

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
30 High Street	1862	Henry Ramsden Hairdresser	See also 30,31 & 32 for 1886-7
30a High Street			
30-31 High Street	1910-1930 19301-1934	L Silvester Draper L Silvester (Prop. A Hutchinson)	

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	1935-1940 1968-1973 1974-1989 1989 (July) -	A Hutchinson Draper D & E Thomas Drapers Boorman & Co Ltd Drapers Battle Interiors	Boorman ceased trading 30 4 1989 Renovations to interior May/June 1989 Battle Interiors moved from 56 where traded as Complete Carpets
31 High Street	1862	John Bean Carpenter	
30,31,32 High Street	1886-1887	Barton & Son Clothiers and Drapers	
32 High Street	1862-1870 1910,1911,1913 1922-1974	John Manktelow Cabinet Maker A C Vicary Cycle Stores Vicarys Ltd Motor Engineers Ford Service Depot	
Flat 1 32 High Street			
Flat 2 32 High Street			
32-33 High Street		Vicarys Ltd	
33,34,35 High Street			33, 34 & 35 are on the site of a Guildhall said to have been used by the Mountjoy Guild, one of the Medieval Guilds of Battle. Under the middle of the building is a vaulted cellar of the 14C. Vict HS p98
33 High Street	1862-1887 1890-1900 1903 1910-1911 1913-1916 1917-1923 1924-25 1926-1962 1964-1968	Richard Button Butcher Ted James Simmonds Coleman Sidney Smith Butcher C Gausden Butcher George Catt Butcher J A Winchester Butcher Ward & Bellings A J Lee Vicarys Ltd	Gausden possibly with Christmas Butchers 1886-1887
Passageway between 33 & 34			
34 High Street	1862-1887 1903	Robert Flint Grocer (&35) George Barrows Grocer	

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	1910-1915 1924-1940 1939-1950 1940-1950 1950-1966 1968-1972 1973-1978 1987 1992	Percy J Butler Charles Buckwell Solicitors F Boness Hairdresser? ?34a? C Chacksfield Cycle Agent (Also Suckling Bros Props) Matthews Antique Dealer Hastings & East Sussex Building Society Hastings & Thanet Building Society Anglia Building Society Nationwide Anglia Building Society, later changed to Nationwide.	
34a High Street	1939-1950 1940 1948 1969-1973	? F Boness Hairdresser Lancaster Hairdresser British Red Cross Society (Rye) Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food	
35 High Street	1862 1886-1887 1903 1910-1926 1950 1948-1953 1953 1956-1968 1969 1970-1979 1980 1984 – 1990 1991-1992 1993	John Foord Cooper Robert Flint Grocer Alfred Smith Tailor Post Office Telephone Exchange Alnatt (London) Ltd Builders (see rear of George Hotel also) Benson, Drake & Co Solicitors & A H Neave ARIBA J Bibby & Sons Ltd Cattle Food Merchants Matthews Antiques (also 34) Tamarisk Studios Tamarisk Baby Boutique Gambaurrios Menswear Curtain House White House Antiques Merryweather Restaurant	White House Antiques traded from 1.11.91-21.3.92

