

# Townscape Heritage Project

## Building Timeline

### 9 FINKLE 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.

## HARVEY

Edmund Harvey lived and worked for many years at No 9 Finkle Street. Edmund Harvey was christened on the 27th of December 1698 in Stockton and died 1781 aged 83. His trade was to make items made out of pewter. Pewter was extensively used in British households but also in churches for plates, bowls, candlesticks, and even buttons. There is an example of a serving plate made by Edmund Harvey in Preston Park Museum.

## EARLE

Thomas Earle is recorded at 9 Finkle Street in the 1851 Census. He is a Fruiterer. He is resident with his wife.

9 Finkle Street is not recorded as a dwelling in the 1861 Census.

## LACKENBY

William Lackenby, Printer is recorded in the 1871 Census, resident with his wife and children. The 1881 Census still shows William Lackenby, Master Printer at the address. He is recorded as employing 1 boy. He is living with his wife and 5 daughters and 1 son. One of his daughters, born in 1862 is called Elizabeth Florence Nightingale Lackenby, presumably a tribute to the heroine of the Crimea.

Lackenby's fine display of Christmas cards is remarked upon in the Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser - Saturday 25 December 1880

The 1894 Directory records W Lackenby printer and stationer at the address.

## DRAPER

John Henry Draper, Solicitor and Commissioner for Oaths, Agent for the Imperial Fire Office is recorded in the 1881 Directory at 9 Finkle Street.

John originated from Oxfordshire, his father being Mayor of Banbury. John came to Stockton to work for Joseph Dodds, solicitor and soon became a key figure in Stockton. He was a member of the Stockton Choral Society and also worked alongside Mr Whitwell and Mr Wilson to promote the Fire



Brigade. In addition, he was renowned as an electrician and a scientist and was President of the Stockton Literary and Philosophical Society. He is reported to be the first person in Stockton to have a telephone.

The death of Mr Draper is recorded in the Tees-side Weekly Herald - Saturday 22 May 1909, described as 'Stockton's oldest solicitor.'

