

# Townscape Heritage Project

## Building Timeline

# 16 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](mailto:Eleanor.blyth@stockton.gov.uk).

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



## C 1851 NICHOLSON

Catherine Ann Nicholson is the earliest person found at the address. The 1841 Census records Catherine and James Nicholson, a glass cutter on High Street. She is found in the 1851 Census, a widow at an unnumbered address on High Street with her niece Mary J Parker, her granddaughter, also called Catherine Nicholson and a boarder. The Postal Directory 1858 shows that Nicholson had a glass and china business at the address.

Catherine Nicholson is also recorded in the 1861 Census as residing at 16 High Street, her occupation stated as being a glass and china dealer. She is living with her daughter Elizabeth 4 grandchildren and a niece Georgina Nicholson.

Catherine Nicholson's death is recorded in October 1868 she was aged 70.

## C 1858 EMERSON

There is an anomaly in that Emerson is recorded as occupying number 15 High Street in the 1858 Postal Directory. In the 1861 Census William Emerson is living at 16 High Street with his mother Isabella aged 90 and boarder. William's occupation is a Master Shoemaker. In the 1871 Census William is still recorded at the premises with a servant and is employing four men. We are not sure whether the premises was split as records also state the Nicholsons were present at this time.

## BAINBRIDGE- CHEMIST

In the 1879 Directory the premises is occupied by Robert Robinson Bainbridge, Chemist & Druggist and also John Brown Dining Room. The presence of Bainbridge is corroborated by an advert in the Northern Echo of that year. The 1881 Census records Robert Robertson



Bainbridge, Druggist and Chemist at the address with his children, a nephew working with him as assistant, a servant and a nurse.

There are several advertisements that indicate Bainbridge's presence on the High Street, the most notable being a large advertisement in the South Durham & Cleveland Mercury 13th October 1877 in which there is a testimonial for tooth powder and an advert for Camomile and Dandelion Pills claimed to cure a range of ailments.

R.R Bainbridge is one of several North East outlets for Clarke's 41 pill in an advertisement in the Northern Echo 8<sup>th</sup> June 1879.

TIC! TIC!! TIC!

**BAINBRIDGE'S TIC DOLOREUX  
AND TOOTHACHE POWDER.**

The above Powders are recommended as the most Safe, Speedy, and Effectual Remedy for Tic Doloreux, Toothache, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Rheumatism, Pains in the Head, Face, Neck, &c., and all Nervous Affections, arising from Cold, Indigestion, and Poorness of the Blood. By strengthening the whole nervous system they gradually and agreeably relieve pain. They have been given in cases of Tic Doloreux, Toothache, and Neuralgia of many weeks' standing, where they have effected a complete cure.

Sold in Packets at 1s 1½d and 2s 9d each by all Chemists, or by Post from R. R. BAINBRIDGE, High-street, Stockton.

**TESTIMONIAL.**

"Stockton-on-Tees, August 19th, 1877.

"DEAR SIR,—I have used your Toothache Powders several times; they have always given me almost immediate relief. Some of my friends have also used them, on my recommendation, with the same result.—Yours faithfully,

"ROBERT HALL, Veterinary Surgeon."

**BAINBRIDGE'S  
CAMOMILE AND DANDELION  
PILLS.**

The medical properties of Camomile as a tonic, and Dandelion as a purifier of the blood, are well known, and these Pills, combining, as they do, a concentrated preparation of each with a valuable aperient, will be found a most effectual remedy for all disorders of the Liver or Biliary Organs, such as Sick Headache, Loss of Appetite, Flatulency, Heartburn, Costiveness, Nervousness, Spasms, Piles, &c. Sold in Boxes, 1s 1½d and 2s 9d each.

May be had through all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors, or by post for 15 or 36 stamps, from the Proprietor, R. R. BAINBRIDGE, 16, High-street, Stockton-on-Tees; and of the following agents:—Mr J. BRAWN, Chemist, Lynn-street, West Hartlepool; Mr V. RICKINSON, A.P.S., Dispensing and Family Chemist, Stockton-street, West Hartlepool; Mr G. MARSON, A.P.S., Chemist, 76, High-street, Hartlepool; Mr GEORGE A. WATT, Chemist and Druggist, 20, Lynn-street, West Hartlepool; Mr T. CLARKSON, Dispensing Chemist, 41, Brunswick-street, West Hartlepool.

Figure 1 Bainbridge Advert Northern Echo 8th June 1879



#### C1881 SIRREL – TIN MAN & BRAZIER 16 (A)

In 1881 Directory the premises is recorded as 16a High Street, occupied by J Sirrell Tin Man & Brazier. Sirrel is recorded in the 1890 Kelly's Directory of Durham as a Copper Smith & Brazier. There is no record in the 1894 Directory but by 1896 the premises is recorded as occupied by Mrs A Coldbeck Eating House at number 16 and at 16a J Sirrel, Tin Smith. The 1898 Directory records number 16 as J Welford, Eating House and 16a J Sirrel, Tin Smith. Sirrel is recorded at the premises until 1922.

#### C 1898 WELFORD- EATING HOUSE (16)

In the 1898 Ward's Directory there is an Eating House operated by Welford which operates there until 1901.

#### C 1901 THOMPSON- EATING HOUSE (16)

The 1901 Census records Thomas Thompson at 16 High Street with his wife. His nephew John W Lewis is resident with him, aged 25 years. There is a niece Frances Lewis also resident.

According to the Directories Thompson operates an Eating House at number 16 from 1902 to 1913.

The 1911 Census records Thomas Thompson living at the address with his wife Jane, daughter in law Isabel Dumond Lewis and grandson Stanley Lewis. Thomas Thompson is a boarding house-keeper, his wife is a business assistant, as is Isabel. The address is recorded as having 7 rooms.

#### C 1914 STELLING- DINING ROOMS

Stelling runs Dining Rooms for a short period between 1914-1915 but is does not appear in the 1917 Ward's Directory.

#### C 1921 BLAKEWAY- FRUITERER

Blakeway Fruiterer shares the building with Sirrel between 1921-22 however by 1924 he is the only occupier and is there till 1935. There are no records of the property in the 1936 Wards Directory.







Figure 2 <https://picturestocktonarchive.com/2005/01/06/stockton-high-street-25/>

#### C 1938 ADELPHI GRILL

In the 1938 Wards directory the Adelphi Grill is occupying the building and is there at least till 1939.

#### C 1955 GEORGE RUSK

In the 1955 Curtis Directory George Rusk is at the property.

#### C 1958 BINDER

It is suggested that in 1958 there was a Mrs Maria Binder living at the address, possibly above the cafe

#### C 1962 ADELPHI CAFÉ

From 1962-7 the premises was the Adelphi Café

#### C 1981 HAVEN CAFÉ

In 1981 the premises was known as the Haven Café





Figure 3 <https://picturestocktonarchive.com/2006/08/24/stockton-high-street-c1997/>



Figure 4 <https://picturestocktonarchive.com/2006/01/12/stockton-high-street-1981/>







Figure 5 Stockton Market c1940s/1950s

