

Townscape Heritage Project

Building Timeline

163 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.



C1826 BULMER

The Bulmer family was in occupation of 163 High Street for a considerable length of time, recorded in the Directories from the 1820s to the 1870s, seeing its transition from a dwelling into a public house.

The building is present on the High Street in 1826. William Bulmer is recorded on High Street as a Stonemason in the 1827 Parson & White Directory. In the 1828 Pigot's Directory and in subsequent editions there is also reference to an address on Norton Road.

William Bulmer, a builder is recorded at 163 High Street in the 1851 Census. He is residing there with his wife Elizabeth and 7 children. The 1855 Ordinance Survey town plan shows a front garden with a path to High St and a covered walkway to the back yard with an outside staircase.

William and his family continued residing at the address. He is recorded in the 1861 Census as a Stone Mason employing 2 men and 3 boys.

In July 1862 the Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser recorded the application for a licence at the Brewster sessions "for a house at the corner of Bishopton-Lane, at present a dwelling house."

There is reference in the Stockton Herald in July 1863 to a controversy regarding building work initiated by Bulmer adjacent to his Stone Yard on Norton Road. This indicates the Bulmers were still operating the stonemasonry business at his point. William's son, also called William was working as a stonemason with premises elsewhere in Stockton.

William died in October 1868. The premises became the Cleveland Hotel under the management of Elizabeth Bulmer. The address is recorded as such in the 1871 Census with Elizabeth, a widow aged 72 living with her daughter Hannah- also a widow, aged only 39 years- and her son George and grandson William and a servant. Elizabeth died in 1872.

C1879 JOHNSON

The next occupant is Peter Johnson who is recorded in the 1879 Kelly's Directory at the renamed North Eastern Hotel. The 1881 Commercial Directory for Stockton-on-Tees records Peter Johnson, Licensed Victualler at the Northern Hotel. He is also recorded at the address in the 1881 Census, living with his wife Ann and their children. The premises is recorded as the North-Eastern Hotel.

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Peter originated in Newcastle, however his wife, Ann was local to Stockton. Ann died aged 40 in 1884. Peter continues to be

recorded at the address in the Directories until 1881 but thereafter appears to have retired. Peter is recorded living at 2 Hardwick terrace with his son Robert in the 1911 census. Robert is recorded as a butcher.

C1889 ROBINSON

Robert H Robinson took over the Hotel in 1889. He demolished the original building and rebuilt the hotel as described in the Gazette of 27 November 1889:

"Mr R. H. Robinson, from Middlesbrough, has now got the North-Eastern Hotel, Stockton-on-Tees, in thorough working order. He did the best thing he could have done with the old property. He razed it to the ground, and built on the site, one of the best in the town, a very handsome hotel, fitted up with a semi-circular bar, a profusion of stained glass, cellars that are patterns of neatness, and smoke-rooms and other conveniences that would do credit to any hostelry in the kingdom".

Robert Howell Robinson was born in Middlesbrough and was the son of Robert Robinson. Robert senior was a noted figure in Middlesbrough. The 1871 Census states that his occupation was a Ship's Chandler, a dealer in supplies or equipment for ships. The Northern Weekly Gazette of 16th November 1901 celebrates the 84th birthday of a Robert Robinson with an account of his life. This appears to be Robert Howell Robinson's father. Robert senior is stated to have had a butchery business as well as an extensive shipping business. It was stated that he was the first to land foreign cattle at Middlesbrough from his fleet of wooden sailing vessels. As wooden ships were replaced with steamers, the business declined, and he reverted to his butchery business. Robert Robinson senior died in 1904 and his son Robert died in 1917.

C1894 MACKAY

The 1894 Kelly's Directory shows North Eastern Hotel at 163 High Street with , Robert A MacKay as manager.

The Northern Guardian dated 21st October 1896 contains a challenge for a walking race from the General Post Office West Hartlepool to the North Eastern Hotel Stockton with a wager of £5.





C1898 PEARSON

The Ward's Directory records Matthew Pearson at the North-Eastern Hotel from 1898-1909. Matthew Pearson. Matthew Pearson is recorded a licensee of the North-Eastern Hotel in the 1901 Census. He is living there with his wife Sarah and two children. The building is recorded as being on Bishopton Lane, reflecting its location on the junction.

C 1909 BENNETT

The directories record the North_Eastern Hotel managed by Bennet. Again the remises is recorded at Bishopton Lane.

C 1910 BONE

The Kelly's Directory shows Mrs Kate Bone as manageress in 1910 and she features in the 1911 Census at the address, living there with 5 servants. Mrs Bone was also associated with the Talbot at 9 High Street, having been appointed to the role of manager there by Edward Fry Wood who had undertaken an ambitious refurbishment in 1901.

The 1914- 1915 Directories record the North-Eastern Hotel, Durham and North Yorkshire Public House Trust owned by James R Jamieson. This company was formed 1901 and liquidated in 1930.

The 1921 Census shows William Arthur Bone at the NorthEastern Hotel, Durham and North Yorkshire Public House Trust as Hotel Manager. He also features as such in the 1921 Kelly Directory.

The 1924-25 Ward's Directory records the premises as the North Eastern Hotel, Durham and North Yorkshire Public House Trust Co Ltd

C 1925 FORRESTER

The 1925 Kelly's Directory shows North-Eastern Hotel at 163 High St, William Francis Forrester, manager.



William was born in Easington Colliery and is recorded in the 1911 Census as licensee at the Station Hotel there. Little is known about his time in Stockton.

C 1928 ROUND

George Round was originally from Sunderland. His father was a grocer. He had a salvage business in Sunderland. He moved to Stockton, taking up the licence of the North-Eastern Hotel, being recorded in the Directories from 1928 through to 1939.

In 1930 the properties of the Durham and North Yorkshire Public House Trust were acquired by J Nimmo of Castle Eden.

He was, according to his obituary in the Daily Gazette for Middlesbrough, a racing cyclist and member of Stockton racing club. He was also associated with Sunderland Football Club before moving to Stockton. He died at the North-Eastern Hotel in 1940 aged 69 years.

C 1955 YARKER & GOULD

The 1955 Curtis Directory shows North-Eastern Hotel managed by Christopher Yarker and Keith Gould.

