

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- SHOPKEEPER

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.

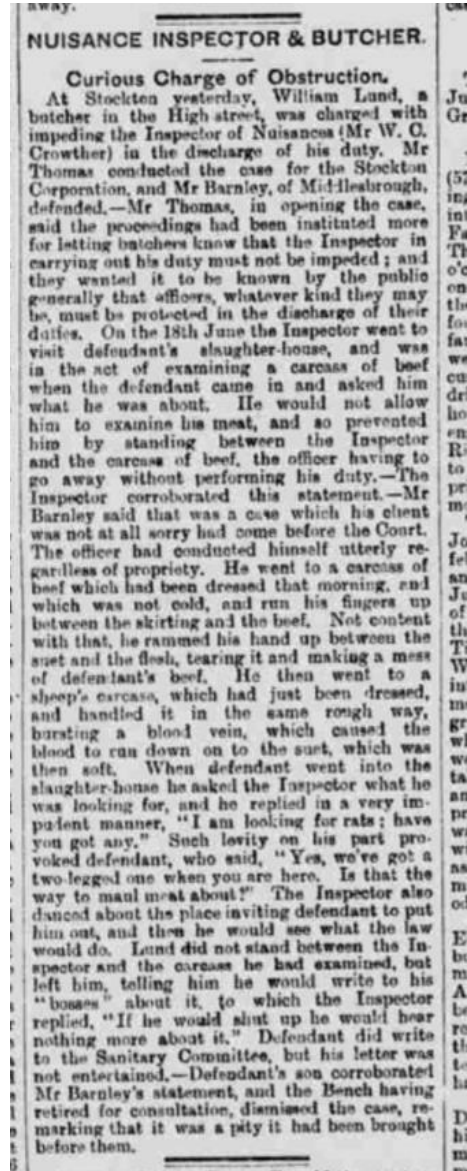


Figure 1 Nuisance Inspection: The Northern Echo (21 July 1891)



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.



AT STOCKTON.
At Stockton cattle market there has been a gradual increase in the price of meat during the past three or four weeks, but up to the present there has been no advance levied upon retail prices. Mutton, 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 slight 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 last much longer. A fair average price for beef,” he added, “is 7s 6d per stone, and within the last month the increase in the market is anything from 1s to 1s 6d per stone. But these fluctuations in prices are continually taking place, and butchers in this district content themselves by taking the good with the bad.”—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 prices would come down again at about the end of the present month, when grass cattle commenced to come into the market.

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Figure 3 Daily Gazette for Middlesbrough - Thursday 20 December 1934

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 at 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.

