

Number 37 South Street, Union Workhouse (see also Union Cottages and Thatched House

Information taken from Colin Brent notes on South Street with additional research by Christine Morris				
<p>House of Industry, later Union Place and Thatched House, South Street: freehold rent sixpence, Owned by Cliffe feoffees from the early 17th century</p> <p>Later rental: Cliffe feoffees, house divided into 6 several tenements on East side of South Street, late Mrs Priddie, formerly Edmunds (Brent)</p>				
Date	Owner	Occupier	References/Information from source	Source
1662	T White		T White basket maker bequeathed to grandson T: House, divided into several dwellings, in SS	Brent – G3
1681	Simon Edmonds		Simon Edmonds: his tenements on East side of SS late White	Brent
1685	Simon Smith (error)		Simon Smith (error): his tenements on East side of SS late White	Brent
1691	Simon Edmunds (son)		Death of Simon Edmunds, his son Simon his heir: six separate tenements on East part of SS	Brent - CB
1695		J Pickham, W Shoulder, widow Alice Sredwick, R West, W Blackman & Sam White	Occupiers, J Pickham, W Shoulder, widow Alice Sredwick, R West, W Blackman & Sam White	Brent - CB
1698	Storer Bythwood and daughters		Death of Simon Edmunds, his heir being his uncle Storer Bythwood, remainder to SB's daughters, Ez	Brent - CB D3/99

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			and Charity Bythwood: six tenements under one roof	
1750-58	W Bunting formerly Pridies		W Bunting formerly Pridies	Brent
1751				
1755	Formerly W Pridie gent	Occ Geo Trelfar (abuttal)	House and garden, formerly W Pridie gent, occ Geo Trelfar (abuttal)	Brent
1755	?W Bunting	W Bunting, Francis Kidd, & Edward Mantle	?W Bunting owner, W Bunting, Francis Kidd, & Edward Mantle occs	Brent
1757	J Goring Greenwich and wife Anne leased for 21 years to G Bunting barge master	Hannah Wood, widow Hayler, widow Clarke, T Bunting, R Wildish & G Trelfar	J Goring Greenwich and wife Anne leased for 21 years to G Bunting barge master: House divided into six tenements, Hannah Wood, widow Hayler, widow Clarke, T Bunting, R Wildish & G Trelfar	Brent – Woolgar ii 315
1758	G Bunting formerly Pridies		G Bunting formerly Pridies	Brent
1765-66	Formerly Gorings's houses		Formerly Gorings's houses	Brent
1769	Cliffe vestry agreed to pay G Bunting up		Cliffe vestry agreed to pay G Bunting up to £12 for assignment of lease	Brent – PAR 415/12/1

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1769			Simon Edwards (feoffee 1667) settled the property on his daughter on her marriage and it continued in her family till 1757 when by Francis Wheeler, a solicitor in the parish, the fraud was detected. J Goring and wife Ann granted a lease for 21 years to G Bunting. J Goring afterwards a pauper at Greenwich, was induced to forego his claim. Remainder of lease purchased by Cliffe Feoffees from G Bunting as least expensive means of gaining re-possession	Brent - T W Horsfield Lewes i 290
1769			After this fraudulent alienation (By Simon Edwards) these tenements continued in the posterity of Simon Edwards or their assigns till about the year 1770 Mr FW, one of the coroners for the county of Sussex, got some intimation of the long dormant title of the parish to the usurped tenements, and with that public spirit which eminently distinguished him through life, recovered them at a trifling expense to the parish	Brent - Paul Dunvan Lewes 317-18
1776			The six tenements hired from the Churchwardens for the use of the parish	Brent – PAR 415/12/1

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The House of Industry, South Street				
Date	Owner	Occupier	Reference/Information from source	Source
C1795			The poor house of this parish was built by subscription about the year 1795. It stands at the base of the hill, behind the Thatched House Inn. The building is well adapted for the object for which it was designed.	CM - Horsfield, p.292 1824
1797	Leased by Cliffe Feoffees to the Cliffe 'Guardians'		Ground for a House of Industry leased by Cliffe Feoffees to the Cliffe 'Guardians' for 99 years	Brent – QDS/2/3/E23, Woolgar ii 319
1797			<p>23rd March 1797 Unanimous decision at public meeting of the inhabitants and parishioners of St Thomas in the Cliffe – 99 year lease on church land in SS should be granted by the feoffees, at yearly rate of £6, to fifteen trustees 'for the purpose of erecting a House of Industry to employ the poor people who now, or shall be, inhabitants of the Cliffe'.</p> <p>A week later, these trustees formerly granted a 21 year lease to Charles Freeman and Thomas Davey, in trust for the churchwardens and overseers of the poor who will be responsible for the new workhouse. Yearly rent of £37.10s and cost of maintenance are to be met from the poor rate.</p> <p>(1735 – Earlier public vestry meeting decided workhouse needed)</p>	<p>CM – B Chapman, The Chronicles ..., p. 52</p> <p>1752 –</p> <p>Sussex Weekly Advertiser</p> <p>And other sources</p>
1815			17 th Sept 1815 The vestry decided to keep a 'poor book', listing the name, age and sex of every person taken into the House of Industry in SS and including details of when	CM – Chapman. Chronicles, P 65

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			and how they were admitted; and how they left – 'whether death or other cause'.	
1826			A house to be built in the court yard of the Poor House to lock up refractory & disorderly persons	Brent – PAR 415/12/1
1841		George Wimhurst, Master and family, 26 inmates	Cliffe Workhouse: George Wimhurst, Master, age 40, b. Sussex; Susanah Wimhurst, Matron, 40, b. Sussex; George Wimhurst, (?son), 11, b. Sussex; 26 inmates – 16 males age 15 - 60, 7 females, age 13 – 40, 3 children 0 - 2	Census
1851		G Wimhurst master	Cliffe Workhouse: G Wimhurst master	Brent
1851		George Wimhurst, Master of Union House, Nurse, daughter and 59 inmates	George Wimhurst, Master of Union House, age 51, widower, b. Lewes Sussex; Martha Bristow, 51, nurse, b. Fletching Sussex; Susan Rice, dau, 25, wife of journeyman baker, b. Lewes Inmates 'Paupers' 37 males, 22 females	Census
1861		J Morris & about fifty inmates	Cliffe Workhouse: J Morris & about fifty inmates	Brent
1861		John J Morris, Master Cliffe Workhouse, Matron and 50 inmates	John J Morris, Master Cliffe Workhouse, unsm, 46, b. Burwash Martha Bristow, widow, 65, Matron Workhouse, b. Fletching Inmates 'Paupers' 50, some with occupations	Census
1868			Cliffe Workhouse closed when new workhouse for the town built in De Montford Road	
1873			Six cottages backing onto the cliff, marked as Union Place	Brent – Ordnance Survey