

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

NOTE: these two properties were first recorded as a single property reckoned as one and a half burgages. At the beginning of the 18th century it was divided into two occupational units. Meanwhile, the ownership became divided into two parts (not corresponding to the occupation). The following notes deal first with ownership; occupation is treated separately for the two properties (below).

Notes provided by R. Moody also provide information about the rear of the tenement plot, including the addition of a malthouse between 1776 and 1787.

1: Ownership

1910

Owned and occupied by Elizabeth Sharpe (DV Survey, ref. no. 221).

1893

John Sharp is owner (information from R. Moody).

1883

Will of Joseph Wiggins is proved; sometime afterwards John Sharp acquired an interest in the property (information from R. Moody).

1860

Josiah Pead sells ownership of property to Joseph Wiggins (butcher and occupant) (information from R. Moody).

1839

Moiety A: Josiah Pead buys this from William Wickens, thereby reuniting the ownership of the original tenement (one and a half burgages) (information from R. Moody).

1825

Moiety B: Josiah Pead bought the reversion of this (information from R. Moody).

1821

Moiety B: James Wickens left this to his wife Elizabeth for life, and then to dau. Hannah (married to Robert Harris, butcher) (information from R. Moody).

1819

Moiety A: all parties to the Bateman estate convey the moiety to William Wickens (occupant of Wheatsheaf) (information from R. Moody).

1806

Moiety A: John Bateman (tea dealer) left properties to his wife while she remained in business, and then to be divided between his six daughters (information from R. Moody).

1800

Moiety A: this was conveyed by Ann Rich and son Thomas Rich to John Bateman (mercier) (information from R. Moody).

1795

Moiety B: Matthias Padbury sold this to James Wickins (victualler) (information from R. Moody).

1787

Moiety B: the moiety descended from Susannah Rich was secured to Matthias Padbury (clockmaker) and wife Susannah, nee Baker (information from R. Moody; C.F.C. Beeson, *Clockmaking in Oxfordshire 1400-1850* (Banbury Hist. Soc. IV, 1962), p. 132).

1776

Moiety A: inherited from Sarah Rich, this was secured to Harris Rich (son of Peter Rich junior) and then to his wife, Ann Young (information from R. Moody).

1737

Peter Rich junior conveyed the property to trustees for his two sisters Sarah and Susannah Rich (heirs of Anne Abraham, sister of Peter Rich senior). From this point the property descended as moieties (information from R. Moody).

1698

Sir John Cotton of Landwade, Cambs., and John Stone the younger of London (merchant) sell the capital messuage once known as the Bull to Peter Rich of Upton (papermaker) (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, pp. 474—5).

1697

John Highlord, Esq., of Micham, Surrey, sold properties in Burford to Sir John Cotton and Sir John Stone the younger (merchant) of London (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records* p. 474).

1685

The property probably belonged to Mr John Highlord and was held by Richard Bartholomew (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 454).

1652

The property probably belonged to Mr John Highlord and was held by Richard Bartholomew (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 445).

c.1620

Property probably sold around this time to John Highlord, sometime citizen and alderman of London (cf. R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 474).

1607

John Hannes of Burford (yeoman), and his son and heir Richard Hannes, sell tenement called the Bull to Richard Merywether (yeoman), alderman of Burford. The tenement is occupied by John Silvester (innholder) (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, pp. 401—2).

1552

John Hannes holds a burgage tenement and a half, garden, 2 a.; identified with Nos. 111—113 (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 633).

2: Occupation and Use - 111 High Street (Castles):

2006

W.J. Castle Ltd (butcher).

1939

William John Castle, 'butcher', listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1911

William Castle, 'butcher', listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1910

Owned and occupied by Elizabeth Sharpe (DV Survey, ref. no. 221). L. Lomas, High st, listed as butcher (*Cope's Oxon. Dir.*).

1903

Leonard Lomas, butcher, listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1901

Occupied by Leonard Somes [Lomas] (butcher and farmer), wife, 7 children, 3 servants (census, 2nd part, entry no. 116). NOTE: Somes probably occupied both 111 and 113.

1895

Leonard Lomas, butcher, listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1891

Occupied by Henry J. ??? (butcher and ???), wife and servant. (census, 2nd part, entry no. 138). NOTE: occupants probably occupied both 111 and 113.

1881

Occupied by Chris Wiggins (butcher), sister (census, 2nd part, entry no. 137). NOTE: Wiggins probably occupied both 111 and 113.

1876

Probably occupied by Joseph Wiggins, butcher (*Harrod's Dir. Oxon.*). NOTE: Wiggins probably occupied both 111 and 113.

1871

Occupied by Joseph Wiggins (butcher), wife, 4 children (census, 2nd part, entry no. 123).