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35a High Street	1969-1990 1991	Gayle Boutique Gayles of Battle Barbarosa	
35b High Street	1970-1993+	Hard Dowdy Chartered Accountants	
36 High Street	1862-1870 1878 1886-1887 1910-1913 1911 1914 1917-1928 1929-1930 1931-1940	Edwin and Horace Martin Solicitors Horace Martin Private Residence Charles Martin esq William Cruttenden Solicitor, notary & Public Agent to Royal Exchange Assce Co. Miss Charlotte Cruttenden Mrs E Cruttenden Dr G Kendall Drs Kendall & Perl Dr A F Perl	Kendall moved from 69 High Street No 36 rebuilt in 1930s - H Newbery 1939 first listed as Martins Oak Dr Perl Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator No 6 District, East Sussex County Council Area Guardians Committee
? 37 or 36 High Street	1926	Patricia's of Battle Hairdressers Michael Fairbrother & Partners	
37 High Street			St David's
37 High Street	1862 1886-1887 1911-1920 1921-1929 1931-1934 1990	William & Stephen Saxby Timber Merchants, Coal Merchants and Farmers. Supervisor Walter Hore J Robertson esq Almonry House A C Burton MRCVS A Holland Jas Woodhams & Son Auctioneer Cattle Market Battle Town Council Restaurant	The Almonry now listed as 38 High Street. The land on which this house was built apparently belonged to the Almoner but there is no reason to suspect that the house was anything more than an ordinary dwelling (Vict Hist p.97). Main block of the 15C and perhaps the middle part was a storied hall. A North west wing was added and a great central chimney stack inserted about 1550 and the courtyard plan was completed probably late in the 17C (Vict HS p97) A Burton moved from No 6 High Street on 1910-11
38 High Street	1886-1887 1911-1928 1930-1937 1939-1956	Mrs Saxby Jenner's Motor Works and garage Jepson's Carpenters workshop Albion Thorpe & Sons Corn merchants (private house)	

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	1956-1958 1960- 1958-1966 1068-1990	Jempson Undertakers Jempson St John's Ambulance Brigade East Sussex County Council Ambulance Service	
39 High Street	1862 1886-1887 -1910 -1911 1913-1919 1920-1926 1927-1940 1931-1932 1933 1948 1950-1956 1958-1974 1958-1975 1958-1962	Miss Caroline Morgan – Ladies Seminary F Boots Builder Mrs Jones Frank Kane (previously 20 Mount St) Miss or Mrs Jeffrey Dressmaker J T Dunn S Clifton S Clifton & F C Sheppard Battle Fire Brigade Albion Thorpe & Son Corn Factors National Fire Service East Sussex Fire Brigade W Guy Wood Chartered Accountant + Palmer 1964-1974 Langridge Ladies & Gents Hairdressers J Bibby & Son Cattle Food Merchant	
Part of 39 High Street	March 1986- 1986-1992 1978-1981	Gibbins and Mannington Portman Building Society Alliance Building Society	
39a High Street	1939	F S Spurvis Hairdresser	
40 High Street	1862 1886-1887 1910-1953 1931-1934 1956-1958	James Landsell Builders & surveyors Rev G P Chapel Richard Jempson Carpenter and Undertaker Corke and Chacksfield F Thomas & Son Incorp. F Jempson & Son	Mr Newbery recalled Mr Sunnyside lived at 40 High Street.

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	1960-1974	F Jempson & Son Funeral Director	
40a High Street	1970-1973 1974	Barton Upholsterer Battle Glass Supply	
40b High Street	-1985	Davies Horticultural Engineers. Garden Machine Specialist.	1985 Moved to Senlac Mower Service Centre.
41 High Street	1851 1859 1862 1878 1886-1887 1903 1910,1911 1913-1919 1920-1922 1923-1926 1927-1936 1937-1942	Samuel Day Thomas Dunn Thomas Dunn Benjamin Christmas H Elliott Henry Elliott H J Knight H Robbins J C Broadhurst Mrs I Broadhurst (? Also 44 High St 1927?) F C Page J N Glover	“Wellington Inn” Photo 103 Bygone Battle All fittings torn out by early May 1986. Demolition completed June 1986. Rebuilding as flats commenced August 1986. 25 1 and 2 bedroomed flats built by William Ellis (Etchingham) Ltd managed by Greenhill Homes Ltd. 6 single bed units, 19 x 2 bed units. Completed October 1987. Known as Wellington Court. Listed only as Wellington Hotel 1958-1968.
Rear of 41 High Street	1928-1933 1934-1940	F C Corke and Chacksfield, Motor Engineers C T Chacksfield Motor Engineers	1950 see 34 High Street
Ford Cottage Rear of Wellington Inn			
42 High Street	1886-1887 1910 1911 1913 1914-1929 1964-1974 May 1980-July 1981 July 81 -	Matthew Elliott John Selmes William Thomas Burt Mrs Hollands Mr H Holland Hairdresser Waves Hairdresser Panache	

