

# Townscape Heritage Project

## Building Timeline

### 5A HIGH STREET



## 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.

## 5A HIGH STREET

The occupancy of the addresses on High Street in the early part of the 1800s is somewhat unclear. The individual premises on the High Street are not numbered in the 1841 Census.

The Langley family, as the first family on the High Street can be taken as a marker for number 1, in the 1841 Census, however there are several families occupying what might have been subdivisions of buildings or an offshoot of the High Street main street (there is, for example, reference to Well Yard).

For this reason the earlier history of 1-5 High Street has been combined until records are clearer about the occupants.

This map from 1855 shows 5a High Street as a separate entity.



Figure 1 1855 Map of Stockton- [Mirador Viewer \(durham.ac.uk\)](http://Mirador Viewer (durham.ac.uk))



### C 1851 CALLANDER

In the 1851 Hager's Directory and the Slater's 1855 Commercial Directory, there is reference to 5 High Street occupied by G Callender, Butcher. In the 1851 Census G Callender is found living there with his two sisters. The 1861 Census, however specifies the address of 5a High Street with George Callander, Master Butcher living there with 2 Boarders.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 1869 George's wife Alice died at the age of 25, recorded in the Durham County advertiser.

The continued presence of George Callander in Stockton is evident in an advertisement placed on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1879 in the Northern Echo where it is reported that he has lost his dog.

### C 1871 TINKLER

In the 1871 Census Joshua Brantingham Tinkler (born 1844) is living at the address, recorded with a Boarder and a visitor. The 1881 Census states Joshua Brantingham Tinkler, a valet and domestic servant is in residence at 6 High Street- this may be 5a which is not recorded. Coning's Grocers is at number 5 High Street. Tinkler may have been in the annex. By 1891 Joshua Brantingham Tinkler is recorded in the Census as an Invalid's Attendant at Victoria House, Coatham. His death is recorded in 1892.

### C 1881 WETHERALL

In the 1876 directory J Wetherall, who was a Watchmaker is recorded at the premises, his title changing in the 1879 Directory to J Wetherall Jeweller. In the 1881 census 5a is not recorded but the 1881 Directory references Wetherall, Watchmaker, Jeweller and Optician at 5a High Street. The premises continues to be operated by Weatherall with Weatherall Watchmaker recorded in the 1894 directory and Weatherall Jewellers recorded from 1896 to 1911.

### C 1891 MINTO

In the 1891 Census William Minto, his wife Elizabeth and their 5 children are living at 5a High Street. William's occupation is described as a Cycle Maker and Agent. This family may have been dwelling at the address whilst the Wetheralls operated a shop.



### C 1901 WILLIAM SPINK

The 1901 Census records William Spink and an extended family living at the address. His occupation is not legible.

### C 1912 GRIMSTEAD

There is no record for the premises in the 1912 Ward's Directory but in 1914 it is occupied by Grimstead Umbrella Dealer.

### C 1917 MOSSOM

In the 1917 Ward's Directory the premises is occupied by Mossom Pharmacist. Arthur Henry Mossom previously appears in the Kelly's 1914 Directory as a Chemist and Druggist at Albion Pharmacy on Norton Road, Stockton. Prior to that in 1902 he is recorded in the Kelly's Directory as a Commercial Traveller.

In retirement Mr Mossom has appeared to have fallen foul of the law when he is fined in 1939 for having a firearms without a certificate this is reported in the North Eastern Gazette 9 January 1939.

The 1939 England and Wales register records Artur H. Mossom at number 4 Fife Road, Stockton aged 73 years, his occupation being cited as 'Qualified Pharmacist'.

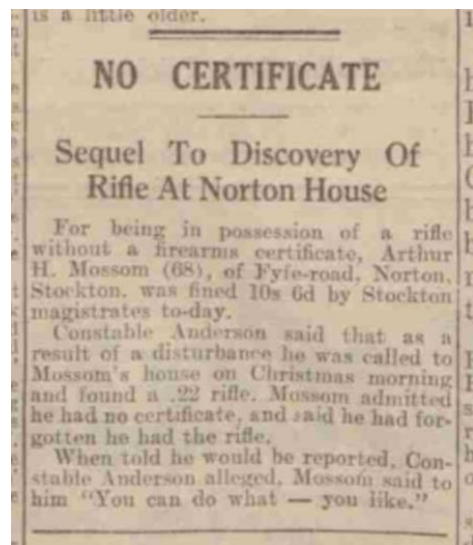


Figure 2 No Certificate: North Eastern Gazette (9 January 1939)

### C 1933 LEVY

Between 1933 to 1934 the premises changed hands, transferring from Mossom to Levy Pharmacist, the latter occupying the premises until 1938.





### C 1950 PETE'S SNACK BAR

From 1950 to 1971 The premises was occupied by Pete's Snack Bar.



### C 1981 CUT PRICE TOBACCONISTS

In 1981 there was a tobacconist at this location with Howards the hairdressers situated above.

