

INFORMATION FROM BATTLE TOWN CARD INDEX

The card index was started by Kenneth Clark, assisted by Herbert Newbery and Mrs Gladys Young. It covers the High Street, Mount Street, Upper and Lower Lake, that is, mainly the conservation area. It was intended to be a record of alterations to buildings and changes of occupancy. The main sources of reference were the photocopies of directories of Battle kept in the local county library. These were available for 1910-1938 and the index is noted as almost complete for this period. Prior to that occasional lists for the mid 1880s and one for 1797 were consulted. During the 1914-1918 war lists of residents were still compiled. No information was published from 1939-48. The original aim was to have a complete record for the twentieth century.

Headline findings were noted as:

- Women in the early twentieth century followed expected occupations: Misses Schnorr ran refreshment rooms; Miss Shuckford a school; Miss Charlotte Dobell a basket maker and confectioner; Mrs Jeffrey and the Misses Pepper dressmakers.
- Noted names: Edward Cruse in 1903 was secretary to the Battle Gas Co. and also Battle Abbey Estate Clerk; Ticehursts were Registrars, Clerks to the Guardians and Rural District Council; the Sheppards held offices such as Clerk to the Magistrates and Coroner for the Rape of Hastings.

No. 6 High Street was rebuilt in the 1920s; no 36 was re-built in the 1930s, no.75 was rebuilt after being flattened in WW2.

Sources of Information

Post Office Directory 1862,1870, 1878; WT Pike's Directory 1886-7, 1919, 1922-1927; WT Pike's Blue Book 1913,1914,1915; Parson's Directory and Year Book 1910; WT Pike 1916; Parson's 1917-1918; Kelly's Directory 1918; Yellow Pages (YP); Thompson's Directory (T); Sussex Express and County Herald (SE & CH); Bygone Battle by Alwyn Guilmant (BB); Rye, Battle & District News (RB&DN)

NB The information on the original cards has been copied into this document, its accuracy cannot be guaranteed nor is it a complete record of all occupants of or uses for each address. It may, however, form a useful guide for further research. Entries for private individuals post 1940 have been removed in accordance with Data Protection regulations.

Address	Date	Occupants	Information
The Deanery	-1976 1977-1985 1986-1989	Rev H R Darby Rev R A Bird Rev John L Chater	
1 Upper Lake	1903 1913-1922	Raper & Ellman Solicitors	Augustus William Raper, (1903) Solicitor and Registrar of the Deanery Court of Battle; Clerk to the Commissioners of Taxes, Battle Division,

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	1923 1993	William Augustus Raper & Robert George Raper Solicitors Raper & Fovargue Solicitors (Reginald West Fovargue) Herrington, Bensen,? & Co. Solicitors	Hastings Rape; Clerk to the Commissioners of Sewers within the Rapes of Pevensey and Hastings; Clerk and Treasurer to the Battle Charities; Clerk to the Conservators of Ashdown Forest; Steward of the Manors Of Wilting, Hollington, Pebsham, Crowhurst, Moorhall, Ore. W A Raper (1913) Solicitor and Commissioner for Oaths, Clerk to the Commissioners of Taxes (Battle Division); Chairman of the Urban District Council. Photo 157 Bygone Battle;
2 Upper Lake	1910-1917 1918-1927 1931-1940	Daniel Brough MB CM MRCS LRCP C Usborne A G Engelfield (Cycles etc)	Brough's house surgery at No.3
2 Upper Lake Flat 1	1940	Chequers Hotel Annex	
2 Upper Lake Flat 2			
2 Upper Lake Flat 3			
2 - 3 Upper Lake	1948 1948-1953	Stiles Garage (Battle) Ltd (Harvey Farber Stiles) Also Brown & Baker (Carriers)	2- 3 as from 1956
3 Upper Lake	1910-1917 1918-1919 1920-1924 1925 1926-1932 1940-1948 1953-1970	Daniel Brough Surgery A White Richard Wickstead Frederick Taylor Miss Bailey Brown & Baker Carriers. Mrs Baker (see also 2-3) Ernest Victor Page Brown & Baker Carriers	Dr Brough must have let rooms to: Albert Baker and Thomas Balcombe in 1911 and J Baker (a gardener) in 1914 and 1915
4 Upper Lake	1903	Harry Archer Bootmaker	"The Abbots Cottage"

