

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 20

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

2004

Domestic property.

c.1995

Bought by Michael Michael Taubenheim (inf. from R. Moody).

1960

Property occupied by Mrs Arkell (inf. from R. Moody).

1910

Nos. 20 and 22 were owned by the executors of James Hall; both were occupied by James Butler (DV Survey, ref. no. 283).

1901

Occupied by James Butler (blacksmith), and wife; 4 rooms. Possibly also Susannah Orpwood (pensioner); 2 rooms (may have been in No. 22) (census, entries nos. 6, 7).

1895

Thomas Ruddle, hairdresser, listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

1891

Occupied by Thomas Ruddle (hairdresser); probably also by Helena Clee (Board School mistress) (census, entries no. 4, 5).

1887

Thomas Ruddle, hairdresser, listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

1881

Occupied by Mercy Clee (dressmaker) and dau. (infant Board School mistress) (census, entry no. 3).

1871

Occupied by Edward Cooper (master of National School), wife, son, mother (census, entry no. 8).

1861

Probably occupied by Amelia Crockett (schoolmistress), and lodger (census, entry no. 8).

1854

Isaac Green, wheelwright, listed (Billing's Dir. Oxon.).

1851

Occupied by Isaac Green (wheelwright), wife, female visitor (census, entry no. 8).

1850

Isaac Green, wheelwright, listed (Slater's Dir.).

1841

Probably occupied (with No. 22) by David Francis (baker), probably wife and sister (census, entry no. 123).

1737

Property belongs to, or is occupied by, Richard Monke (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 332).

1716

Property belongs to, or is occupied by, Richard Monke (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 331).

1678

Property belongs to Paul Silvester (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 329).

1658

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1628

Tenement belongs to John Sympson (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 346). [Perhaps occupied by Sympson?]

1571

Property described as a barn belonging to Edmund Silvester (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 322).

1492

Property belongs to abbot of Keynsham (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 427).

1484

Property belongs to abbot of Keynsham (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 426).

1446

Property belongs to abbot of Keynsham (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 424).

1435

Property probably belongs to the abbot of Keynsham (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 422).

PLOT INFORMATION

Nos. 20 and 22 appear to occupy one original plot. Its full depth was 30 m. The frontage width of No. 20 in 2002 was 6.23 m. (OBR measurement). The north side of No. 22's plot was about half the depth of the full plot.

1999

The plot associated with No. 22 occupies about half the depth of the original plot. The building occupies about 3/5ths of the plot depth. It appears to have been extended slightly to the rear since 1921.

1921

The building's 'depth' is shorter than in 2002. No part of the plot is clearly associated with either No. 20 or No. 22. There was also a substantial building on the rear 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)