The following household appears to come between Nos. 111 and 113: Charles Lindsay (agric. lab.), wife (laundress), son (census, 2nd part, entry no. 122).

1861

Occupied by Joseph Wiggins (butcher), wife, 4 children (census, 2nd part, entry no. 170).

1854

Probably occupied by Samuel Wiggins, butcher (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

1851

Occupied by Samuel Wiggins (butcher), wife, son, servant (census, 2nd part, entry no. 44).

Two more households appear to come between Nos. 111 and 113: (a) Harriet Harris (dressmaker), daughter (governess); (b) Henry Keen (servant), visitor, in Back Lane (census, 2nd part, entries nos. 45—6).

1847

Probably occupied by George Warmington, butcher (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

1841

Occupied by John Warmington (butcher), wife, 6 children (census, entry no. 183).

1830

Probably occupied by James Warmington, butcher (*Pigot's Dir. Oxon.*).

1821

Property occupied by Robert Harris (butcher) (information from R. Moody).

1795

Property occupied by Robert Harris (information from R. Moody).

1787

Property occupied by Thomas Sharpe (information from R. Moody).

1776

Property occupied by William Chavasse (surgeon) (information from R. Moody).

1731

Property occupied probably by James Whiting (information from R. Moody).

1703

Northern part of the property is leased by Peter Rich of Upton to Henry Hayter (ironmonger) of Burford and wife (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 475).

1607

The tenement is occupied by John Silvester (innholder) (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, pp. 401—2).

3: Occupation and Use - 113 High Street (Glass Heritage):

2006

Shop, 'Glass Heritage'.

by 1938

Probably confectionery shop, run by Miss F. and M. Wickins (local information; also listed in *Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*, 1939).

1910

Owned and occupied by Elizabeth Sharpe (DV Survey, ref. no. 221).

1870s f.

Property appears to have been reunited with No. 111.

1871

Possibly occupied by James Griffith (cooper), wife, 3 children (inc. errand boy) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 121).

1868

James Griffith, cooper, listed at Wheatsheaf (*Cassey & Co.'s Dir. Oxon.*).

1864

Mrs Hannah Drew, 'Wheat Sheaf', listed (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

1863

Edward Arthurs, 'Wheat Sheaf', listed (*Dutton, Allen & Co.'s Dir. Oxon.*).

1861

Occupied by Joseph Wickins (innkeeper), wife, 2 children) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 171) The following household was probably in the rear part of No. 111 or 133: Hannah Harris (schoolmistress) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 172).

1854

Joseph Wickens, 'Wheatsheaf & baker', listed (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

1851

Occupied by Joseph Wilkins [Wickens] (innkeeper and baker), wife, 3 children, servant (errand boy) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 47).

The following two households were probably in the rear part of 111 or 113: (a) Hannah Harris (dressmaker), dau. (governess); (b) Henry Keen (house servant), wife, visitor (census, 2nd part, entry nos. 45—6).

1842

‘Wheat Sheaf’ occupied by Joseph Wickins (*Pigot’s Dir. Oxon.*).

1841

Occupied by Joseph Wickens (publican), wife, 2 children servant (census, entry no. 184).

The following household was probably in the rear part of 111 or 113: Hannah Harris (indep., aged 75), 3 others, inc. Samuel Jones (Baptist minister) (census, entry no. 185).

1807 sqq.

William Wickens recorded as licensed victualler at the Old Wheatsheaf (ORO, QSD/V 4).

1795, 1800

Occupied by James Wickins (victualler) (information from R. Moody).

1787

Occupied by Thomas Andrews (victualler of the Wheatsheaf) (information from R. Moody; ORO, QSD V/3).

1776

Occupied by Jonah Freeman (innkeeper) (information from R. Moody).

1731

Occupied by Thomas Aston, possibly a relative of Robert Aston (innkeeper); this may indicate that this section of the tenement had become an inn (information from R. Moody; cf. R. Moody, *Inns of Burford*, I, 16).

1703

The southern part of the complete tenement was occupied by Charles Yate and John Coeburne (R.H. Gretton, *Burford Records*, p. 475).

PLOT INFORMATION

Frontage measurements by Oxfordshire Buildings Record; plot information compiled for EPE.

111 High Street

Frontage width (OBR measurement): 11.7 m. (both 111 and 113). Length (map measurement): 104 m.

1999

Since 1921 the easternmost part of the south rear wing appears to have been altered, and there have been changes to the outbuildings.

1921

The building consists of a front range with two rear ranges, north and south, and various outbuildings. Note that tenement plot extends from High Street to Pytts Lane.

113 High Street

For frontage width and tenement length see No. 111 above. (N.b. shop occupies only part of the building numbered 111 and 113.)

1999

See Note to No. 111 above.

1921

See Note to No. 111 above.

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