

# Townscape Heritage Project

## Building Timeline

44 NORTON ROAD  
(PREVIOUSLY 1 HARDWICK  
TERRACE)



**Stockton-on-Tees**  
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## INTRODUCTION

The research to create a timeline of the historic buildings of Stockton has drawn on resources such as trade directories, newspapers and census information. Whilst we have been able to construct some quite detailed pictures, there are gaps which we would like to fill. If you have any further information that could assist us, please contact [Eleanor.blyth@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:Eleanor.blyth@stockton.gov.uk).

We would like to thank volunteers who have worked on the timelines.

## C1857 BEST

There is reference to the sale of 1 Hardwick Terrace in 1857. The advertisement is informative as it dates the construction of the premises as some time shortly before that date and provides insight into the layout.

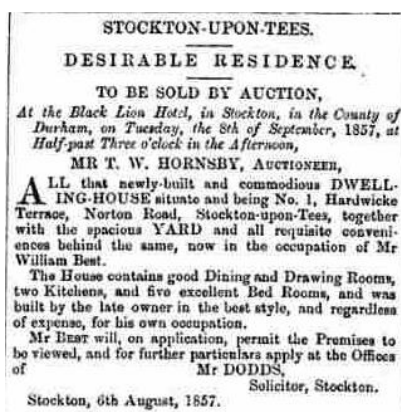


Figure 1 Durham Chronicle - Friday 04 September 1857

## C1861 CRAGGS

The 1861 Census records Thomas Craggs, Clerk and Accountant at 1 Hardwick Terrace. By the 1871 Census, Thomas has moved to Heighs Place where he is still found in the 1881 Census.

## C1871 RICHARDSON

John William Richardson is recorded at 1 Hardwick Terrace in the 1871 Census. The address is marked as 'Hardwick House.' His occupation is a Commercial Clerk at a Timber Merchant. He is resident with his sisters and a boarder George Martin who is an architect.



## C1876 TROTTER

The 1876 directory records Trotter, upholsterer at 1 Hardwick terrace. Press reports of the murder trial of John Pattison in 1876 detail the involvement, as witnesses, of the Trotter family of 1 Hardwick Terrace. Annie Sophia Trotter and her daughter Selina Sophia Trotter attended the scene at 6 Hardwick Terrace. Fenwick Trotter was boarding with the Pattisons.

In 1871 the Trotter family were living on St John's Road Stockton. Benjamin Trotter, an Upholsterer is recorded as head of the family. There are 3 children present at the address and 2 males, Fenwick and Reginald Trotter who are recorded as the brothers of Benjamin Trotter. By the time of the murder, Annie Sophia Trotter is a widow, presumably relocating due to the death of her husband. The 1873 Post Office Directory shows Trotter at 1 Central Buildings.

By the 1881 Census, the Trotter family has moved to Ewbank Street and Mrs Trotter is occupied as an Upholsterer. Reginald is a pianist. They are also in subsequent Census records in addresses in Stockton and Thornaby until 1901 and then in 1911 Annie Sophia Trotter is found with her son Walter in Thornaby.

