

High Peak (Shirt's) Shop and House

My name is John Shirt, born in Towngate Bradwell in 1928 in the house adjacent to Shirt's Shop near Town Bottom. I lived there until 1946 when I went off to university, the army, working in various places in the UK and then for the past fifty four years in Canada. I now live in Calgary. I sent a few contributions for After Seth and speak occasionally to David Wilson and recently to Mary and Stanley Bradwell, who were at the Church School at the same time as me.

The March 2011 edition of Bradda News had two items of interest to me. For the photo Outside the White Hart 1945, I believe the person fourth from the right was my half brother Will Shirt. Perhaps you could pass this information on.

I believe I can also help with your The House I Live In Project 2011 for my old home. I am attaching some information.

1) Year built. I have no idea but know it is very old. Outside above the landing window I seem to recall a date in the 1500's The walls are very thick, at least 2ft-6ins. There were no modifications I know of except to make a door through to make a shoe shop in the former living room.

2) Occupants-

In the 1881 Census, William J Bradwell, wife Hannah and children: sister, niece and servant.

In the 1891 Census. same parents and children plus Benjamin S Shirt, listed as a tailor's apprentice. He was orphaned at age twelve in Edale and came to live with his Aunt Hannah

In the 1901 Census, the occupants were Benjamin S Shirt, wife Ada and children William and Susannah., William J Bradwell died in 1894.

In 1951, on the death of his father, Will Shirt and wife Dorothy were the occupants
The house and shop were sold in 1983.

3) Other Information-

I am attaching a plan of the property room details and photos from 1864, 1910 and 1959 showing how Mr B Shirt expanded into an adjacent building and created a living room in the former shop.



Town Gate 1864

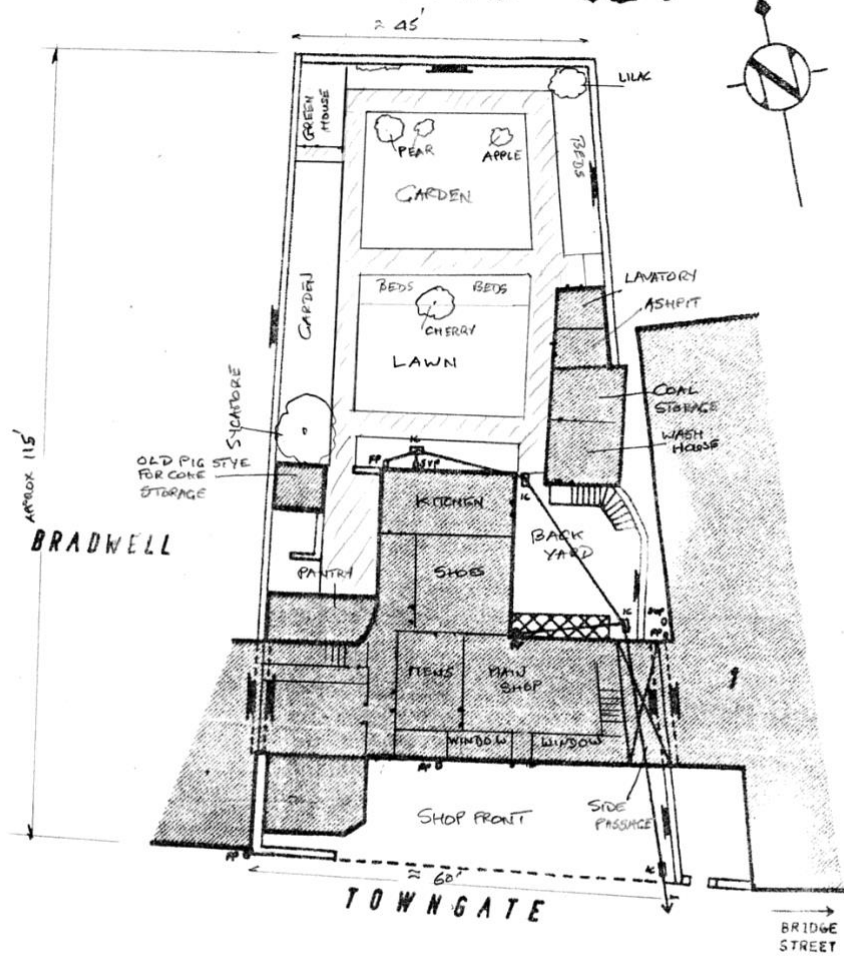


Shirt's House and Shop 1910



Shirts Shop and House 1959

plan referred to:



Area Coloured PINK +

753 Sq.Yds. or thereabouts

TOWNGATE, BRADWELL, DERBYSHIRE

The accommodation comprises:-

GROUND FLOOR

The main double fronted SHOP measures 23'6" wide x 15'6" deep including the staircase.

STOCKROOM 9'3" x 15'9" with a showcase window to the front.

REAR STOCKROOM 12' x 14'8" with a door giving access to the

LIVING ACCOMMODATION:-

ENTRANCE HALL with delft rack.

LIVING ROOM 12'3" x 20'6" having windows to the side and end and a black and marble fire surround with a tiled inset being fitted with an all-night burner grate.

Off the main hall a door opens to a STAIRCASE HALL off which is a STOREPLACE and beneath the staircase a door opens to give access to the boiler compartment.

Again from the main hall an extension to the rear gives access to the large walk-in PANTRY with slab and ample shelving.

KITCHEN 16'5" x 8'2" with sink (hot and cold). Combustion stove with back boiler. Built-in cupboards.

FIRST FLOOR

Spacious landing with a built-in cupboard.

BEDROOM 1, 16'6" x 12'8" with fireplace.

BEDROOM 2, 14' x 11'10" with cast-iron fireplace.

BEDROOM 3, 11' x 11'3".

BATHROOM with a panelled bath, pedestal washbasin and low flush w.c. Light fitting.

LIVING ROOM 13'8" x 15'8" with a tiled fireplace.

BEDROOM 4, 13'8" x 16'4". Electric fire.

Spacious landing with a second staircase leading down into the shop.

Sale notice 1983