

Oxfordshire

BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

High Street: No. 172 (Midcot House)

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Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession.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

Domestic use.

1930s—60s

Occupied by George Brooks, woodwork master at Burford G.S. and enthusiastic golfer; followed by the Hon. Mrs. Priscilla Taylor, daughter of Lord Piercy. At some time the property was called Midhill House (inf. from R. Moody).

1910

Owned by Eva Faulkner; occupied by Arthur Pether (DV Survey, ref. no. 466).

1903

Miss Faulkner, High Street, listed as private resident (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1901

Probably occupied by the following two 'households': (a) Eva Faulkner (dressmaker); (b) Fred Cass (assistant schoolmaster) (census, entries nos. 101--2).

1899

Mrs Faulkner, High Street, listed as private resident (Kelly's Dir. Oxon.).

1891

Probably occupied by the following two 'households': (a) Elizabeth Faulkner (widow), 2 daus. (domestic cook, dressmaker); (b) Alfred Micklewright (clerk) (census, entries nos. 110—11).

1881

Probably occupied by the following two households: (a) Elizabeth Faulkner, dau., sister; (b) lodger (private income) (census, entries nos. 121—2).

1871

Probably occupied by the following two households: (a) Charlotte Empson (carpenter's wife), 2 sons (printer and compositor; letter carrier); (b) James Wingfield (unemployed labourer), wife (census, entries nos. 119—20).

1861

Probably occupied by Sarah Browning (licensed hawkker), dau., lodger (census, entry no. 129).

1851

Probably occupied by William Taylor (agric. labourer), wife, dau. (census, entry no. 66).

1846

Sarah Stayt, widow, conveys property to William Stone; tenant is Mr Jammatt (inf. from R. Moody).

1841

Probably occupied by Joseph Dutton (Excise officer), Henry Jemmett (land agent), female servant (census, entry no. 309).

1802

Death of John Turner; bequeaths house (in will of 1801) to daughter Sarah Stayt; property is occupied by Mr Burrell (inf. from R. Moody).

1775

Following death (1775) of Martin Turner of Filkins, tailor (son of Martin Turner jnr), it is agreed that the property should be vested in a trustee for the use of his cousin John Turner (title abstract; inf. from R. Moody).

1773

Property is occupied by John Brown of Burford, victualler, probably a relative of the Turner family (title abstract; inf. from R. Moody).

1768

Death of Martin Turner, jnr; property presumably passed to his son Martin (inf. from R. Moody).

1715

Martin Turner the elder of Signet, yeoman, vest property in Martin Turner, jnr, and Sarah Sheppard as part of their marriage settlement; each to hold for life and property then passes to their heirs. M.T. jnr is later described as tailor, of Burford (title abstract; inf. from R. Moody).

1714

Edward Butler of Bicester, butcher, and wife Mary (formerly wife of George Osman, deceased) sell property to Martin Turner of Signet (title abstract; inf. from R. Moody).

1693

Richard Jordan sells tenement to George Osman of Burford, slater, for £50 (title abstract; inf. from R. Moody).

1689

Thomas Jordan of Witney, mercer, sells tenement to father Richard Jordan of Witney, mercer, for £40 (title abstract; inf. from R. Moody).

1685

This was possibly the tenement that belonged to Richard Jordan and was held from him by Edward Wills; described as 'on the Hill' (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 455).

1652

This was possibly the tenement that belonged to Thomas Jordan (formerly Robert Veysey's) and was held from him by William Baylies; described as 'late Parretts Land' (R.H. Gretton, Burford Recs., p. 447).

PLOT INFORMATION

Measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record. Frontage width (OBR measurement): 7.6 m.
Length (map measurement): 50 m.

1999

The area of the main building appears unchanged from 1921, though an outhouse or extension seems to have been removed.

1921

Though this building has a wide and grand front, the interior seems to have been quite shallow (only slightly deeper than the cottages at Nos. 166 and 168).

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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