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42a High Street	1966-1974 ? Nov 1978-Nov 1982 Nov 1986 1994	Jean's Wools The Old Marker Shop Golden Sands Antiques Charity Shop for St Michael's Hospice Appeal St Michael's Hospice Charity Shop	Premises vacated September 1986 1994 purchased by St Michael's Hospice
42b High Street	1964-1966 1968-1974 April 1983 –	Café Cameo Restaurant Bonani Tandoori Restaurant	
43 High Street	1886-1887 1910 1911-1915 1913-1915 1933-1958 ?? 1969-1978 1980 1985-	S Bailey & James S Potter Stephen Clifton Mrs A Selmes John Oliver (see 52 High Street 1910) H J Clifford Holland Painter & Decorator J B Mitchell Watchmaker & Optician Pretty Maid Delicatessen (later restaurant) Smithy Diner Blacksmiths Restaurant	
44 High Street	1886-1887 1910 1911 1913 1914 1915 1920-1926 1927-1929 1930 1931-1935 1933-1939 1936-1950 1953	Davis's Carriage Depot William White Mrs Hurley H Lodge Confectioner Mrs A M Cooper A Spray LH Percy White Confectioner Mrs Broadhurst General Shop F Douch General Shop F C Newcombe General Shop Battle Coal Co F C Newcombe Confectioner Bassett Confectioner	Appears to have been built about 1911 – see above small window LH = Apartment with attendance ? From Wellington Hotel 41 High Street G Davies Managing Director Battle Coal Co. Moved to 51 High Street 1940

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	1956-1962 1964-1966 1968-1971 1972-1980 June 1980 1993-1997	Gill Confectioner Brown Confectioner Hollidge Grocer The Mustard Seed China Garden Take-Away Pak Mei	
45 High Street	1886-1887 1910-1911 1912-1928 ?1929-1932 1933-1934 1948-1956 1966-1968 1964 March 1986 1990	Augustus Ericson William Walker Miss Jane Sophia Walker The Misses Walker Percy John Relf Wm Geo Sydney Stubbs Grant Clockmaker Hamilton LRIBA Thorpe FCA Chartered Accountant Smith RB & DN Thorpe & Co Chartered Accountants	Grant Retired to 45 from 21 High Street
45a High Street	1924-1925 1926-1928 1929-1932 1933-1934	Mrs Mann Mrs Taylor Walter W Peters Lawrence Fuller	
46 High Street	1862 1886-1913 1914-1920 1923-1928 1930-1934 1956-1970 1989	Miss Elizabeth Dale Dressmaker Miss Cook, the Misses and Mrs Pepper (dressmaker) Miss Pepper Mrs Wickens John Wickens Benson Drake & Co. Solicitor & Commissioner for oaths Gibbons & Mannington Chartered Accountants	

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	1971-1988 1989 May 1994	Artifax Gallery Portman Building Society Times Past Antiques	
47 High Street	1862 1881 1886-1887 1942 1911-1948 1953-1958 1960-1962 1960-1962 1964 1968-1990 1990-Oct 1993	Samuel Caswell Tailor W T Sinden Thomas Wm Sinden Bootmaker William Thomas Sinden Boot & Shoe manufacturer T Beney Blacksmith Ramsden Surveyor & Watson (Dentist) Ramsden & Allen Surveyors Hepburn LDS RCS Smalls Builders Hepburn LDS RCS C & T Harris (Eastleigh) Ltd Hepburn LDS RCS Waterworth LDS	Corner of Mount Street & High Street T Beney listed as 1 Mount St in 1910 Re-roofed late Sept 1988 Still empty 1997
47 High Street 1 st Floor	1970-1990 ?	Griffith Physiotherapist Antiques Mr Hall	Re-roofed September 1988
47a High Street	1974-	Crispen's Corner (Antiques)	
49 High Street	1878-1887 1903 1910-1915 1911-1926 1926-1929 1930-1938 1939-1953 1953-1964 1966 1973	Wm Richard Turner (Baker) John Dengate Confectioner Wm King (Baker & Confectioner) E Oliver Baker & Confectioner Long & Povey Baker & Confectioner A H Long Bread & Cakes W L Gregory & Sons Baker C T Gregory & Sons Baker Harmer Supply Battle Farm Shop Greengrocers	Mrs H Oliver Manager

