Townscape Heritage Project Building Timeline

11 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.



C 1834 METCALFE

By 1834 Tom Metcalfe was at the property. He owned a watches & Clocks shop.

C 1851 WILSON

In the 1851 Census John Wilson is living at the property with his wife 4 children, his sister in law and a servant (Jane Sivewright) John Wilson is a Bookseller and News Agent. He is subsequently found at High Street and had premises in Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Stockton.

C 1854 WEBSTER

Jane Webster is recorded at the address in the 1854 directory. She is recorded in the grocery & sundries section.

C 1855 TURNBULL- SHOPKEEKER

Turnbull is found in the 1855 directory as a shopkeeper at the property.

C 1861 SEAMER- BUTCHER

In the 1861 Census William Seamer is living here with his wife Elizabeth and their son William. His occupation is Master Butcher. He was originally from Picton, Yorkshire. William died prematurely at the age of 41 in 1864 and his wife remarried, carrying on at number 11 High Street with her new husband William Lund.



C 1876 LUND- BUTCHERS

Lund Butchers appears in the directories from 1876 to 1907 as William Lund and then continues in the name H Lund from 1908 until the Ward's Directory 1924-1925.

In the 1871 Census, William Lund is living at 11 High Street with his wife Eliza and 8 children. William is living at the property and operating there as a butcher.

14 December 1875 Lund is reported in the press as winning 2nd prize for his pen of Scot Wedders sheep.

In the 1881 Census William is still living at 11 High Street with his wife and children, in total 11 people living at this property. William is still a butcher and 2 of his step-sons (Charles and Frederick Seamer) are now working there as well.

In the 1891 Census William is at the premises with his wife and 4 of their children. All of William's step-children have moved out and Henry is now working for his father as a Butchers Assistant. Henry Lund was the second eldest son of William and Eliza and subsequently took over the family butchers in 1908.

There is a record of a court case in 1891 in which it was alleged that William Lund obstructed the Inspector of Nuisances when he was attempting to inspect meat on the premises. When the Inspector stated that he was looking for rats, Mr Lund was alleged to have replied "Yes we've got a two-legged one when you are here." The case was dismissed.

In the 1901 Census Henry Lund (born 1870) is living in Barnard Road with his wife Margaret Jane and daughter Sybil Louisa. Henry's Occupation is described as a Beef Butcher. By the 1911 census Henry Lund is living at 11 High street with his wife and

daughter. Henry's Occupation is described as Butcher of English Meat. The premises is recorded in the census as a 9 Room property.

Henry Lund is at 11 High Street until 1927.

NUISANCE INSPECTOR & BUTCHER. Curious Charge of Obstruction. At Stockton yesterday, William Lund, a butcher in the High street, was charged with impeding the Inspector of Nuisances (Mr W. C. Crowther) in the discharge of his duty. Mr Thomas conducted the case for the Stockton Corporation, and Mr Barnley, of Middlesbrough, William Lund, a was charged with defended.—Mr Thomas, in opening the said the proceedings had been instituted for letting butches know that the Inspector carrying out his duty must not be impeded; they wanted it to be known by the regenerally that y wanted it to be known by the recally that affeors, whatever kind they must be protected in the discharge of its. On the 18th June the Inspector w fat defendant's slaughter-he the defendant came a careass of in and asked the act what he was about. he him to examine his meat, and him by standing between the and the careass of beef, the officer go away without performing his Barnley said that was duty. statement which his before the as not at all sorry had con was not at all sorry had come before the Court. The officer had conducted himself utterly regardless of propriety. He went to a carcias of beef which had been dressed that morning, and which was not cold, and run his fingers up between the skirting and the beef. Not content with that, he rammed his hand up between the snet and the flesh, tearing it and making a mess of defendant's beef. He then went to a which had just be defendant's be handled blood to can down on to then soft. When defendant went into looking for, and he replied in a very at manner, "I am looking for rats; palent manner, Such levity on his two legged one when you are here, way to mail mest about?" The In danced about the place inviting defer Inspector him out, and then he would would do. Lund did and Land did not stand between the the carcass he had examined, e and left him, telling him he would "bosses" about it, to which left him, telling him he would write a "bosses" about it, to which the Instreplied, "If he would shut up he would nothing more about it." Defendant did to the Sanitary Committee, but his lette not entertained.—Defendant's son corrobs Mr Barnley's statement, and the Bench heretired for consultation, dismissed the case that the statement is the bench in the committee of the consultation of the case of but his letter son corroborated retired for was a pity it had been before them.

Figure 1 Nuisance Inspection: The Northern Echo (21 July 1891)



C 1928 CURRY- BUTCHERS

Curry, butchers was at the address in the early 1900s. An article from 1908 indicates that Mr Curry was spokesperson for local butchers, being quoted on the price of Beef during what the press termed the "Beef Famine".

By 1928 the property had changed hands and became A Curry & Son Butcher. Curry remained at this location until 1933.

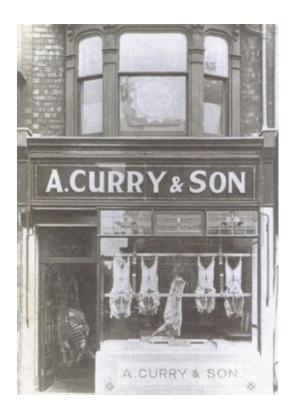




Figure 3 Daily Gazette for Middlesbrough - Thursday 20 December 1934

AT STOCKTON.

At-Blockton cattle market there has been a gradual increase in the price of meat suring the past three or four weeks, but up to the present there has been no advance levied upon retail prices. Muston, it seems, has been dear during the whole of the winter a fact which is accounted for by the decreased supplies from abroad. The increase in beef is not regarded locally as a permanent matter, as it generally happens that at this time of the year-between the periods of winter feeding and grass feeding—there is a elight increase. "It is true," said Mr A. Curry, a leading Stockton butcher: "that the present increase is abnormal, but I do not think it will lest much longer. A fair average price for best," he added, "is 7s et q per stone, and within the last month the increase in the market is anything from is to 11 dd per stone. But these fluctuations in prices are continually taking piace, and butches in this district content, hermelves by taking the good with the had."—Mr Fred Humble, another leading Stockton butcher, said he did not regard the present increased price of cattle with any alarm, and said from his experience of past fluctuations, and from what he could gather from the present state of the local markets, the precent could come down again at about the end of the present merch, when gress cattle commenced to come into the market.

Figure 2 Daily Gazette for Middlesbrough - Tuesday 16 June 1908



C 1934 FREEMAN- WIRELESS OUTFITTER

By 1934 the premises is recorded in Ward's Directory as a Wireless Outfitter, remaining as such until least 1939.

C 1957 DENTS CLEANERS

By 1957 Dents Cleaners was at the property.

C 1958 RENTASET

By 1958 Rentaset was at the property, dealing in vacuum cleaner and other electrical goods.



Figure 4 Advert Northern Electric: Northern Daily Mail (16 July 1946)

C 1968 RADIO RENTALS

By 1968 Radio Rentals was at the property.

