

# Oxfordshire

## BELL STREET BUSINESSES IN THE 19TH CENTURY

as recorded in the ten-yearly censuses from 1841 to 1901

Baker Bookseller Bootmaker Builder Butcher	Fishmonger Fruiterer	Maltster Mason Milkman Milliner
Cabinet maker Carrier Chemist Clock maker Confectioner/pastrycook Cordwainer Corn Dealer	Glover GP/Surgeon Grocer	Perfumier/hairdresser Plumber
Decorator Draper Dyer/Cleaner	Haberdasher Hatmaker	Saddler Schoolmistress Smith
Eating House	Inn keeper Iron founder Ironmonger	Tailor Tax Collector/Local Gov't Tinsmith Tobacconist

During the 19th century there were always around 70 households recorded in the census, with the majority of residents recorded as businessmen or shopkeepers. In 1841 the trades were on the whole utilitarian – two drapers a tailor, plumber, three bakers and two boot makers. However, in 1891 there was a professor of music, an engine driver and a seal engraver, amongst others.

As in modern times businesses came and went, but there were a number who appeared in more than one census: George Robertson the watchmaker (1861-81), William Stevens, ironmonger (1851-81), Pithers the butcher (1861-91). A tailor's business owned by the Watts family began trading at Nos 10/12 Bell Street at the very beginning of the century, and the business was only sold to Messrs Silver in 1924.

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