

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 96 (Peter Rabbit and Friends)

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

Peter Rabbit and Friends (shop).

1910

Owned by Hunt & Co., occupied by May Cooper; named as Rose and Crown Inn (DV Survey, ref. no. 407).

1903

Mrs Mary Cooper, Rose & Crown, listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

1901

Occupied by Mary Cooper (public house keeper), grandniece; named as Rose and Crown (census, entry no. 44).

1899

Mrs Mary Cooper, Rose & Crown, listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

1895

William Cooper, Rose & Crown, listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

1891

Occupied by William Cooper (innkeeper), wife (assistant publican) (census, entry no. 44).

1887

William Cooper, Rose & Crown P.H., listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

1881

Occupied by William Keen (publican), wife, dau., brother; named as Rose and Crown (census, entry no. 54).

1876

Charles Beal, Rose and Crown, listed (Harrod's Dir. Oxon.).

1871

Occupied by Charles Beal (innkeeper), servant (housekeeper) (census, entry no. 51); also lodger, James Fowler (lath renderer) (census, entry no. 52). Following household also appears to belong here, though it has a separate no.: Henry Wright (saddler) (census, entry no. 53).

1863

Charles Beal listed as 'Rose and Crown, and tallow chandler' (Dutton, Allen & Co., Dir. Oxon.).

1861

Occupied by Charles Beal (innkeeper), wife, boarder ('out of business') (census, entry no. 65). Following household also appears to belong here: Charles Holt, lodger (watchmaker) (census, entry no. 66).

1853

Charles Beal listed as 'victualler, and tallow chandler, Rose and Crown' (Lascelles' Dir. Oxon.).

1851

Occupied by Charles Beal (victualler), wife, nephew, 2 lodgers (agric. labourers) (census, 3rd part, entry no. 39).

1842

Charles Beal, Rose & Crown, listed (Pigot's Dir.).

1841

Probably occupied by Charles Beal (publican), wife, child (diff. surname) (census, entry no. 335).

1830

John Hale, Rose & Crown, listed (Pigot's Dir.).

1823-4

John Smith, Rose & Crown, listed (Pigot's Dir.).

Late 18th c.

Established as inn (R. Moody, Inns of Burford, pp. 60, 62).

1578

Owned (and remodelled) by Simon Wisdom (date and Wisdom's merchant's mark above doorway)

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 7.26 m. Length (map measurement): 44 m. (Tenement length is both 1921 and 1999.)

1999

Since 1921 the rear range appears to have been widened, and the front passageway seems to have been incorporated into the building.

1921

The building comprises a main section and passageway at the front of the plot and a narrow rear range abutting the north edge of the plot.

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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