

Townscape Heritage Project

Building Timeline



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.

7 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).

Number 7 may have been split into more than one premises with different occupants on the upper floors as records indicate more than one business in operation at certain times in its history.

C 1841 RANDYLL

Jane Randyll is recorded at the address with her children in the 1841 Census. Her occupation is stated to be a milliner. Her husband Thomas Randyll was Inspector of Taxes for Stockton and died in 1838.

C 1851 BURNAND

The England Select Marriages Directory 1538–1973 records Robert Burnand's marriage to Elizabeth Jansen in May 1845 at Saint Thomas' Church Stockton-on-Tees. In the 1851 Census Robert Burnand is found living on High Street Stockton with his children Robert J, daughter Elizabeth, mother in law, an apprentice, a servant and a lodger. His occupation is recorded as a "cordwainer employing 4 men". A cordwainer made shoes from leather.

According to the 1861 Census Robert is resident at 7 High Street, with his wife Elizabeth and 7 children. His occupation is Master Bootmaker and he is recorded as 43 years old. His son Robert is now 12. Unfortunately, things did not go well for the Burnands. The bankruptcy of Robert Burnand, Bootmaker of Stockton on Tees as published in the Gazette of 17th November of that year. Bankruptcy proceedings have been recorded in The Gazette since the 18th century in order to place notices in the public domain. In Victorian England, debt was seen as a moral failure that required punishment. Debtors could be imprisoned for long



periods of time until debts were discharged. Declaring bankruptcy allowed a debtor to avoid prison.

It has not been ascertained whether, and in what capacity Robert remained at the premises. Robert died in 1870, age 50. His son, Robert J Burnand's marriage is recorded in the Marriages Register Jan- March 1871 and indications are that he was able to pursue a business of his own. The Northern Echo 4th August 1873 reports an "impudent robbery" from the shop doorways of Robert J Burnand's Shoe shop in Bishop Street. The account describes how the culprits were apprehended by Mrs Burnand, wife of Robert J Burnand. The offenders were sentenced to hard labour.

IMPUDENT ROBBERY FROM A SHOP DOORWAY.—
On Saturday, John Prince and Thos. Hughes were brought up in custody at the Stockton Police Court, before the Mayor (Mr. Lockwood), Mr. A. C. Knowles, and Mr. J. H. Wren, charged with stealing a pair of boots, the property of Robert J. Burnand. Prosecutor keeps a boot and shoe shop in Bishop-street. On Friday afternoon, while Mrs. Burnand was in the shop, she saw the two prisoners look in at the window, and afterwards saw Prince take down a pair of boots that were hanging over the doorway, and give them to Hughes. They then walked away, and Mrs. Burnand followed them and took the boots from Hughes, and afterwards gave information to the police. Police-constable Brown apprehended both prisoners. Prisoners at first pleaded not guilty, but when the Bench informed them they would be sent for trial, they altered their plea to one of guilty.—They were each sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Robert Jansen Burnard died tragically young. The England & Wales Probate Calendar 1875 records the estate of Robert Janson Burnand age 27 years Boot & Shoe Maker of Stockton as an amount under £600. It appears that his widow, Hannah carried on the business as a further theft, for which she is named the injured party is reported by the Durham and South Cleveland Mercury on 6th July 1877. The offender was sentenced to five months imprisonment.

THEFT OF BOOTS AT STOCKTON.
Jane Cumming (29), charwoman, was found guilty of stealing a pair of boots, the property of Hannah Burnand, at Stockton, on the 29th of November last.—Mr Sowerby prosecuted, the prisoner being undefended, and was sentenced to five months' imprisonment.

Hannah went on to remarry in 1882 and had 3 children with her husband William George Sudbury.



C 1870 SPALDING

The next occupant found at 7 High Street is Herbert Spalding, a hatter who originated from Lincolnshire. There are several adverts for Spalding in the Northern Echo throughout 1870 indicating his presence at the address. It appears that Herbert Spalding moved into the premises shortly after the death of Robert Burnand senior in 1870. Records show that the Spaldings were in occupation of the address for more than 20 years.

