

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: Yard probably behind No. 144

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

Note: from 1841 households are recorded apparently living behind No. 144, or somewhere in the vicinity. This appears to be the place called Holland's Yard in 1901, apparently taking over the name used earlier for a yard three tenements or so to the north.

1901

The following households in this location are listed under the name 'Holland's Yard':

- (a) George Green (carpenter and joiner), wife, 2 daus. (dressmakers).
- (b) Len Sharpe (tailor), 1 room.
- (c) Jane Cowley (baker).
- (d) Robert Spurrett (slatter and joiner), wife, 3 children, father-in-law (wheelwright).

1891

The following households appear to be located here (census, entries nos. 92—4):

- (a) Jane Cowley (baker) and son (baker's assistant).
- (b) William Nunney (slatter and plasterer), wife, 6 children.
- (c) William Bayliss (retired maltster).

1881

[Apparently no households listed.]

1871

Probably occupied by the following households (census, entries nos. 36—7):

- (a) Thomas Wiggins (boot manufacturer), wife, 8 children.
- (b) Charles Smith (attorney), son.

1861

Probably occupied by following households (census, entries no. 115—16):

- (a) James Bryan (butcher), wife, apprentice, servant.
- (b) James Lunn (farm bailiff), lodger with (a).

1851

Probably occupied by following household (census, 3rd part, entry no. 51):

- (a) William Cox (cabinet maker), wife, 2 servants (inc. journeyman cabinet maker).

1841

Probably occupied by following households (census, entries nos. 323--4):

- (a) William Cox (cabinet maker), wife.
- (b) John Bryan (miller), Richard Brown (apprentice).

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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