

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

### High Street: No. 82 (Library)

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

#### 2003

Burford branch of Oxfordshire County Council Library Service.

#### 1910

With No. 82, reported to be owned and occupied by William Smith (DV Survey, ref. no. 396).

#### 1901

Tenant away at time of census (census, note after entry no. 40).

#### 1891

Uninhabited (census, after entry no. 40).

#### 1881

Occupied by Edward Thomas (wheelwright), wife, 2 children (son, journeyman butcher; dau., domestic servant), visitor (dressmaker) (census, entry no. 49).

#### 1871

Situation unclear. Could be unoccupied, or occupied by the household listed above for No. 80.

#### 1867

Mr. R. Minchin, High Street, listed (Melville & Co., Dir. Oxon.).

#### 1861

Occupied by Richard Minchin (land and house proprietor), sister (census, entry no. 61).

**1851**

Occupied by Richard Minckine (hotel proprietor), sister (census, 3rd part, entry no. 34).

**1841**

Probably occupied by Susannah and Richard Minchin (both independent) (census, entry no. 340).

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## **PLOT INFORMATION**

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 10.77 m. (inc. gateway of 1.1 m.). Length (map measurement): 54 m. (Length is of tenement plot in 1921.)

**1999**

Since 1921 the rear ranges appear to have been remodelled (or perhaps rebuilt), with the southern range now being slightly wider than the northern one.

**1921**

Building comprises deep front section and two rear, parallel ranges separated by narrow passage, with northern range being wider than southern range.

**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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