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	1980 – 1992 1992	Battle Farm Shop Greengrocers Battle House of Flowers Florist	New Owner 1987 Exterior repainted and Mount St site re-roofed 1988 Accident to corner brickwork. Jenner’s entrance repaired.
50 High Street	1878-1887 1903 1910-1954 1966-1968 1969-1971 1973-1983 1990	George Gregory Dyke Tobacconist Harry Welfare Hairdresser Herbert Owen Bootmaker Hollands Footwear Repair (Northampton Shoe Repair Specialist) Silk (Leather Goods) “Number Fifty” Gift Shop “The Dolls House”	Lease for sale 1 6 1989
51 High Street	1862-1870 1886-1887 1910-1916 1917-1921 1922-1932 1933-1934 1940-1953 1956-1958 1963-1966 1983-1986 1986-1992 1992-1993 1993 1994	Albion Thorpe Corn Factor E Webb George Maplesden Painter Shoemith & Grace Dental Surgery Charles Richards Carter Percy Frank Carter Battle Coal Co. Coal Merchants (from 44 High Street) Corrall & Co Ltd Coal Merchant Holland Photography “Tiffin” Tea Shop “The Picture (House?) Gallery” “Pretty Things” Gift Shop “Treasure Box” House of Cards	
52 High Street	1886-1887 1914-1979 1981 1981-1990 1993	Joseph Vineall Corn Dealer E H Nash, Fishmonger & Poultry Jenner & Simpson Ltd R W Lee Fishmonger Battle Fisheries “Pretty Things”	<i>Additional information not on index cards: E H Nash traded c1912-c1936. Then changed to Nash & Co, (Sid Holland son of Alf Holland Butcher) c1946 run by Hollands butchers trading as Nash & Co.</i>

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	Nov 1993-Nov 1994 1994	Battle Discount Store Charity Shop for the Blind	
Behind 52-53 High Street	1903-1919 1920-1968	Wm Caleb Jenner - Miller, wind & steam – corn merchant Jenner & Simpson Millers, Steam & flour mills	Sold 1990
53 High Street	1862-1870-1886-1887 1903 1911-1913 1914-1940 1948-1956 1950-1989	Wm Knight Nursery & Seedsman Benjamin Wallace Knight C Freaks Marine Store Dealer Arthur Turner Greengrocer Alfred Saunders Confectioner Hy Syd Pallett Confectioner R Barton & Co Corn Merchants Robert Barton & Co Corn and Agricultural merchants. Pet Food etc. Gardening	Photo No 74 in Bygone Battle R Barton ceased trading 1989
54 High Street	1862 1878 1881-1934	Mrs Sarah Foord Pastrycook Mrs Mary Ann Blackman Stationer Congregational Church	Built in 1881 by Mr Jonathan Jenner of the Mill
54-55 High Street	1881-	Congregational Church	Building renovations for extension offices at 56-57 High Street 14 1 1980
55 High Street	1862-1870 1878 1886-1887 1910	David Whitelock & Son Tin and ironplate workers Joel Lawrence Dyer & Cleaner Congregational Church Alfred Saunders Greengrocer	
56 High Street	1862-1870 1886-1887 1903-1911 1936	Charles Farra & Son Tailors Thomas Chettle Watchmaker William Alfred Jenner Cycle Maker Geo. B Lee Tobacconist	