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	1910 1911-1913 1914-1917 1918-1921 1922-1930 1931-1960 1931-1932 1934 1938 1948-1950 1976-1977 1978-1988	Albert Edward Brigden Chris Jane Applegarth Teas Miss M Hyde Tea Rooms Miss Pyatt Tea Rooms Ye Abbots Cottage Tea Rooms Mrs M Bailey Mrs E M Somerset Antiques Charles Somerset R P Rowe Antique Dealer Abbot's Treasure Chest, Arts & Crafts Antique Shop China & Books	
5 Upper Lake	1903 1913-1923 1924 1925-1926 1930 1931-1932 1931 1968-1979	J Nash Shopkeeper Alfred Smith Tailor Mrs Wickstead Harry Judd Upholsterer (moved to 90 High Street in 1926) Lawrence & Kemp Antiques Mrs Kate Wickstead Samuel Syner Duncan Campbell Antiques	"The Prior's Lodge"
5a Upper Lake	1927-1932 1931-1932	Mrs Kate Wickstead, wardrobe dealer George Nash	
5b Upper Lake	1927-1930	George Nash	
6-7 Upper Lake			Nos 6 and 7 became one house in 1960?
6 Upper Lake	1910-1911 1913-1940	Alfred Smith Harry Boxall	
7 Upper Lake	1925-1958	John Mephram	
7 – 8 Upper Lake	1918-1919 1923-1924	Thomas Duke Miss Dale	
8 Upper Lake	1910 1911-	Harriet Duke Hugh Wilsher	

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	1913-1919 1925-1931 1932 –	Thomas Duke R Clifton Harry Charles Hutchinson	
9 Upper Lake	1910,1919,1927 1930-1932	William Santer (previously at no. 10) T A Bedwell	8 and 9 become one house (?)post 1958
10 Upper Lake	1910-1913 1914-1919 1923-1924 1925-1926 1927-1932	Sidney Beech William Santer Percy Young J Hoad George Blythman	
13, 14, 15 Upper Lake	1903-1934 1940 1948-1962 1950-1956 1953 1968-1980	W A Raper Senlac Private Hotel – N W Smart Battle Youth Centre & Youth Employment Office Dentists: Mrs Jean M Brown LDS; A Black LDS; 1953 J Stott BDS, LDS; 1956 S W Edworthy; 1956 A F Jones Guy W Wood, Chartered Accountant "Pyke House" Further Education Residential Centre	1948-1962 Ronald A Freeland Sec.; 1948 Albert George Clarke Chmn; 1950-1953 Rev E Lowman Chmn; 1956-1968 Hugh Fovargue Chmn; 1958-1960 Kenneth Why Chmn. Dentists moved to 13 Mount St Photo 158 Bygone Battle
16 Upper Lake	-1979 1979 1979-1981 1980-1981 1981-1982 1981	Liberal Office Foster Antiques Hallmark Antiques Pet Food Shop "Collectors' Halt" Lilian & Joanna (Dresses)	House & Flat 1982 Branch of "Golden Sands Antiques". Previously at 42A Mount St
16a Upper Lake	1925-1931 ? 1940- 1948-1958 1958-1968	Mrs Bedwell Bertram French Undertaker, Carpenter French Confectioner Buckwell Confectioner Dobson Confectioner	

