

Townscape Heritage Project

Building Timeline

8 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

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

C 1841 MILLAR

The 1841 Census indicates that Ann Millar (Mullar), a grocer is at the address.

C 1851 WILSON

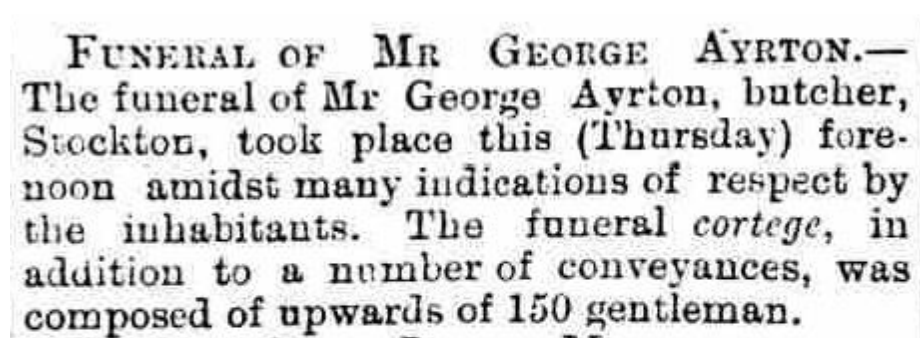
The 1851 Census shows Joseph Wilson, his wife and child and an aunt at the address. Joseph is a grocer. According to the 1858 Post Office Directory, number 8 High Street is occupied by Mary Wilson, Shopkeeper. The 1861 Census records Mary Wilson Greengrocer, and a servant at the address.

C 1871 HALL

The 1871 census notes that 8 High Street is a Butchers shop occupied by William Hall and family and their domestic servants.

C 1876 AYRTON

Slaters 1876 Directory records George Ayrton Butcher 8 High Street. Ayrton, Butcher is also recorded in the 1879 Directory at the premises. The funeral of George Ayrton, Butcher of Stockton is reported in the Daily Gazette for Middlesbrough 4th March 1880.



FUNERAL OF MR GEORGE AYRTON.—
The funeral of Mr George Ayrton, butcher,
Stockton, took place this (Thursday) fore-
noon amidst many indications of respect by
the inhabitants. The funeral *cortege*, in
addition to a number of conveyances, was
composed of upwards of 150 gentleman.

Funeral of Mr George Ayrton: Daily Gazette for Middleborough (4th March 1880)



C 1881 PICKERING

The 1881 Census records Elizabeth Pickering, widow at the address with her children, two of which are working at the Butchers. Ward's Directory 1898-1899 shows Elizabeth Pickering, Butchers still at the address.

Previously the 1861 Census records Elizabeth with her husband Thomas, pork butcher in Silver Street. Thomas and Elizabeth are also recorded in the 1871 Census as licensees of the Bridge Inn, Thornaby. Thomas' death appears to have prompted Elizabeth to return to work as a butcher in Stockton.

The 1891 Census shows Elizabeth Pickering carrying on the butchery business with two sons a, daughter and a servant living with her. Her sons Thomas and Alfred are working at the premises as butchers. Elizabeth died in August 1896 and her estate went to her daughter Emily.

The 1900-1901 Ward's Directory records Messrs Pickering, Pork Butcher at the address. This is confirmed by the 1901 Census which records George M. Pickering, Pork Butcher at the address with his wife, mother-in law and niece.

C 1902 R MORRELL

The 1902-1903 Directory shows R Morrell, Pork Butcher at 8 High Street.

C 1904 GALLAGHER

The Wards Directory 1904-1905 records J Gallagher, Egg Merchant at 8 High Street

C 1906 STOKELL

The Wards Directory 1906-1907 through to 1913-1914 Directory show S Stokell, Butcher at the address.

C 1914- 1956 METCALFE

Metcalfe at Co Butchers are recorded as long-standing occupants at the address, being recorded in each Ward's directory from 1914-1915 to the 1938-1939 edition. William Metcalfe was a pork butcher, recorded working as such on Mandale Road, Thornaby in the 1891 and 1901 Census. William was a key player in the local Butcher's Association.

William's daughter Alice took on the business. Alice Metcalfe, William and Elizabeth Metcalfe's daughter is recorded in the Curtis Directory 1955- 1956 at number 8 High Street. Prior to that, she is recorded with her mother Elizabeth Ann Metcalfe at 12 Hardwick Terrace in the 1911 Census. She is unmarried and is stated to be a butcher. The 1939 Census shows us that Alice was at 8 High Street by this time, her occupation being recorded as a



pork butcher proprietess, aged 75 years. Resident with her is a James Higgin, a butcher aged 83 years.

C 1954 DOGGARTS

Doggarts drapers was at the address in the period 1954- 1955.

C 1962 RAPID CLEANERS

From 1962-1963 the building was occupied by Rapid Cleaners

C 1971 RAG N BONE

In 1971 Rag N Bone Boutique was at the address.