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	1937-1940 1948 1950-1953 1956=1958 1960-1962 1964-1974 ? 1979 1985 1986 1989-1990 1990-1992 Nov 1992-Jan 1995 Feb 1995	R G Downer Tobacconist & Edward Arthur Matthews Tobacconist Jenner & Matthews Wickens Stationer & Jenner & Matthews "Match Box" Crew Confectioner "The Candies" "Horse Sense" Saddles & Horse Accessories "Complete Carpets" "Complete Carpets" Hairtek Accessories Empty Choc'n'Sweets "Chaps" Gents Hairdresser	Also at Hailsham under Bennett & Hayward. Closed mid July 1989 and moved to 30/31 High Street as Battle Interiors. Lease of 56 for sale. Hairtek under short lease – moved to Hastings
56-57 High Street	1913-1934	W A Jenner Motor & Cycle Works	Photo no 102 Bygone Battle Maisonette entrance between 56/57 High Street
57 High Street	1862- 1878-1887 1897 1903-1911 1935-1956 -1978 1978 1979-1989 1989-1990 1993	Misses Sophia and Fanny Crosswell, Milliners and dressmakers Harry Purfield Joshua Mathis Joshua Mathis, watchmaker and jeweller Jenner & Matthews Oxfam Charity Shop Yacht Insurance Brokers Ramsden & Allen Estate Agents Goldsack & Freeman & Williams The Listening Post	See also 1895: 16 Upper Lake; 12 High Street Also 58 High Street Closed 1978 – building to be re-developed. Hosted exhibition of ESCC plans for the area in June 1978. Roof repaired November 1978. 1992 Some decoration carried out.

Address	Date	Occupants	Information
57a High Street	1992	Viner Burgess. Auctioneers, Estate Agents and Valuers.	Available as a separate unit or with No.58. Also had branch at Herstmonceux.
57-58 High Street	1935-1972	Jenner & Matthews Ltd Motor Engineers	Late 16C building. Above shop front walls timber framed covered with tile hanging or plaster. Front two double bays, plan is L shaped. Great chimney stack between front block and rear wing, 9ft thick and next a good well-staircase of late 17C date. The room in back wing is lined with late 16C panelling and in overmantel above wide fireplace in great chimney stack is carved panelling of 17C. Upper storey of wing has square bay window with moulded mullions and posts like that at "Pilgrims Rest". Upper rooms have open timbered ceilings. Vict Hist p.98 1937 edition.
Passageway between 57 & 58			
58 High Street	1862-1887 1903-1912 1986	Charles Longley Hairdresser William Longley Hairdresser Battle Business Centre	See 3 Mount Street 1913-1934 Behind Ramsden & Allen, off High Street
59 High Street	1862-1910 1911-1919	Joseph Mercer Whitesmith, bell-hanger, machinist. W H Wheaton, Ironmonger	Also at 1 Mount Street See 59/60 1920-1948 Premises closed 1948-1951. Photo 136 Bygone Battle
59-60 High Street	1920-1948 1953-1984 1984-1994	W H Wheaton Ironmonger The Clock Shop "Whispers" ladies fashions (Mr Liddicoat)	Externally little to indicate age. Internally two 15C moulded ceiling beams one with die-out stops. Covered side passage has exposed ancient ceiling joists. The original roof construction has cambered tie beams and strutted king-posts carrying central purlin and collar beams. Other beams re-used as side purlins etc. One contains mortices for diamond-shaped mullions of a three light window.
Rear 59-10 High Street	1990	Wheaton's Yard Little Friars	"House known as Little Friars". Two-storey extension and conservatory. Work carried out June/July 1987. (Town & Country Planning Act 1971, Sec 28 (RR87/1939)
60 High Street	1862	Henry Collins Bootmaker	

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	1886-1887 1903 1910-1919	Henry Tutt Tailor Herbert Carrick Boot maker Charlie James Carrick Shoe shop	Moved to 63 in 1920