Northern Echo June 2nd 1870

<p>Chemist and Druggist. JOSEPH MIDDLETON, Family Chemist, Middlesbro', Genuine Drugs and Pure Chemicals only.</p> <p>Drapers and Outfitters. BAINBRIDGE AND Co., Newcastle-upon-Tyne. MILLS AND CO., 79, Northgate, Darlington, have the Largest Cheapest and Best Selected Stock of Gents', Youths', and Boys' Clothing in the County. MURRELL AND WALTON, High-street, Hartlepool; also Tailors, Hatters, and General Mercers. H. SPALDING, 7, High-street, Stockton. "The Juvenile Outfitter."</p>	<p>Glass, China, and Earthenware. W. J. SIVEWRIGHT, High-street, Hartlepool.</p> <p>Hats and Coats. BIRD, the Hatter, has re-opened at 18, Sussex street, Middlesbrough, with all the newest styles and invites his old friends and the public to come and see him. H. SPALDING, 7, High-street, Stockton. "The Stockton Hat Mart."</p> <p>Hair Dresser and Perfumer. T. KING, 16, Surtees-street, West Hartlepool.</p> <p>Hosier and Glover. BAINBRIDGE AND Co., Newcastle-upon-Tyne</p>
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The 1871 Census shows Herbert Spalding at the address with his wife, children and a domestic servant. His occupation is recorded as a hatter and outfitter employing one boy. Slaters 1876 Directory confirms the presence of Spalding outfitter and hatter at the address. Spalding is further recorded in the 1879 Postal Directory as an Outfitter. The 1881 Census and the 1881 Directory record the continued occupancy of the Spaldings. The Census states Spalding is employing 1 man. The 1891 Census indicates the continued presence of the Spaldings at number 7 High Street. By 1901 the Spaldings have moved to Westbourne Street, Stockton where they remain until Herbert's death in 1922.

C 1879 SMITH

Joseph Smith, Upholsterer is recorded at the address in the 1879 Postal Directory.

C 1898 LONSDALE

The Ward's Directory of 1898-1899 records Lonsdale, Fruiterer at the address.

SANDERSON

The 1901 Census shows Suzannah Sanderson, milliner and shop keeper at the address with her sister and cousin.

The Ward's Directory 1900-1901 records Armstrong and Barker and Co, Drapers at the address. The 1902-1903 Ward's directory shows Misses S and K Sanderson, Milliners at the address.



C 1904 MARKS

The Ward's Directory 1904-1905 records M Marks, Clothes Dealer at the address

C 1906 MAYNARDS

The 1906-1907 and the 1908-1909 editions of the directory record Maynards Ltd Confectioners and also J. G Morrell, Dentist at the location. The 1910-1911 and 1912-1913 Wards Directory continues to record Maynards Confectioners at the address.

Maynards was founded in 1896 in London and the business expanded across the country. In 1906 Maynards Limited sued A.H Parkins a horse cab driver who had tethered his horse at stables near Maynards's whilst his clients attended the theatre. It was stated that two mischievous boys had taken off the brake whilst the cab was unattended and pushed it with the result that it ran through the plate glass window of Maynard's shop. Mr Parkins denied negligence but Maynards was awarded £6.

C 1914 VOSE'S

The Ward's Directories from 1914 through until 1922 record Vose's Confectioners at the location. Also recorded is the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society, Manager T Close

C 1924- 1960 MAYNARD'S

The 1924-1925 to 1938-1939 Ward's Directory again record Maynard's at the location. Maynards remained a feature of the High Street into the 1960s.

C 1970 HARLAND

From 1970-71 CD Harland, Boots & Shoes occupied the address.

C 1981 CELESTE

Celeste Bridal was located at the address in 1981

