

Townscape Heritage Project

Building Timeline

6 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.



C 1851 WILEY-CARTWRIGHT

The first record found of an occupant at 6 High Street was Robert Wiley, who was a Cartwright and Wheelwright, recorded in the trade directories at the address from 1851 through until 1861. His residence at the address is also confirmed in the 1851 and 1861 Census, where he is recorded at the property with his wife Margaret and their daughter.

The Wileys were an old Stockton family. Robert Wiley was born in Stockton on Christmas day 1800. He is recorded in the Presbyterian baptism register as the son of William Wiley, Cartwright. Records show that William Wiley's father, also William was a proprietor of land, paying land tax in Stockton in 1798 and 1799. The Newcastle Courant - Saturday 26 April 1834 records the marriage of Robert Wiley to Margaret Hercules.

By the time of the 1871 Census Robert was retired, having left High Street. The 1881 Census shows Robert living with his wife and their daughter Margaret Hercules Wiley, a Governess at 12 Nelson Street, Stockton. Robert Wiley died on 2nd January 1888.

C 1871 O'DONNELL- DRESS MAKER

The next occupant found is Mary O'Donnell, recorded at the address in the 1871 Census Mary was the sole occupant of 6 High Street, working as a Dress and Mantle- Maker. There is very little to be found about Mary O'Donnell. There is a record of a marriage of a Mary O'Donnell to a Patrick Walsh in Stockton in November 1871 which may be Mary.

C 1874 INGLIS- TOBACCONIST

John Thorburn Inglis was in occupation of 6 High Street for several years. J.T Inglis was born in 1821 in Scotland. The 1841 Census records the 20 year old John as a tobacconist's apprentice living with the Turnbull family in Scotland.

The 1851 Census records J.T Inglis on Regent Street, Stockton as a Journeyman Tobacconist. This would indicate that he was working for someone else. His wife, Mary is recorded as an Infant School Mistress.

The Northern Echo 1875 contains an advert for J.T Inglis that states the business was established in 1852 so it appears that he set up his own business soon after this Census record was made.

The 1861 and 1871 Census record John as a Tobacconist living in Stranton, Hartlepool but soon after he is recorded to be establishing himself in Stockton. In the winter of 1865 and into early 1866 J.T Inglis places a

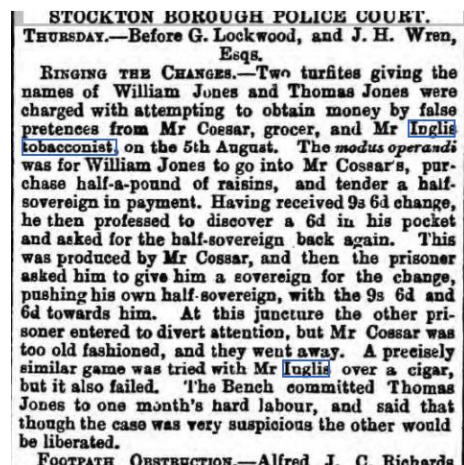


Figure 1 Stockton Borough Police Court: Daily Gazette for Middlesbrough (7 August 1874) British Newspaper Archive



series of advertisements in the Stockton Herald and Cleveland Advertiser that indicate he already had premises at 37 High Street which he was leaving in favour of 'more commodious premises' at 6 High Street.

There is reference to a theft from Mr Inglis, tobacconist and a Mr Cossar, grocer in August 1874. The address is not specified but this is likely to be High Street. The culprit was sentenced to a month's hard labour. J.T Inglis is recorded at 6 High Street in the Slater's Directory of 1876 as Tobacconist & Tea Dealer. He is confirmed as living there in the 1881 census with his wife Mary and their children and a servant, Eliza Bell. John's wife, Mary was the sister of Robert Wiley, a previous occupant of the premises. One of John's sons, William is recorded as working for him as a Tobacconist's Assistant whilst another, Alexander is recorded as a Dealer in Fancy Goods.

J.T Inglis died on 14th August 1884 at 6 High Street. The Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser - Saturday 16 August 1884 records Mr Inglis as 'one of the oldest tradesmen in the borough and was greatly respected.' He was also described as a 'man of deep religious feeling and upright in all of his dealings.'

C 1891 W.W INGLIS

6 High Street continued to be the home and business address of the Inglis family after John's death, with his son William Wiley Inglis recorded there as Tobacconist in the 1891 and 1901 Census. He is recorded as living at the address with his wife Mary, their children and his step-son John J Hudson.

An insight into the nature of the business is possible by examining entries in the contemporary press. In 1902 and 1903 Christmas features in the Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser identify that in addition to tobacco, gifts such as walking sticks and pipes can be purchased. The Darlington & Stockton Times, Ripon & Richmond Chronicle - Saturday 23 September 1911 refers to a successful tender by Inglis for supplies of tobacco to the work-house. W.W Inglis is also referred to as a Yeast Merchant and Tobacconist.

The premises is recorded in the trade directories under the name W Inglis until 1929, however the 1911 Census shows that William and his family had, by this time a residence at Fern Hollow West Villas, Stockton. The probate records record William's death as taking place on 22nd April 1915, both the address of 6 High Street and Fern Hollow West Villas are stated in the announcement. The Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser - Saturday 01 May 1915 indicates that the Inglis family have a branch of their shop in Middlesbrough as well as Stockton.



