foster, who is listed in the Protestation Return (1642) and recorded in 1652 apparently as a former tenant (Oxfordshire and North Berkshire Protestation Returns and Tax Assessments, 1641—42, ed. J. Gibson (ORS 59, 1994); R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 453).

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### PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 7.65 m. Length (map measurement): 44 m. (area immediately behind building).

#### 1999

The area of the building appears unchanged since 1921.

#### 1921

The building on this tenement was much longer than the adjoining cottages to the north. It also looks as though it had distinctive subsections.

**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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