

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

125 and 125A High Street (with 'Chevrans')

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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 - 125 High Street

2006

Shop at front, 'The Hideaway' (No. 125); house behind and above (125A).

2003

Shop at front, 'French Grey' (No. 125); house behind and above (125A).

1997

Property ceased to be a garage.

Late 20th century

Property was used as a garage.

1920

Jonathan Robert Wirdnam, 'carrier', listed (at 125?) (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1911, 1915

Jonathan Robert Wirdnam, 'saddler', listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1910

Owned by Leon Lomas, occupied by Jonathan Wirdnam (DV Survey, ref. no. 214).

1903

Jonathan Robert Wirdnam, 'saddler', listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1901

Occupied by Elizabeth Wirdnam (harness maker), son, visitor (dairymaid) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 122).

1899

Richard Wirdnam, 'saddler & shopkeeper', listed (*Kelly's Dir. Oxon.*).

1891

Occupied by Richard Wirdnam (saddler and harness maker), wife, son, apprentice (census, 2nd part, entry no. 143).

1881

Occupied by Richard Wyrndnam (saddler, grocer), wife, 4 children (inc. saddler), apprentice (saddler) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 143).

1876

Richard Wirdnam, 'harness, saddle, and collarmaker Horses and carriages let out on hire, supplied in pairs if required' (*Harrod's Dir. Oxon.*).

1871

Occupied by Richard Wirdnam (saddler, grocer), wife, 8 children, apprentice (saddler) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 116).

1868

Richard Wirdnam, saddler, listed (*Cassey's Dir. Oxon.*).

1861

Occupied by Thomas Sharpe (draper), wife, 3 children (census, 2nd part, entry no. 177).

1854

Thomas Sharpe listed; described as 'tailor, woollen draper, hatter, and Parish Constable; agent for the Mercantile Life Assurance Office' (*Billing's Dir. Oxon.*).

1851

Occupied by Thomas Sharpe (draper, tailor), wife, 6 children, apprentice, servant (census, 2nd part, entry no. 52).

1842

Thomas Sharpe listed as tailor and draper (*Pigot's Dir. Oxon.*).

1841

Occupied by Thomas Sharpe (tailor), 3 children, female servant, journeyman (tailor), apprentice (tailor) (census, entry no. 191).

'Chevrons'

2003

House, 'Chevrons'. (NOTE: main entrance now in Swan Lane.)

1910

Owned and occupied by Henry Shaylor (DV Survey, ref. no. 213).

1901

Occupied by John Wirdnam (mail contractor), wife, 4 children, boarder (wine merchant's clerk) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 123).

1891

Occupied by John Sheppard (postman), wife (census, 2nd part, entry no. 144). NOTE: following household might be in same property: Ann Baker (widow), sister, visitor, servant (domestic), visitor (census, 2nd part, entry no. 145).

1881

Occupied by Henry Woodland (linen draper), wife, 3 children, servant (census, 2nd part, entry no. 144).

1876

Mrs East, dressmaker, listed (*Harrod's Dir. Oxon.*).

1871

Occupied by Mary East (milliner, dressmaker), 4 children (inc. errand boy), boarder (census, 2nd part, entry no. 115).

1869

Mrs Mary Ann East, 'dress maker', listed (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

1864

James Griffith, cooper, listed (*PO Dir. Oxon.*). (By 1868 had moved to Wheatsheaf. *See* No. 113 above.)

1861

Occupied by James Griffith (cooper), wife, 5 children (census, 2nd part, entry no. 178).

1853

James Griffith described as 'cooper, and dealer in garden seeds' (*Lascelles' Dir. Oxon.*).

1851

Occupied by James Griffith (cooper), wife, 2 sons (inc. errand boy) (census, 2nd part, entry no. 54).

The following household might be in same property: William Nooney (agric. lab.), wife, 2 children (census, 2nd part, entry no. 54).

1847

James Griffiths, cooper, listed (*PO Dir. Oxon.*).

1842

William Nunney, High Street, listed as slater and plasterer (*Pigot's Dir. Oxon.*).

1841

Occupied by William Nunney (plasterer), wife (census, entry no. 192).

The following household might be same property: Nathaniel Jackson (cooper) (census, entry no. 193).

The following entry follows, assigned to a property called Rose Cottage: George Bullock (attorney), wife, 2 children, female servant (census, entry no. 194).

1830

[James Nunney, High Street, listed as slater and plasterer (*Pigot's Dir. Oxon.*).]

PLOT INFORMATION

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

125 High Street

Frontage width (OBR measurement): 14.4 m. (inc. 7.3 m. for shop). Length (map measurement): 44 m. (Length measurement excludes garages at rear.)

1999

Since 1921 the rear range appears to have been shortened. The eastern part of the plot has become occupied by garages.

1921

The eastern end of the tenement plot included land behind the building to the south, adjacent to Swan Lane. The building consists of a front range with a fairly wide range behind, occupying about two-thirds of the plot width.

Chevrons

Length (map measurement): 44 m. (Length measurement excludes garages at rear.)

1999

Since 1921 the building has been extended a little at the rear.

1921

Building is rectangular.

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