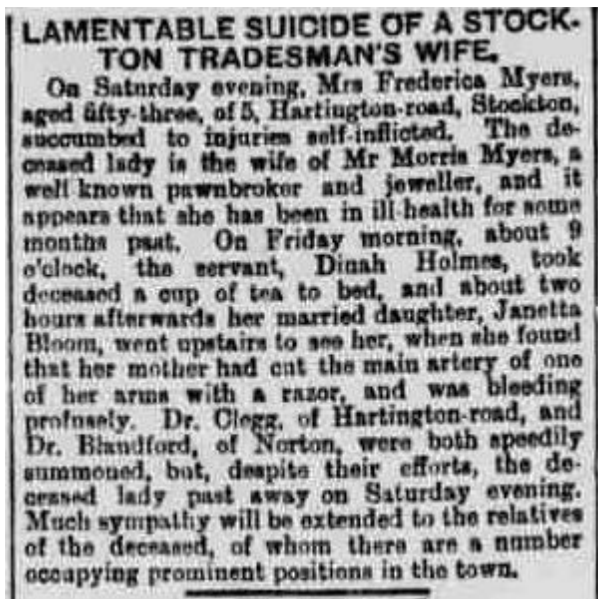
## C1881 MYERS

The 1881 Census records Morris Myers, Pawnbroker at 1 Hardwick Terrace. His place of birth is recorded as Poland. His wife Frederika was born in the Netherlands. The family are recorded in Edinburgh in the 1860 and 1871 Census. Whilst their older daughter, aged 17 was born in Poland, their youngest child, age 5 was born in Stockton so this dates the arrival of the family in the town in the 1870s. Indeed, there is reference in the press to court proceedings against Morris Myers relating to the redemption of items from his pawnshop in the Shields Daily Gazette 19th August 1879.

Morris Myers appears to have had several shops in Stockton. There is reference in the Durham County Advertiser of 28<sup>th</sup> September 1883 to Morris Myers having a Pawnbrokers shop on Crosby Terrace Norton Road. There is also refence to Myers having premises on Queen Street in the Northern Weekly Gazette 23rd October 1880 and in the Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser of 7th November 1891

The Northern Echo of 10th August 1891 reports the tragic death, by suicide of Frederika, Morris Myer's wife.





By the time of Mrs Myer's death the family was living at Hartington Road. Morris Myers died on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1898.

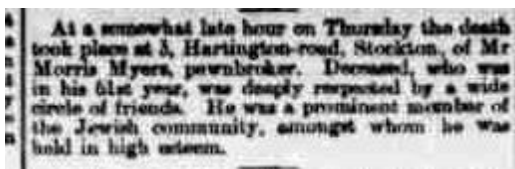


Figure 2 Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser (22 October 1898)

According to the National Probate Calendar Morris Meyers left an estate of over £5,000. His son Myers E Myers , granted probate, is also recorded as a Pawnbroker.

### C1891 ROBINSON

1 Hardwick Terrace, Norton Road is occupied by Mary A Robinson, a widow according to the 1891 Census. This is confirmed by the Whelan's 1894 Directory and 1890 Kelly's Directory.

The 1861, 1871 and 1881 Census shows Mary Ann Robinson is the wife of Charles Robinson, Examining Officer HM Customs in Stockton. Charles Robinson died on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1883. At the time of his death he was living in Cardigan Street, Stockton.

Mary Ann Robinson died on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1905. At the time of her death she was living in Howden Street.

### C1901 OLIVER



The 1901 Census shows George Oliver at the address as a Fruiterer. The Ward's Directory 1900 and 1904 record the premises as Oliver's Cycles. An article in the press sheds some light. Oliver was operating both as a cycle dealer and as a fruit shop. Oliver's Cycles, as explained by Mr Oliver, had been in business in Stockton for several years. The business had previously been located at 1 Central Buildings.



Figure 3A Stockton Failure: *Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser* (18 April 1908)

The 1911 Census finds George Oliver and his family at 46 Mill Street, Stockton. He is employed as a plater's helper. This suggests that he had to take on manual work in the shipyards after the demise of his business. His sons are working as an apprentice plumber and a plater's marker.

## BEAUMONT

The 1911 Census records 1 Hardwick Terrace occupied by Ellen Beaumont, a widow and her adult children, Matilda and Joseph who is recorded as being a hairdresser. Also present was her brother William Snaith, a painter, and a boarder, Matthew Anderson, a labourer.

Prior to her residence in Hardwick Terrace Ellen was living in Thornaby with her husband John, a shipyard driller. Ellen is recorded as being a confectioner.

## LEWIS





The 1912 ,1914 Wards Directories record Lewis, Confectioner at 1 Hardwick Terrace.

Scott and Lewis, Confectioners had premises in Tennant Street. In 1906. There was a fire reported in the Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser - Saturday 06 October 1906

#### NOAD

Michelson died on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1918.

#### LEWIS, FOSTER & PARNABY

Lewis Confectioner is recorded in the Ward's Directory in 1912, along with Foster & Parnaby, drapers.

#### NOAD

Noad, confectioner is recorded at 1a Central buildings in the Ward's Directory 1925

#### RIDLEY

The Ward's Directory 1925 records the Ridley Cycle Company at number 1 Central Buildings.

#### MOORES

Moore's grocers is recorded in the 1930 and 1938 Ward's Directory.