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	1968-1972 ? 1986	B G Stow General Store "Battle Wholefoods" "Tymes Past" Antiques	Moved to 83 High Street Jly 1986 Moved to 46 High Street 1994
16b Upper Lake	1968-1972 1968 1969	Stow, Shopkeeper Blackman, Confectioner Dobson, Hairdresser	"Clutters"
17,18,19 Upper Lake			At one time the centre part was one big hall, and the exposed timber framing in the upper walls tells of the former projecting of the wings. There is a great deal of interesting woodwork in the building and attention is drawn to the 15C carved and embattled beam in the west wall. From "Official Guide" Battle Rural District (ninth Edition p.17 para 5
17 Upper Lake	1797 1911 1913-1919 1923-1924 1925-1927 1930-1931 1932 1940	"The White Horse" John Eversfield W L Drane (later 1 Walden Tce) A Holland Butcher Mrs Bedwell (also 16a in 1925 F Buckman Miss Balcombe Miss D M Pyper Gift Shop Arts & Crafts	See "Official Guide" Battle Rural District p.17 para 5 line 4 "The White Horse Cottage"
18 Upper Lake	1903-1927 1930 1931-1940 1950- -1978	Josh Holland Butcher L H Pyke Dairy "Elizabeth Anne Tea Rooms" – Mrs Balfour "Elizabeth Anne tea Rooms" "Paulines"	
18 – 19 Upper Lake	1953-1987+	"Elizabeth Anne Tea Rooms"	
19 Upper Lake	1911-1912 1913-1920 ? 1927-	Thomas Barton Thomas Bedwell Ascall T Bowers	

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	1930-	F H Page	
20 Upper Lake			"Ostler's House"
21 Upper Lake	1903-1924 1921-1924 1925-1932 1956-	Frederich Cruttenden (Plumber) F & H Cruttenden Decorators G A Bramley Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector to the Urban District Council "Barbara Wool Stores"	
21a Upper Lake			"Monk's Cottage"
22 Upper Lake	1914-1918 1922-1948	"Battle High School" The Misses Foster The Misses Woodland	"Westnedge House"
23 Upper Lake	1903-1932 1940- 1968-1986 1991	Battle Abbey Estate Edward Cruse Estate Clerk Battle Abbey School Annexe Battle Abbey Battle Abbey School Preparatory Dept.	"Cleveland Lodge" J P Woodhams took over this appointment T 27 High Street
Harbours Yard No 1			Harbours Yard is at the rear of 17 Upper Lake
Harbours Yard No 2			
Harbours Yard No 3			
Lake House, Lower Lake	1913-1915 1971 ? 1971-1973 1974	Miss M Noakes Gleave Hobson & Co Insce Brokers Vane, Surveyor Sellak, Surveyor Anvoy Stone, Stone Restoration	Photo 118 Bygone Battle
Lake House, Right Hand Property	1983 1987	DIY Supplies "Village Video"	

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	1987	Deckaway Betting Office	
Lake House, Middle Property	1971 1986 1987	Alan Stace Estate Agents "Popular Originals" Deckaway Leisure (Bookmakers)	1986 moved to High Street to former Blackmans Coal Merchants property. Exterior work carried out Feb 1989
1-2 Lower Lake		"Telegraph Inn"	
1 Lower Lake	1903-1920 1910 1928-1948	Mrs Anderson Apartments Ellen Rendleson George Marwick	
2 Lower Lake	1903-1914 1915-1948	Mrs Frances Mapleson Miss E Saxby (also at 19 Lower Lake)	"Carl House" in 1989
3 Lower Lake	1910-1940	Joseph Hans Kirgan	
4 Lower Lake	1910-1919 1920-1922 1924-1932 1933-1934	Edward Willard H Bateman William Robins George Mockford	
5 Lower Lake	1903 1910-1940 1950-1982	James Nash Edmund Henry Eldridge Adams, Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society	
6 Lower Lake	1910-1958	William Richard Richmond	
7 Lower Lake	1910-1934	William Bassett	
8 Lower Lake	1911 1913 1914-1934	Hugh Wilsher F Beney Mrs Pook	
9 Lower Lake	1911-1914 1915-1923 1925-1934	Charles Tutt Frederick Edward Cruttenden Harold L Cruttenden	
9a Lower Lake	1910 1910-1917 1918-1919	Edward Harold Nash James Nash Mrs Jones	

