

Townscape Heritage Project

Building Timeline

5 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.

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

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.

As the century progresses, it is easier to account for the occupancy of the addresses as the addresses are more clearly marked.



C 1834 MIDDLETON

We believe the building was occupied by J Middleton in 1834.

C 1836 DEAVILLE

It is believed that from 1836 to 1840 the building was occupied by William Deaville.

C 1841 WATSON

Thomas Watson, Grocer, is featured in the 1841 Census on High Street with Mary Watson and several children.

The Durham County Advertiser - Friday 12 September 1851 features the conviction of Thomas Watson, Grocer for deficiencies in his scales. He was fined 10 Shillings and costs. Thomas Watson is still recorded at 5 High Street in the 1851 Census, aged 77 years and now he is a hand loom weaver.

C 1851 CALLENDER

The next occupants of the address are the Callendar family. The 1841 Census shows the Callender family at Oxbridge House, East Hartburn Stockton. Thomas Callender is a farmer, and he is living with his wife Ann and their 10 children including their son George Callender who is a butcher. Thomas is still found at Oxbridge House in the 1851 and 1861 Census, dying in August 1869.

George Callender set himself up as a butcher on Stockton High Street at some point in the 1850s. The 1851 Census helpfully provides a handwritten note in the margin to indicate the location of number 5 High Street and we can see that the address is occupied by George Callender, butcher. George is living with his sister Elizabeth.

An 1855 map shows that the premises has, by this time been divided into two, comprising 5 and 5a High Street.



bricklayer. The Gazette dated 25th November 1874 relates the inquest into the death of a child, John Robert Tinkler who was run over by a horse and cart. Evidence of identification is given by his father Robert Tinkler of the Black Horse Inn.

Probate records relating to the death of Ann Brantingham in 1879 show that her nephew, Joshua Brantingham Tinkler, a Hosier was living at 5 High Street at this time. The other executer was Alfred Watson, a Grocer from Norton. This could possibly be a relative of the Watsons previously in occupation of 5 High Street.

The 1881 Census states Joshua Brantingham Tinkler, a valet and domestic servant is in residence on High Street. 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 1876 JOHN CONING- GROCER

John Coning, the next occupant of the address was born in in 1847 in Stockton and was the son to Joseph and Ester. Joseph was a grocer originating in Malton.

By 1876, the Slaters Directory shows John had followed in his father's footsteps, having his own grocers at 5 High Street. The 1879 Directory records John Coning Grocer and Thomas Coning Provision Dealer at the premises.

In the 1881 Census John is still at number 5 with his wife Sarah and their children and servant (Violet Fawcett). In the 1881 Directory he is a Grocer and Provisions Merchant and in the 1894 Directory he is recorded as a Grocer.

In the 1891 Census, 5 High Street is still Coning Grocers, but the Coning family are no longer living there. The premises is occupied by John Parsons (born 1867) and his wife and daughter. John Parson's occupation is described as a Labourer. The 1901 Census shows 5 High Street as occupied by John Parsons, General Salesman with his wife and children.



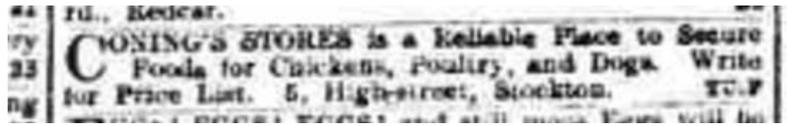
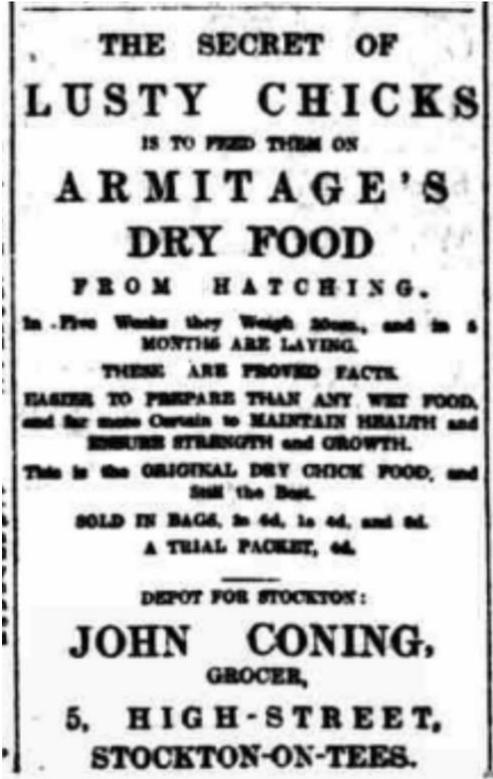


Figure 3 Coning's Store Advert: North- Eastern Daily Gazette (20 October 1916)

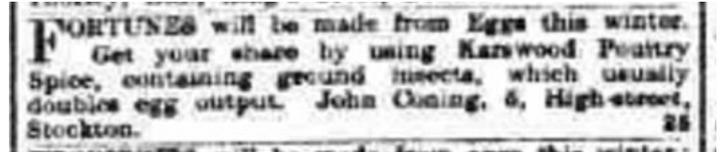


Figure 2 Fortunes will be made Advert: North- Eastern Daily Gazette (20 October 1916)

Figure 4 Advert in the North-Eastern Daily Gazette (30 May 1911)

According to the 1901 Census, John Coning is living at 2 Newby Lane with his family but by the 1911 Census, the family has reoccupied 5 High Street and John's son Joseph is Grocer's Assistant.

In the 1912 Directory the premises name has been changed to Coning Stores.

John Coning died on the 15 May 1914. Coning Stores remained at the site until 1925, with several advertisements for Coning's Stores evident in the local press.

C 1926 TILSON- FISHMONGERS

By 1926, 5 High Street had changed hands and is now Tilson Fishmongers, this being recorded in Ward's Directory of that year.

C 1928 WILSON

The premises continued as a fishmonger with W.H Wilson in occupation from 1928-1929.

C 1930 WHITAKER- FISHMONGER

The 1930- 1931 directory records Whitaker, fishmonger at the address.



C 1932 PUGH- FISHMONGERS

Pugh took over the property, he is recorded as a fishmonger at the property for the short period of time between 1932-1933.

C 1933 TEASDALE- FISHMONGERS

By 1933 Teasdale took over the Fishmongers and was there till at least 1939.

C 1955 APPLEBY

The premises is occupied by Appleby from 1955 to at least 1956

C 1952- 1961

During the period 1952-1961 the building housed the Stockton Cooperative Society.

C 1971 MUNROE

In 1971Munroe (Teesside) Ltd, Butcher is recorded at the premises.

C 1981 MAXWELL

Dennis Maxwell, Turf Accountant was in occupation of the premises in 1981

DATE U/K BETTERBUY

This photograph shows the building in quite a run-down condition with Betterbuy Domestic in occupation.