The Inglis Family & World War One

William's death took place in the early stages of the First World War and the Daily Gazette for Middlesbrough - Tuesday 27 April 1915 in its account of the funeral tells us that this was attended by a large crowd, including local dignitaries. The article also indicates that William's sons and step-sons are members of the armed forces.

Both of William's stepsons, John J Hudson and Frank Ainsworth Hudson survived the war, having served in the Navy. Frank remained in Stockton and is found in the 1939 Register living in Emily Street, his occupation being recorded as a 1st Class Marine Engineer and General Dealer.

Tragedy also struck the Inglis family. The Daily Gazette for Middlesbrough - Friday 20 October 1916 reports the tragic death of Lieutenant Hildreth, only three weeks after his wedding to Alexander's daughter, Eleanor Inglis. William Wiley Inglis junior, a Lieutenant in the British Army died on active service in France on 20th November 1917.

The Inglis Family & The Baptist Church

The Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser - Saturday 01 May 1915 refers to the leading role played by John T Inglis and William Wiley Inglis senior in the Baptist Church locally. The Inglis family were associated with the Baptist Tabernacle on Wellington Street. In 1888 there was a dispute within the Baptist Church which resulted in a split with 96 signatories - including members from the Baptist tabernacle- tendering their

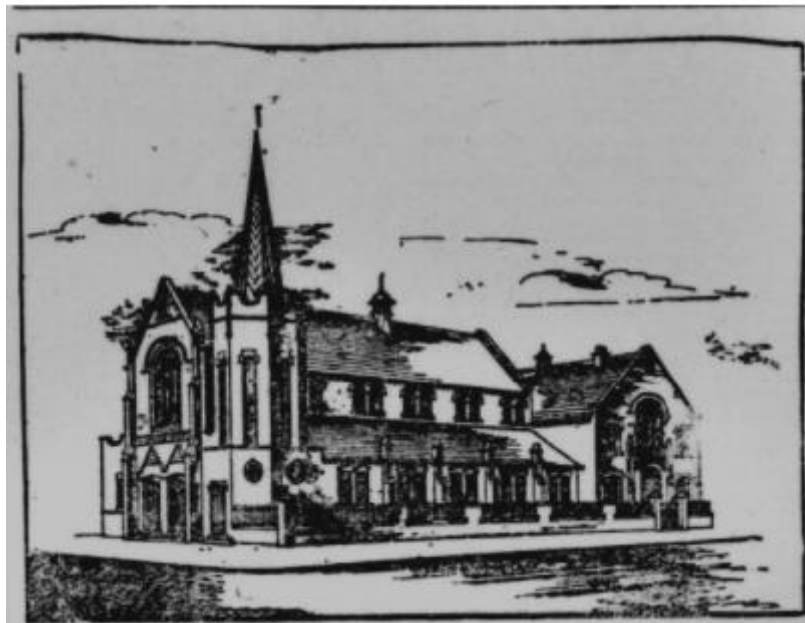


Figure 2 New Baptist Church Opens at Stockton, Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser Saturday 20th June 1914 British Newspaper Archive

resignation and declaring their intent to form a new church. It is not known whether, and to what extent, any of the Inglis family were involved in the dispute.

The Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser - Saturday 23 April 1904 announces the opening of a new Baptist Church on Lightfoot Grove, Stockton. The writer describes the Baptists as 'an enterprising branch of the Christian church' who have been active in replacing their old churches with 'new and up to date edifices'. The new church is stated to have seating for 600



people and 9 classrooms on the upper floor. W.W Inglis is recorded as presiding over the Sunday School Anniversary services at the Lightfoot Grove Church in June 1914 according to the Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser - Saturday 20 June 1914.

The Inter-War Years

In the 1930 Ward's Directory 6 High Street is now recorded as T.S Jones, Dentist and W.W Inglis Tobacconist, remaining as such till at least 1939.

Alexander Inglis senior lived to a ripe old age, dying in his 93rd year on 24th April 1946.



Figure 3 High Street Stockton, Showing Inglis Tobacconist 6 High Street 1898 : This Is Stockton

C 1930 T.S JONES DENTIST

The next occupant is a dentist. Thomas Edwin Spencer Jones is recorded in the Dentist's register at Hardwick House, Hardwick Terrace in 1925. He is recorded in the register at 6 High Street from 1930 until 1940.

Thomas Edwin Spencer Jones was born in Wales, the son of Spencer E. Jones, a Sanitary Inspector. In the 1891 Census he is recorded in Monmouthshire with his parents and siblings. His older brother William is recorded as a Dental Apprentice and young Thomas is an Office Boy.

On 17th January 1917 Thomas enlisted in the British Army.

T.E.S Jones died in 1941. There is a gap in our knowledge of the occupancy of the premises until it was taken over by the Direct Boot Company in the 1950s

C 1958 DIRECT BOOT COMPANY

Direct Boot Co was at the building from around 1958.

C 1981 CLEVELAND CARPETS

Cleveland Carpets was at the property from around 1981

C 2006 EURO PIZZA

Below there is an image of the property taken in 2006 when it was occupied by a company called Euro Pizza.

Figure 4 6 High Street Courtesy of Peter Moon (5 February 2006)



C 2008 ALI'S PIZZERIA

Ali's Pizzeria was established at 6 High Street in 2008 and is there today.