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	1920-1934	Frederick Jones	
10 Lower Lake	1910-1934	Albert Curtis Shoemaker	In 1989 called "Eshcol" Originally Nos 10, 11, 12 formed one dwelling. No 10 sold off between 1652 and 1730. David and Barbara Martin's "The Rape of Hastings Architectural Survey" May 1988
11 Lower Lake	1910-1917 1918-1919 1930-1934	Albert Curtis Bootmaker J Hutchinson A Curtis Bootmaker	In 1989 called "Summer Cottage"
10-11 Lower Lake	1911-1917	Albert Curtis Bootmaker	In the 19C a two storied extension was added at the rear. Davis and Barbara Martin's report May 1988
12 Lower Lake	1910-1934	James Holland	
13 Lower Lake	1903-1912 1913 1914-1915 1916-1924 1925-1940 1948-1960 1969-1970 1971-1978	William Cook Shopkeeper George Gardner Grocer, Baker and general prov. Merchant. R A Jary Grocer Sutton Bros Grocer A Stace Grocer Vidler, Provisioner Wheatley, Grocers Palmer, "Vivo Stores" Grocer	In 1989 called "The Old Bakehouse" Private house from April 1978. Shop front removed and front of building back to original 1978. Restored by W Raper. (? Incorporating No 12?)
14 Lower Lake	1910-1919 1920-1933 1934	Sarah Ann Burgess F Gower W F Potter	
15 Lower Lake	1910-1931	Charles Beney	
16 Lower Lake	1910-1934	Joseph Hedger	
17 Lower Lake	1910-1916 1917-1919 1920-1960	Joseph Wait J Maynard Charles Sellens	

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18 Lower Lake	1910-1929 1930-1956	George Gower Thomas Paine	
19 Lower Lake	1910-1940	Mrs Ellen Saxby Apartments (also at 2 Lower Lake)	
20 Lower Lake	1910-1934	Robert Curtis	
21 Lower Lake	1910-1940	Walter Franks	
22 Lower Lake	1911 1913 1914-1919 1920-1925 1926-1929 1930-1934	Ben Rasden Mrs H Metcalfe Mrs M A Sellens W T White Miss Maplesden Walter Franks	
Poor House			Opposite Sale Rooms Transferred to the Union Building N Trade Road 1848
Gas Works, Lower Lake	1903-1920 1920-1926 1940-1953 1956-1964 1940-1964	Edward Cruse, Secretary O C Golding "Hastings & St Leonards Gas Co." "South Eastern Gas Board" Maidstone & District Motor Services Ltd	"The Battle Gas Co." Formed 1838. Re-registered 1871.
23 Lower Lake	1910	Ben Rastin	No 23 doesn't appear to exist in 1989
Station Approach			Elm planted in 1863 to commemorate the marriage of the Prince of Wales, afterwards Edward VII. Killed by road tar. Replaced by a Cornish Elm in 1936 by Mr W C Allwork. Removed 1978.
Battle Station			Architect William Tress from Bermondsey. Influenced no doubt by the proximity of Battle Abbey, his design in grey stone has a strong ecclesiastical flavour, and even included a small belfry with a bell to warn travellers of approaching trains. The bell has long since disappeared, but the belfry remains. The line was completed by February 1852, and the Chairman and Directors of the Company

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			travelled on the first through train leaving London Bridge at 11.30am and arriving at Hastings at 2.15pm. BDHS Tr No 15. Photo 121 Bygone Battle
Lower Lake – near railway station	1914-1930 1914-1930 1903-1930 1922-1930 1922-1930	R Barton Coal Stores Thorpes Corn, hop and seed stores Harry Clifton Coal Dealer Harry Clifton and George Cramp Coal Dealers J Wilmshurst	
“Railway Inn” “Railway Hotel”	C1859-1870 C1878-1887 1920-1923 1924-1930 1914-	Thomas Attree Mrs Jane Attree Charles Edward Gaymer T W Agate Charles Hale - Coachman	Behind hotel
“Olive House” Lower Lake	1913-1923 1914-1919 1917-1919	F Beney Cab prop and carman W Beney Furn. Remover James Oliver Wood Dealer	Between Railway Bridge and Chapel Cottages
Between Copsps Hall & Olive House	1914-1920	Mrs E Guy	
“Copsps Hall”	1913 1914	Herbert Metson, Dairyman H Metson General Stores	Between Railway Bridge and Chapel Cottages
Senlac Mower Service	1985	Davies (Moved from 40b High Street)	Opposite Station Approach
“Lodge Gate”	1913 1920	John Cutbush Walter White	
Lower Lake	1913-1925	E Eldridge	Between Methodist Chapel and Powdermill Lane
Methodist Chapel			Built 1826 Photo 120 Bygone Battle

