

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

2007

Domestic property called Cobb House.

1960

Front part of property purchased by Raymond and Joan Moody, who named it Cobb House (inf. from R. Moody).

1958

Former vicarage divided into two properties and sold by David Marsh (inf. from R. Moody).

1955

Vicarage and other property sold to David Marsh (inf. from R. Moody).

Mid 20th century

During WWII, property and grounds used by armed forces; building then divided into flats for families awaiting council housing (inf. from R. Moody).

c.1937

Property ceased to be a vicarage, following retirement of Canon W.C. Emeris (inf. from R. Moody).

1910

Owner and occupier, Revd W.C. Emeris (DV survey, ref. no. 375).

1901

William Cass (vicar), wife, 2 servants (census, entry no. 4).

1891

William Cass, wife, 2 sons, boarder, 2 servants (census, entry no. 2).

1881

William Cass (vicar), wife, 3 sons, 3 servants (census, entry no. 1).

c.1876

Demolition of most of former Cobb Hall (medieval or Tudor courtyard house); sole surviving range was joined to the vicarage (inf. from R. Moody).

1871

John H. Burgess (vicar), wife, 2 servants (census, entry no. 6).

1861

John H. Burgess (vicar), wife, visitor, 2 servants (census, entry no. 6).

1851

Revd James Jones (vicar), mother, sister, brother (scholar), 2 pupils, 3 servants (census, entry no. 10).

1841

Caroline Cooper, 2 daus., 4 servants (census, entry no. 124).

1836

Vicarage reported to be dilapidated (inf. from R. Moody).

1384, 1435, 1484

Vicarage tenement mentioned in conveyance (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., pp. 317, 422, 426).

PLOT INFORMATION

Tenement comprises: (a) part of former vicarage; (b) one surviving range of the former Cobb Hall; (c) a garden which was formerly associated with Cobb Hall. Most of the information above refers to the former vicarage.

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