

## 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
Western Avenue			Formerly Shipman's Lane  Houses built in 1880 by Mr Flint. Mr Flint was a grocer whose shop was at the corner of Mount Street

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Ivy House Caldbec Hill	1921-1923	Major P M Edgar Vet Surgeon	
Caldbec Hill	1935	C E Thomas, Builder & Decorator.	Workshops at 32 Mount Street
The Briars, Caldbec Hill	1914	John Thomas, Builder	
Wingrove House, Caldbec hill	1903 1913	Henry Frederick Flint, Builder & Carpenter E A Flint	
Black Mill, Caldbec Hill			Burnt Down in 1872. Stood on the site of "Whitehays".
London Road			The new road, still so called, from the Police Station to John's Cross, was made in 1835 as a result of a petition of the people of Battle who feared the new road being made from Baldslow to the Royal Oak would divert the stagecoach to London. BDHS Trans 51/53
London Road, Triangle			Oak planted in 1863 to commemorate the marriage of the Prince of Wales, afterwards Edward VII.
Battle Library			First mention of a lending library at Battle in 1792. Bygone Battle Chronological Table.
Watch Oak	1903	Mrs Caroline Matthews, Hawker	
2 Wellington Gardens	1923	Walter Heron, Tuner and Repairer of pianofortes	
10 Wellington Gardens	1923	R A Lusty, Registrar of Marriages for Battle District	
32 Wellington Gardens	1934	F H Avann, Plumber. Later moved to Ridgeway Hastings Road (?1937)	
North Trade Road			In 1821 the North Trade Road was made from the Police Station to the Vine Cottage to replace the old road which still runs behind Wellington Gardens (Chain Lane). The old road used to continue past the Watch Oak to Caldbec Hill, where it joined the road to Whatlington. BDHS Trans 51/53  See Also W C Allwork "Battle in the Last 70 Years" talk to Hist Soc Jan 1952. 3 <sup>rd</sup> para.

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County Police Court & Station, North Trade Road	1903 1913-1919 1913-1922 1913-1915 1916 1917-1922 1918-1919 1921-1923 1923 1923	Superintendent Edward Plumb, plus one Sargent and 17 Constables. Supt. James Dalmon Sergt. David Gander PC Albert West PC C Hutchison PC Harry Bateman PC John Osborne Supt. H Braine Sgt J Mayne PC James Pierce	
“Wellington Stores” North Trade Road	1923 ? ? 198?	A Holland Grocer & Fruiterer Austin & Co Fruiterers, Grocers & Provisions V G Foodstores Wine Store	
North Trade Road		Martin & Hecks Motor Engineers	
Almonry Farm North Trade Road	1903	Ben Christmas	
Claverham Community College North Trade Road	195?		
Netherfield Road	1903	Edward Carter, Umbrella Repairer	
1 Chapel Cottages	1913 1915 1916 1917-1931 1932	A Beney Walter Robins Charles Stubberfield Charles Apps Mrs Oliver	Behind Methodist Chapel
2 Capel Cottages	1913-1916 1917 1918-1931	W White -Jones E Bodle	

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	1932	Mrs Pound	
3 Chapel Cottages	1913-1932	E Pocock	
4 Chapel Cottages	1913-1929 1930-1932	H C Wrenn Reginald Skelton	
5 Chapel Cottages	1913-1918 1920-1926 1926-1927 1930-1932	George C Vine Mrs White Mrs Vine H Spray	
6 Chapel Cottages	1913-1914 1915 1916-1917 1918-1919 1920-1929 1930-1932	E Taylor A E Beaney (Previously No. 1) E Bodle (Moved to No 2 in 1918) Mrs White (see no 5 for 1920-1926) C Chacksfield S Adams	
7 Chapel Cottages	1913 1914-1919 1920-1929 1930-1931 1932	Arthur Garston (Police Constable) C Chacksfield Caleb Skelton C Chacksfield S J Adams	
8 Chapel Cottages	1913-1919 1920-1925 1926-1929 1930-1932	Caleb Skelton George William Biggs S Adams Eric Skelton	
9 Chapel Cottages	1913-1914 1916 1917-1919 1926-1932	J Sinden William Holden George William Biggs Mrs White	
Marley Lane Battle & Langton School	1913 1920-1923	Girls & Infants Miss F Saxby Boys Mr A L Kemp, Headmaster Mr & Mrs Thomas, Master & Mistress	1914 – Miss Saxby listed as Headmistress  Photo No. 164 Bygone Battle National & Langton School 1845 – Bygone Battle Built in the 1840s at a cost of £800.

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			Mrs Elizabeth Langton of Langton House left £1500 to endow a charity school. BDHS No. 6
Cemetery			Cemetery opened about 1862
? Marley Lane	1903	Thomas Cooper, Hoop Merchant	
Marley Lane	1913-1923	Battle Fruit Farm W Dannreuther	
Battle Hill			George Worge built Starrs Green House in about 1735, called Rose Green by 1835. The area was called Rose Green in 1857, but Starrs Green again in 1870 (BDHS Tr 52/53) Battle Hill was probably called Spital Hill formerly because the Parklands of Glengorse School at the top of it were called in 1858 The Workhouse or Spital Lands. (BDHS Tr 52/53)
2a Battle Hill	1918-1923	Mr & Mrs Webb	
3 Battle Hill	1914-1919	Mrs Webb Dressmaker. William Webb	
"Ivy Cottage" Battle Hill	1935	D C Hale Ladies & Gentleman's Tailor	Next to the Railway (Senlac) Hotel
St Mary's Dairy Farm	1914-1918 1919-1923  -1980s	George K Hannay P Chinery Jack Bishop (North End) Mrs (?) Burckman (?) Sign Painter	First Left after Railway Bridge heading towards Hastings Semi Detached
Battle Hill Service Station	1970s ? 1986	K Turnbull (Esso) Goldsmith & Allcorn Ltd	
Senlac Service Station		National Benzole	At Copse Hall Cottage
Tanyard	1913-1923	Mr G A Bacon	Where Tesco Service Station is now (2021)
5 Harold Terrace	1918-1919	T A Scarlett Ladies & Gents Tailor	
5 St Mary's Terrace	-1914 1915-1923	Mrs Reed Laundress Mrs Highwood Laundress	
8 St Mary's Terrace	1903	Mrs Mary Fleet Shop Keeper	

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8 St Mary's Terrace	1913-1924 1920	Mrs Hoad, General Shop James Oliver, General Shop	
St Mary's Gardens	1903	James Ralph, Shoemaker	
1 St Mary's Villas	1914-1923	Frederick Charles Sheppard, Solicitor Mr Thomson, Mrs T (nee Bateman - Opticians)	
3 St Mary's Villas	1903	John Cressy Arnold LDSRCS Surgeon, Dentist.	Moved to 80 High Street between 1903 and 1913
9 St Mary's Villas		A E Burt Roofing Specialist	
Station Approach	1986	Senlac Metal Casements Ltd Mitre Works	
22 Senlac Gardens	1936	R G Allwood Plumber	
Powdermill Lane		Waterworks opened 1900	
Powdermill House. Powdermill Lane	1921	Sir Augustus Webster	
Abbey Gardens Powdermill Lane		Walter White	
Starrs Green	1903	Henry Jenner Seedsman	
Starrs Green	1903	Stephen Cox Blacksmith	