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Chapel Cottage	1913 1920-1932 1931-1932	George Hyland W Spray W E Monk	
27 Lower Lake	1913-1928 1929? 1930-1932	W H Eldridge D R Thomas W Smale	"Lake Cottage"
28 Lower Lake	1914-1937 1938-1968 1969	The Battle Cinema J Bissell (see 84 High St for 1921) Senlac Cinema, Abbey Cinema Abbey Auction Galleries	New Frontage 1969
29 Lower Lake	1913-1925 1926-1932 1930-1931	E J Rayner, Registrar of Births and Deaths David R Thomas F C Eldridge	Court Cottage
30 Lower Lake	1910 1913-1948	George Edward Maylam Joseph Oliver	
31 Lower Lake	1910 1913 1920 1922-1927 1928-1929 1930-	Mr Christmas James Williams C H Hirst O C Golding Edward Lawrence James H White	
32 Lower Lake	1910 1913-1958	E Hooker John Crouch	
33 Lower Lake	1910-1930	William Mephram (Fireman)	
34 Lower Lake	1910-1940	Mr Neeves (Fireman)	
35 Lower Lake	1910 1913 1920-1948	Miss Godsmith A R Harman Wm Honeysett	
36 Lower Lake	1910, 1913 1920-1930	H Ashbee W A Vine	
37 Lower Lake	1910	John Hards	

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	1913-1930	Mrs Cooper	
38 Lower Lake	1928-1970 1981	Chas H Sutton & Son Butchers Peters & Son Butchers	Combined with Olivers Printing Works 1989?
39 Lower Lake	1903 1910 1913-1930 1956-1970	Tom Burton Painter Mrs Burton William Ballard Oliver Printing Works	Nos39, 39a Olivers Printing Works 1956- Nos 39, 39a, 40 Olivers Printing Works 1958-
39-40 Lower Lake		Olivers Printing Works (Battle) Ltd	New Printing Press installed 16 March 1986
40 Lower Lake	1910 1928 1930 1958-1970	T Bury Percy Frank Carter Leonard Wait Olivers Printing Works	
41 Lower Lake	1903 1910-1913 1913-1916 1930	Mrs Richard Bowers Laundry Thomas Bowers Charles Bowers Bootmaker Richard Bowers Bootmaker	
42 Lower Lake	1922-1958	J Maynard	
43 Lower Lake	1913-1940	Wm Harry Young	
44 Lower Lake	1913 1920-1930	Fred Jones Mrs Nash	
1 Walden Terrace	1913-1953	W L Drane, Sec Ancient Order of Foresters, Court Battle Abbey No.5373	
2 Walden Terrace	1913-1930	William Unicombe	
3 Walden Terrace	1913-1917 1918-1934 1925-1927 1928-1940	Frederick G Mobbs Asst Supt Pruden. W H Young E Ashdown H J Phillips	
4 Walden Terrace	1913-1923 1924 1925-1928	Rev George Stanley W Unicombe Mrs Palmer	

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	1930	H V Course (Reg. Births & Deaths)	
5 Walden Terrace	1913-1940	C Freeland	
6 Walden Terrace	1913-1914 1915-1970	J Schnorr Mr Frank Vidler	
“The Chequers Hotel” Lower Lake	1797 1839 1851 1859 1903 1910-1913 1914-1919 1919-1920 1921-1924 1925-1930 1938	John Newington Emma Standen James Hayter James Harmer Thomas Clark James Charles Hewitt Charles Gowing H W H Hewat G H Lee O D Barnes Emile Kupper	Enquiry June 1850: The well in the washhouse was highly discoloured with a vast amount of organic matte from a cesspool and a dunghill on the outside of the building. In 1839 “Chequers” was excise office – supervisor Henry Lane
The House of Correction, Lower Lake			“The House of Correction was situated amongst several cess-pools, with privy and pig sties against the wall, belonging to Mrs Vidler, in the adjoining garden. It was said that she never experienced any smell but the value of the soilage was considerable and she would be sorry to lose it. (Enquiry June 1850)
Powdermill House, Powdermill Lane			
Telham		Sussex Forge and Fabrication at the Old Forge	