

Number 17 South Street Additional data



Nos. 17 and 19 were owned by the Cliffe Feoffees (*see Introduction*) from the early 18th century. It was one house until 1720, when it became two dwellings. In 1735-6 they were leased to a carpenter for 99 years. A 1762 advertisement describes the auction of the unexpired term of 70 years for a house and carpenter's shop. The lease was reassigned in 1765 to '*Thomas Woolgar (gent) or son*'– the lease had 30 years to run. Thomas Woolgar was a prominent Lewes man and spent a lot of his time compiling facts about the Lewes area. His writings are in the library of the Sussex Archaeological Society. It is believed that it was Thomas Woolgar who put two shoes of different sizes, along with a cricket ball, in the wall of the sitting room. Shoes were often put near a chimney breast to bring good luck.

The cricket ball is said to be the oldest such ball in the world. In 1775, Cliffe had formed its own cricket club and played up on Cliffe Hill.

The shoes and the ball are now in Anne of Cleves House Museum.

No. 17 was the last house to be sold by the Cliffe Feoffees in an auction in 1985.

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Date	Owner	Occupier	Notes	Source
	No. 17	Nos 17 & 19	Owned by Cliffe Feoffees from early 17 th century From before 1734 till 1835 the site was occupied by one house leased out by CFs	Brent
			Cellar 1260-1360 and was a house. The timber frame was put onto the chalk base in 1580-1620. Two gentlemen who owned the house gave it to the Cliffe Feoffees and half the rents went to the Church and half to the Feoffees. In medieval times the house belonged to Malling Deanery	Sunniva Harte, former owner
1720		Widow West & Widow Mills	House in two dwellings	Brent
1735-36		Leased to W. Attree	Carpenter, house, ground garden (before in two dwellings) for 99 years	Woolgar ii 317, SAS/DD/330
1749-58		Widow Attree		Brent
1755		Mrs Anne Attree		Brent
1762 July			Auction advert: at the Swan lease from CFs, unexpired 70 years, of house and carpenter's shop, late occ widow Anne Attree	SWA 1762 Mar 15
1762			Lease was assigned to Weller and Mary, daughter of Attree a carpenter	SAS DD196 Sunniva Harte
1762-63		W Weller		Brent
1765		T Woolgar, gent & wife Ez	Lease of 1735-6 assigned to T Woolgar, gent & wife Ez by Eliz Weller, widow of W Weller, carpenter, for £100	SAS/DD/206

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1765 Dec			Lease assigned from Widow Weller to Thomas Woolgar gent or son – the lease had 30years to run. Thomas Woolgar was an important Lewes man and spent a lot of his time compiling facts about the Lewes area – hence the study. His writings are in the Barbican Museum	SAS DD206 and Sunniva Harte
1766		T Woolgar		Brent
1775?			Thomas Woolgar put 2 shoes of his wife, Elizabeth, with a cricket ball in the wall of the sitting room. Shoes are usually put near chimney breast to bring good luck. In 1775 Cliff (which was quite separate from Lewes Town) formed its own cricket club and played up on Cliff Hill. The ball is the oldest cricket ball in the world. The small flat slipper was found in the stairs wall. 2017 Carole Wright says shoes are still in the house but are different sizes	Sunniva Harte Chapman p.49
1777		Mr Woolgar		Brent
1780-82	T Woolgar	T Woolgar	T Woolgar, father of T Woolgar, draper & Antiquarian. According to Carole Wright Thomas Woolgar was born 1761 and died in 1821.	Brent GL
1783-97	Mrs Woolgar	Mrs Woolgar		Brent
1797	Edward Tooth		Lease assigned to Edward Tooth, farrier, by T Woolgar, draper, for £120	SAS/DD/583
1800	Edward Tooth	Mrs Ewen		Brent
1805	Jane Tooth	W Billinghamurst		Brent

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1806	Mary Newman		Lease assigned to Mary Newman by Jane Tooth (John Tooth according to Sunniva Harte)	SAS/DD/568
1809	Ez Mitchell		Lease assigned to Ez Mitchell by G Wille & wife Mary (Newman) (late Mary Newman and George Wille to Elizabeth Mitchell according to Sunniva Harte)	SAS/DD/583
1810	Sam Gwynne	Mrs Mitcchell occ (?)		Par 415/11/2/2
1810-15	Sam Gwynne	Sam Gwynne		Brent
1820	J Michell	Sam Leney		Brent
1823		Sam Leney	Smith (blacksmith)	Pigot Dir
1825	Sam Gwynne	J Leney		Brent
1826		J H Martin		Brent
1830		Chas Martin		Brent
1834			Advert: roomy dwelling house,buildings, yard and two pieces of garden (now stumped out) opposite Delap Hall, late occ Mr Martin and now partly by J Leney	SWA 1834 June 2
1834		William Haywood	Lease by Cfs for 81 years of house, brew house, garden and yard, late occ Isaac Leney	QDS/2/3/E23 Chartities, Quarter Sessions, The Keep
1835	William Haywood	William Haywood	House no. 17 & cottage no. 19	Brent
1841		William Haywood	Ind means, age 55; Harriett Haywood, age 55	Census

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1851		William Haywood	Widower, age 68, assistant overseer, b. Hackney; Harriet Haywood, dau, age 35, b. Plymouth; Ann English, sister in law, age 56, general servant, b. Lewes	Census
1853			Survey of Charities in Quarter Sessions QDS/2/3/E23. Tennament divided in 2 dwellings. William Heywood is leasee of 1834 – 81 year lease.	Sunniva Harte
1854	William Haywood	William Haywood		Brent
1861	William Haywood		Age 79, proprietor of houses; Harriet Haywood dau, age 46; Ann English, sister in law, age 87, housekeeper	Census
1871	Ann Chapple		Age 60, income from interest of money b. Devon; Ellen Duplock, age 29, domestic servant, b. Glynde	
1881		Robert S Wright	Age 50, Brewers clerk, b. Worthing; Sarah A, wife, age 46, b. Suffolk; Charles E Wright, son, age 15, b. Peckham, Surrey; Amy C Wright, dau, age 13, b. Pekcham, Surrey; Arthur E Wright, son, age 12, b. London; Elenor M. Wright, dau, age 11, b. Peckham, Surrye; Lucy L Wright, day, age 6, b. Bermondsey	Census
1881/82		Wright		St Dir
1882		Mrs W Smith		Brent
1883		Mrs W Smith		St Dir
1887		Samuel Vinall	Undertaker & decorator	Brent
1891		Samuel Vinall	Age 54, carpenter & undertaker, b. Lewes; Naomi Vinall, wife, age 35, b. Lewes;	Census

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1901		Samuel Vinall	Age 64, carpenter joiner undertaker; Naomi Vinall, wife, age 44	Census
1900/01-1909/10		S Vinall	Decorator and undertaker	St Dir
1910	Exors of Haywood & Cliffe Feoffees	Samuel Vinall		IRV 421
1911		Samuel Vinall	Widower, age 74, undertaker & carpenter; Mary Jane Burfield, age 49 housekeeper, b. Laughton; Robert Ebenezer Burfield, age 49 husband, Corn porter, b. Laughton; Marian Elizabeth Burfield, visitor, age 20, drapers assistant, b. Lewes 7 rooms	Census
1910/111914/15		S Vinall	Undertaker and decorator	St Dir
1914-1949?			Albert and Emily Eade journeyman blacksmith with six children. (Granddaughter June Eade living in English Passage). The Eades had 4 girls and 2 boys, who all slept on the top floor. The present kitchen as the bathroom and the present dining-room the kitchen	Carole Wright Former owner
1915/16-1938/40		Albert Eade		St Dir
1921		Albert Eade	Age 54, agricultural smith, b.Buxted; Emily Eade, wife, age 50, b. Wadhurst; Dorothy Eade, dau, age 23, B. Tunbridge Wells; Evelyn Eade, dau age 21, b. Faversham, waitress; Gladys May Eade dau, age 20, b.Faversham, domestic; Elsie May Eade, dau, age 18, tobacconist shop assistant, b.	Census

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			Sheerness; Albert William Eade, son, age 16, shop lad, b. Buxted; Frank Eade, son, age 14; Charles Cyril Barber, boarder, age 23, blacksmith; Edward William Reynolds, visitor, age 12, b. Camberwell, London; Alfred Bernard White, visitor age 11, b. Deptford; William Neal Palmer, visitor, age 13, b. Deptford; Frederick Charles Watts, visitor age 14, b. Deptford	
1939		Albert Eade	Albert Eade b. 16.2.1870, agricultural smith; Emily Eade, b. 6.6.1871	1939 Register
?-late 60s			Richard Tasker and his wife with Pyrrenhean sheep dog, called Sheba	Carole Wright
1951/52-1970		Richard Tasker		
1971-1974		D L Tasker		St Dir
1985	Sunniva Harte		Cliffe Feoffees agree to sell – The Keep AMS 7111/4/10/4 Sold at auction by Strutt and Parker to Sunniva Harte, who lived in the house with her two children till about 1995. She modernised and re-ordered the property	Carole Wright
1995?	Catriona Murphy		Lived in house with daughter Ella	Carole Wright
2003	Reverend Peter Wright and Carole Wright			Carole Wright